

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2011 – 7PM
Roenicke Home

The steering committee was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:06PM.

Those attending were Laura Silbernagel, Pam Carino, Marina Higgins, Bill Roenicke, Clint Maurer, Amy Thomas, and guest Doug Fawcett. Those unable to attend were Bob Garhough, Lisa Brines, and Donna Thorkildson.

Old Business

1. Discussion and approval of minutes from April meeting. Those members present acknowledged receipt of meeting minutes. Marina moved to approve them as written, Pam seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report
Bill reported a savings account balance of \$1,516.01 and checking balance of \$191.88. Bill put a new system in place to keep track of funds since there is now a checking and savings account. See also Treasurer's Notes below under New Business.
3. Laura has started scanning Ginger Creek Park history to the website and will continue to work on the project. There was agreement that the material should be posted to the website.

New Business

1. Ginger Creek Park Redesign
 - a. Bill noted that using vinegar to kill the grass does not work for long. The vinegar needs to get down to the roots as the roots are deep and the vinegar does not affect them that deep. After some discussion it was agreed that the grass will need to be cut down to the roots, sprayed with the remaining vinegar that Bill has, covered with newspaper, and then spread the 6 inches of wood chips on top. This should kill the grass.
 - b. There was a stolen car with four intoxicated men that crashed into the park recently. They were air born for approximately 36 feet and then crashed and left holes in the ground. The police came and spoke to the men but no arrests were made. Pictures of the damage done to the park will be in the newsletter. A neighbor has volunteered to donate dirt to fill in the holes. There will be a work party soon to haul and fill in the dirt.
 - c. Bill with the help of some neighbors has completed some general maintenance including trimming of bushes and sprayed around the rocks. There is a pile of brush that needs to be removed. The dump fees will be waived by the city. Later in the meeting Clint volunteered to use his truck to remove the brush.
 - d. The grant has been approved by the city. It is noted that all hired workers need to be approved by the city and insured. An insured company has been found that will deliver the concrete tables.
 - e. Thatching was completed for the grass in the park. See below under Treasurer's Notes for additional information.
 - f. Laura is keeping track of sweat equity hours for the grant. It was noted that volunteer hours before the grant was approved can be included in total hours.

- f. The city will provide hot dogs, potato chips, and lemonade. Neighbors will be asked to bring a dish to share.
 - g. Donna will set a planning date for the picnic before the picnic.
 - h. There will be a food drive at the picnic as the city now requires a charitable activity at neighborhood picnics.
9. Newsletter
- The newsletter will be ready to stuff and distribute next week. A stuffing party will be held at Laura's Tues/Wed. Garage sale fliers will be delivered with the newsletter as well as compost bags.
10. Membership
- a. Daniel Goldman is unable to become a member of the steering committee because the bylaws say members must live in the neighborhood to be a member. This can be amended at the next yearly meeting.
 - b. Doug Fawcett was voted in as a steering committee member.
11. Abandoned House
- Pam noted a house on 19th Court that appears to be abandoned. Doug saw a moving truck there a month ago and the grass is very tall. Bill suggested to call Norma McQuiller at the City of Renton and gave Pam a list of other people at the city that could help. Pam would like to see the grass cut and the property kept up. City will send a letter to the owner to do so, even if it is the bank that owns the property.

The meeting was adjourned by President Laura Silbernagel at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thomas, Secretary

The next steering committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21st at 7pm at Marina's home.