

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Assn
Meeting Agenda
December 6, 2010
Thorkildson home 7:00 PM

Start meeting 7:07 PM

Attending Clint Mauer, Carol Knutson, Bill Roenicke, Donna Thorkildson Pam Carino, Marina Higgins, Laura Silbernagel and (member at large) Richard Thorkildson

Not attending Amy Thomas and Bob Garlough

Marina Higgins is acting as the president running the meeting and Laura Silbernagel is acting in the place of the secretary taking the meeting minutes.

Old business

Refrigerator issue for Tiffany Park Elementary school.- Pam got a hold of the school and gave them the name of the neighbor who might have an option for them to replace the broken refrigerator but she has not heard back at this time.

Discuss and approval of minutes from 11/1 meeting. - We will amend minutes from 11/1 to state height and density of shrubbery at Ginger Creek was discussed and the minutes will be re-issued.

Treasurers report Bill Roenicke ---current balance \$1,917.59

New business

1. Newsletter grant -Laura looked into applying for the grant by looking at the City of Renton website which currently states the 2011 grant information will be posted soon. Laura will continue to follow up on this.
2. Clippings from ginger creek cleanup by anonymous individuals left piled at the park – The following is some discussion about this topic so far before the meeting.

Someone has found it appropriate to leave their maintenance clippings in the park in large piles for someone else to clean up. There's no excuse for this. I am not referring to grass clippings, these are piles of sticks and such. People should not start maintenance on the park if there is no intent on their part of cleaning up after themselves

If someone is trimming and unable to clean up or is pulled away, a quick note on the egroup(call) letting others know that they will be back to finish later. My other thought; is someone coming by and dumping their clippings like they do on Philip Arnold. Unfortunately I have not been able to get up to the park lately. I appreciate all the work that Roger is putting in at the park. I wish we could somehow get more than our core group of neighbors to help out. I suppose that it starts somewhere.

Clint

At the meeting we discussed the clippings at the park had been left by committee members cleaning up the park. We discussed that Norma McQuiller had said we might be able to get a free pass to dump our clippings, if not we can pay for it out of the treasury. Clint offered his truck to take clippings to the dump as well Richard offered his trailer.

Committee reports and Neighborhood Issues

1. Parks Clint Maurer –Ginger Creek Park

- a. Park revision to make maintenance easier. Laura made a quick comment to Clint that he can delegate jobs to other people. He has a huge responsibility with the parks committee.
- b. Laura will turn in all the sweat equity hours she has collected from neighbors after Norma tells her exactly what she wants.
- c. Clint says it has been decided to do a 6 foot wide strip on the south side of the park for a start (test) on the park revision (shape up). We will be putting down newspaper or something like it to control weeds. Norma has also offered us wood chips for free.
- d. What about events for work party at Ginger Creek Park? Richard said scouts and soccer team worked good before. We will plan an event for April Clint and Laura will plan event. TPNA will provide refreshments like hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, etc.
- e. If we cannot get free pass for trash for park trimming we will go to the dump with trimmings using member vehicles
- f. Bill mentioned using Round up can get you a \$10,000 fine if no permission from land owner. Bill said Lisa Brines suggested vinegar, Richard mentioned salt.which lasts a couple of years . Bill said Romans killed enemy vegetation with salt so it has been around a long time.
- g. Bill talked to Norma about dog poop signs. She is going to get him info on code compliance. Poop signs at all 4 entrances per Bill could be printed at printmart with plastic sheeting for \$1.00 apiece.
- h. Bill said Doug Ferneau would build us picnic tables for Ginger Creek Park for free if we gave him the wood. It was discussed we will need to chain them down so they do not walk away. Maybe only leave them out seasonally. Marina and Carol will write grant for the wood.
- i. Laura had found old park data and brought to meeting; Wally has pictures and other stuff on park. Clint said Sue does not have other stuff. Laura offered the packet for viewing at the meeting.

Laura will post old park information on the egroup when her scanner is working again. The big pieces will have to be scanned at a print shop.

- j. We discussed park ownership. Carol said the property was owned by SPU (Seattle Public Utilities) and there are 3 pipelines running through the property.
2. Marina wants to talk about the future of the trash walk. Marina suggested we ask neighbors to clean up a few houses around their residence. We talked about suggesting cleaning up from 3 houses on each side of their house up to a block. This option is in addition to the monthly trash walk. We will keep the walk. Put article in newsletter about doing it this way. As a side note Laura mentioned she found 6 beer containers on the walk this month. Richard mentioned the beer bottle breaking his lawn mower at the park.
3. Bill reported a house at 15657 SE 123rd ave with lots of garbage all over. A neighbor has talked to county about it and he would like us all to call county at 206-296-6686 to express our concern about this house. He said he had called the City of Renton and they say it's county land and county says it is city. The county was there in a truck today on a different issue but he talked to them about this. Richard suggested when I call I mention that I am the TPNA president and I said I would.
4. Discuss final preparation for house decorating contest – We will be awarding 3 prizes. Donna Thorkildson will arrange for 3 committee members to drive around the neighborhood picking the best decorated houses. We will then draw the 3 winners from houses selected by the committee. Marina along with Carol will buy 3 \$25.00 gift certificates from Terrible Beauty, Armondos and. Donna suggested we use money from the tpna treasury rather than ask restaurants to give us gift certificates and we voted to do that.
5. Discussion changing steering committee meeting dates to accommodate members' schedules. Everyone at the meeting was free the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be February 3rd. Laura will contact committee members not present to make sure the new meeting dates will work for them.
6. A new neighbor adjacent to the park has noted he has seen some folks urinating in the bushes. we decided not to discuss the issue at this time.

Action items

1. Donna will pick team to judge decorating contest and judge contest on 12/20.
2. Bill will contact Doug Fernou about cost of wood for picnic table and pass on information to Marina and Carol for grant

3. Clint will pick up salt
4. Marina and Carol will get gift certificates
5. Carol and Marina grant for picnic tables and poop signs
6. We are all going to call about garbage house
7. Laura follow up on grant for newsletter

Pam moved to adjourn meeting, Richard seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

**The next meeting will be February 3, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the
Thorkildson residence.**