

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2011 – 7PM
Higgins Home

The steering committee was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:14pm.

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

Discussion Points

1. Discussion and approval of minutes from June meeting. Those members present acknowledged receipt of meeting minutes. Donna moved to approve them as written, Pam seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report
Bill reported an account balance of \$1,616.43. He also noted it is important for all of us to know the rules regarding TPNA's finances so that we do not violate any of these rules. Everyone should read the document entitled "Financial Mistakes" that was submitted at the last meeting.
3. Neglected Neighborhood Houses
There are several houses with neglected yards that are in need of cleaning up. Pam has called the city about one particular house on 19th Court. There are more on 20th Court. The process of notifying the owners and getting the houses cleaned up could take months as the city has to track down the owner, draft a letter, wait for a response, draft another letter, then the city can survey the problem. Donna suggested writing up the addresses with the code compliance phone number that people can call to report these problems and hand them out at the neighborhood picnic when people ask about the problem houses. It was agreed this is a good idea.
4. Picnic
 - a. Logistics
Donna confirmed with Norma McQuiller that the city will arrive at 4:30pm and the picnic will start at 5:30pm on Thursday July 28th. Volunteers should arrive at 4:30pm to help set up. Donna needs someone with a truck to haul tables, etc. Laura has 25 folding chairs and 2 tables, Pam has 2 tables, Donna has 3 tables, and the city will bring some as well. Laura will bring 3 table clothes. Laura will be at the welcoming table and membership forms will be available there for new members. Donna has cones to help block off areas where the fire trucks can park.
 - b. Food
The city will bring hot dogs, potato chips, lemonade, utensils, plates, water, and lemonade. Pam has talked to a person about doing popcorn for the kids. It will cost about \$20 for supplies. The remaining food items will be brought by the community as a potluck. Pam offered her yard waste bin for food scraps.
 - c. Events/Guests
 - i. There will be kids giveaways where each child will receive a raffle ticket upon entering the picnic and later during the picnic numbers will be called at random for kids to come pick their giveaway. Laura organized the giveaways which include balls, sippy cups, girly items, items for boys, hotwheels, bugs, and many more.

- ii. Door prizes include 6 hot yoga coupons, 2 massages, and 1 certificate to New Zen. It was agreed more restaurants might be good. Laura said she would work on it. One CERT backpack will be given away also. It was also agreed that there wouldn't be bingo this year but instead door prizes will be given away by each person receiving a raffle ticket and ticket numbers being called to pick a door prize.
- iii. There will be a food drive and this will be added to the signage announcing the picnic. Donna will bring boxes for collection. We need a volunteer to deliver the food to the food bank. Hopefully Doug can do this, if not Pam perhaps could.
- iv. Donna asked a couple bike stores if they'd like to be guests but nobody has committed.

5. Garage Sale

Laura reported there were 22 families and 12 homes signed up before the event and during the event more were added for a total of 31 homes and 42 families. Printing costs were close to \$100. There were proceeds held from previous years garage sales that was used to cover the current year's garage sale expenses. A lot of people helped with the sale so they didn't have to pay the fee. There was one family that refused to pay. Next year we shouldn't list it in the Seattle Times as it seems not many people came because of that listing.

6. Parks

a. Ginger Creek

- i. Bill reported that yard waste bins are being filled as work is being done there. Anyone working there can put clippings, etc. in Eileen's yard waste bin.
- ii. It is noted that between bushes needs to be cleared so that there is enough space to see through the bushes. Bill has taken out a few bushes already.
- iii. The weeds are coming back already in the beds so we need to keep putting down paper and clippings. Bill doesn't know yet when the wood chips will be delivered. He asked Norma if we could purchase 150 gallons of vinegar to help with the weeds but haven't heard back yet. It was noted that grass will grow a foot outside of newspapers so the newspapers need to be placed far enough out.
- iv. There are some expensive bushes that are unfortunately dying because someone is urinating on them.
- v. The lawn is being mowed but we're not sure by whom.
- vi. It was agreed that the vine maples should be trimmed underneath so that people can see through them.
- vii. There was a question as to whether we should take out the rose bushes because they are thorny but it was agreed they should be left for now.
- viii. Bill has figured a way to make the rocks higher near the street – by filling in dirt underneath. Also the remaining vinegar will be sprayed around the rocks to try and kill the grass.
- ix. Bill knows more details of the car that has crashed into the park. We are unable to collect anything to cover costs as it is not our property.
- x. The ground isn't as soft now so the tables and garbage can could probably be delivered. The location of the tables was agreed upon. Also need to put up the dog poop station.
- xi. Laura and Donna want to work on the park and it was agreed they could pull out bushes with white markers that Bill has placed on them.

- xii. The date has yet to be set for a larger scale cleanup until we know when the woodchips will be delivered.
 - b. Donna noted that the trail between Cascade and Tiffany Park has been mowed, however the creek is overgrown.
 - c. We asked Norma if a mini grant could be used to clean up the graffiti and fix the sidewalk on the path down to Tiffany Park Elementary but haven't heard back yet.
- 7. Christmas
 - Donna wants a gathering at the park building during Christmas time to sing carols and mingle with hot chocolate and cookies. More to come on this event. It was agreed that the Christmas light competition should take place again this year.

The meeting was adjourned by President Laura Silbernagel at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thomas, Secretary

The next steering committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 1st at 7pm at Donna's home.