

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2012 – 7PM
Thorkildson Home

The steering committee was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:08pm.

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

Discussion Points

1. Discussion and approval of minutes from January meeting.
Those members present acknowledged receipt of meeting minutes. Laura moved to approve them as written, Donna seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report
Bill reported an account balance of \$1,017.82 in savings and \$191.34 in checking. This does not include any grant money that we will receive for the communications grant.
3. City Repairs
Bill has not yet heard back from the city about the request for signage change on 16th Ave.
4. Large Grant Application – for Park Improvements
 - a. Information Board
There was a special neighborhood meeting held recently to apply for a grant to put up an information board at Ginger Creek Park and the Little Park. It was decided that the application would not include a board for Tiffany Park as the parks department would then have to be involved which would make it significantly more complicated. It is simpler and easier to apply for just Ginger Creek and the Little Park. The boards would be two sided, one side where neighbors can post announcements and the other for TPNA and Tiffany Park Homeowners Association announcements. They will be covered to protect from the elements. They will be around 6 feet tall with roofs on them and perhaps some solar lights so that they light up at night. Duncan Redman, a local contractor, will provide a bid in time to submit the application for the grant.
 - b. Also to be included in grant application:
 - i. Funds to fix damage at Ginger Creek Park from car accident
 - ii. Hauler to move and lift rocks
 - iii. Plants and boards to put in Ginger Creek Park
5. Annual Meeting
Annual meeting will be held June 7th. Norma McQuiller approved the Tiffany Park building to be open for this purpose and will be in attendance.
6. Annual Picnic
July 12th is a tentative date for the annual picnic. It is not yet known if we can submit a request for this date to the city, but it is being looked into.
7. Garage Sale
There is an upcoming meeting to pick a date and discuss the garage sale.
8. Newsletter
The newsletter should be ready by mid-April and ready to distribute by the last week in April. This will allow enough time before the annual meeting. Also to be included in the newsletter is an announcement that Tiffany Park Elementary is having a garage sale on May 19th.

9. Ginger Creek Park

- a. The woodchips have all been spread.
- b. Laura and Bill have plenty of newspapers to spread in the beds when they are needed.
- c. There are bad pet owners not picking up after their pets. Marina knows who it is and will approach them before the lawn is mowed next to ask them to pick up after their pet. It is indeed against the law not to pick up after your pet.
- d. Bill has enough large refuse bags to collect pet waste to last for a year.
- e. Bill would like to have a piece of equipment to help lift the large rocks at the park. This will be included in the large grant application.

10. Small Grants – to apply when city is accepting applications

- a. Funds to mail notifications for the picnic and annual meeting
- b. Funds to rent bouncy toys for the picnic. Insurance will probably be needed, and it was noted that perhaps the city will pay for insurance.
- c. Funds to rent a tent for the cookies and cocoa event in December.

11. Membership Drive

Laura suggests a door to door approach for a membership drive this spring. Marina suggested doing this during the garage sale as it is a good excuse to go door to door. It was discussed that when delivering newsletters TPNA members could also knock on the door and encourage neighbors to become members of TPNA.

12. Tool Trailer

Bill suggested using the city's tool trailer for power tools to use at Ginger Creek such as power washing or apply for a grant to purchase these items. Richard had mentioned that he has power tools to help at the park so there is no need to apply for a grant.

13. Decorating Contest

There will be photos of the winners of the holiday decorating contest in the newsletter.

14. Dues Disclaimer

Laura is working on the dues disclaimer to be put on the website so that people understand TPNA is not a homeowners association and does not need to provide documentation for dues paid.

15. Facebook Page

Laura brought up the idea of creating a Facebook page for TPNA. There would need to be restrictions and someone would need to administer and monitor the Facebook page. This could be a lot of work and due to the large amount of to-do items that TPNA has already, the Facebook page will be tabled until the next meeting.

16. Newsletter Translation

Laura knows of someone in the neighborhood that can translate the newsletter to the language of the Philippines and post it on our website. Perhaps other languages could be provided as well. Donna suggested that the city would be willing to pay for translation.

17. Benson Hill Community Meeting

At the recent meeting for the Benson Hill Community the following was discussed:

- a. Lindbergh Pool
- b. Opening up the blocked road from downtown Renton to Benson Hill. The concern is emergency vehicles not being able to make it up Benson Hill quickly due to traffic congestion.
- c. Cascade Center was discussed along with suggestions on what to do with the center. It was noted that the west end buildings were going to be torn down. There was however no indication of what was to become of the center.
- d. Soos Creek park extension and other park expansions in the area.

18. Secretary

Due to the resignation of Amy Thomas as secretary Laura asked for a member to become secretary. Donna offered to fill this position temporarily, but not on a permanent basis.

The meeting was adjourned by President Laura Silbernagel at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thomas, Secretary

The next steering committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at 7pm at Laura's home.