

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2011 – 7PM
Silbernagel Home

The steering committee was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:12pm.

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. Collecting Donation Items for Kids
Pam brought up that Tiffany Park Elementary PTA is looking to collect items such as coats and clothing for kids in need at the school. A PTA member will write an article for our newsletter outlining these efforts so that neighbors can help.
2. Newsletter
Laura is hoping to get the newsletter out by Monday or Tuesday – around November 8th. It can be printed in a day. All articles are needed ASAP.
3. Discussion and approval of minutes from September meeting.
Those members present acknowledged receipt of meeting minutes. Pam moved to approve them as written, Donna seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report
Bill reported an account balance of \$1,017.31 in savings and \$210.86 in checking. He noted the city will reimburse TPNA for \$43.22 in concrete, etc. for Ginger Creek Park work. He also noted that the water bill's minimum charges for the year total almost \$100 for Ginger Creek Park. He asked Norma McQuiller if we could only be billed for the three months that we use water and zero for the remaining months instead of the minimum charge since nothing is being used. The question was raised whether the city could pay for all of it since it is actually city property.
5. Ginger Creek Park
 - a. Bill reported that newspapers are still needed to spread over the beds. It appears many people are saving their newspapers and hopefully we'll get more.
 - b. Bill had asked King County if we could use spray grass killer and they approved its use.
 - c. There are plenty of wood chips from a company that has been kindly dropping them off for our use.
 - d. It was noted we are the only park in the city to receive the \$3,000 grant from the City of Renton.
 - e. It was discussed who will be picking up and disposing of the dog poop from the dog poop container at the park. Laura offered to pick it up for the first three months. Donna mentioned she could perhaps get Eric to do it after that.
 - f. Bush thinning went well over the summer.
 - g. Weed control is difficult to do with vinegar since the soil has to be soaked. Salt did not work. Broad leaf killer mixed with detergent has seemed to work well.
 - h. Bill would still like to raise the rocks to sit above ground. There is also a rock that is in a bit of a hazardous area on 16th Ave that should be moved out of the way. Bill has someone that can help with this in the summer when the ground isn't as soft.

- i. On 9/15 there was a work party where the local Mormon church provided 35 to 38 people. They were extremely helpful and hard working. Bill had written them a letter of appreciation for their help.
 - j. Laura had asked if we should apply for a small grant for the park. It was not included in the large grant this summer because there was a question as to who would remove the trash. It was agreed to hold off on this until next meeting. Laura will check to see if there is a deadline.
6. City Repairs
It was noted that the street coming down the hill on 16th where it veers to the right then veers to the left does not have appropriate signage. The sign notifying drivers to turn is not in the headlight's view when coming down the hill, so people have missed it and hit the house's fence on that curve. Perhaps there needs to be a caution sign and paint the curb yellow. It is also a safety issue as kids do play in the area. It was also noted that at the stop sign at the end of that hill there are vision blockages. The bushes need to be trimmed back and cars should not park close to the intersection. Perhaps TPNA could do a walk with the city to see if these items could be fixed. It was noted that the city painted cracks in the sidewalks white, however they have not yet been fixed.
7. Door to Door Membership Drive
It was agreed to discuss this again in spring when the new membership year has started. It was noted however that there were a lot of neighbors signing up for the Egroup since there has been robberies in the neighborhood. Hopefully this will bring more membership to TPNA.
8. Decorating Contest
This will happen again this year and be announced in the newsletter. Sunday December 18th TPNA will judge the houses.
9. Tool Trailer
Bill has not received word on whether we can use the City of Renton tool trailer for Ginger Creek Park.
10. Tiffany Park Building
Laura has been leaving messages with Norma about using the park building for meetings and gatherings. She has not yet heard from Norma.
11. Dues Disclaimer
Laura will complete the dues disclaimer discussed at our prior meeting by our next meeting.
12. Trash Walk
It was agreed to put off the trash walk until spring with November being our last one until then.

The meeting was adjourned by President Laura Silbernagel at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thomas, Secretary

The next steering committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5th at 7pm at Bill's home.