

Minutes of the June 11, 2014 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA)

Meeting was held at the Roenicke home and was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by president Laura Silbernagel.

Attending were Dave Beedon (interim secretary), Renate Beedon, Pam Carino, Dave Phillips, Bill Roenicke (treasurer), Laura Silbernagel (president), and Donna Thorkildson (vice president).

Absent were Doug Fawcett and Marina Higgins

Also attending was neighbor Ed Eixenberger, a guest of Donna.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS;

1. Committee approved the minutes of the steering committee meetings of March 12, 2014 and April 9, 2014.
2. Committee decided to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, July 9 at 7 p.m. at Donna Thorkildson's house.
3. Treasurer's report from Bill Roenicke.
There is about \$1300 in the savings account and about \$300 in the checking account. He could not be more specific because he had not received the current bank statement yet. The association now has its highest-ever membership: about 90 members. The previous high count was about 66. We can thank Laura for this development, as she has been getting people to sign up.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Development of the Tiffany Park woods:
Renate reported that the project is still on hold and nothing new has happened. Donna mentioned having seen "new homes" signs but it was determined that those have nothing to do with the "woods project." Bill mentioned having heard from a neighbor that some people are parking in the cul-de-sac by the woods, drinking and littering.
2. Annual neighborhood picnic:
The picnic is scheduled for July 30. Renate and Laura attended a City-sponsored class about staging a picnic. The City suggested having a theme for the picnic, but due to a lack of time to develop one, the committee decided not to bother. Committee also decided not to have any dancing because it would not work well. This year there will NOT be any face-painting or cotton candy (providers not available). The presence of the library's bookmobile is iffy because of disruptions caused by upcoming library construction. The Fire Department will probably attend as planned. Renate said Julie Hyatt will donate materials for the raffle. Laura will bring prizes for the kids (domino games, etc.). Committee decided against having Christy George give a speech on disaster preparation for animals because sound issues would make it impractical, and

suggested that Christy sit at a table with materials to hand out. The Committee will not invite any politicians, though they may attend and mingle (no speeches!). The City will bring drinks with the food it provides, which will be chicken and buns due to the new “healthy eating” campaign in King County. The City will also bring chairs. The Committee agreed that another flyer for the picnic needs to be distributed no later than July 15 (see below for picnic-related actions).

PICNIC SUPPORT/WORK TO DO:

Get a volunteer to play with kids (Renate)

Distribute a flyer (Laura will create a flyer for Norma McQuiller to print. We must have the printed flyers in hand for distribution no later than July 15.) Renate will call Norma to check if the City will do the printing.

Donna will check on availability of popcorn from the RYAC.

Donna will check with the food bank about its bringing a barrel for collecting donations.

Donna will bring five gallons of punch.

Renate will get cups and tablecloths.

Renate and Carol Roenicke will hand out raffle tickets and food plates.

Pam will bring two tables, Laura will bring two, and Donna will bring three.

Laura will supply the tickets.

Dave Beedon will help set up and take down picnic equipment.

3. Safety vests:

Dave Phillips said that he is still waiting for a price quote from a supplier.

4. Ginger Creek Park:

Donna said that her son Erik will mow the grass. Bill reported that another load of wood chips has been delivered by a tree cutter. A work party for spreading the chips is scheduled for this Saturday (June 14) morning (time = ?). Bill said he has been spraying weed killer, having been given permission by King County to do so. The bulletin board is still leaning and needs to be straightened. Bill spread the “Canadian green” grass seed he purchased; it should be coming up soon. Committee decided to purchase a walking sprinkler to reduce the tedious work of managing a sprinkler. Bill will buy it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual meeting:

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014, which is a change from the original date of June 18.

Donna read the proposed agenda for the two-hour meeting. We must vacate the building by 9 p.m.

Bill confirmed that he will give Marina Higgins money for buying refreshments.

Bill will print a list of current association members (and the status of their payment of dues) and give it to Donna and Laura, to be used at the meeting.

Donna will create ballots for voting for association officers and committee members at the meeting. Use of ballots will ensure a “secret vote” as required by the bylaws. .

Laura will get meeting notice signs printed for the A-frame boards. Dave Beedon

volunteered to set them up (to be done on June 17).

Dave Beedon asked about his status as secretary (volunteered in April 2014).

Committee said that to date he has been serving in an interim capacity and that he would have to be formally elected at the annual meeting.

Bill will provide change for the meeting (dues transactions).

Laura will bring a cash box.

2. Steering committee and bylaws:

Bill read from the bylaws, which require the Association to have four officers and seven non-officer members. Officers are president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Bill believes the bylaws posted on the Web are out-of-date, that at a past steering committee meeting the members voted to change the bylaws regarding membership. We need to get all missing minutes and related materials posted to the Web so we all know what the rules are. We might have to change the bylaws to provide more flexibility in getting and keeping volunteers as officers (present term limits are somewhat restricting).

WORK TO DO:

Laura will send copies of missing meeting minutes to Dave Beedon for analysis and post them on the TPNA website.

Committee needs to confirm its membership.

Committee needs to announce to association members any proposed changes to its membership (prior to annual meeting).

Dave Beedon brought up the matter of privacy as it relates to the TPNA web page listing the members of the Steering Committee. Committee decided to remove the phone numbers and addresses from the web page. Laura will take care of it.

Committee member Doug Fawcett indicated by phone that in the coming year (beginning after the upcoming annual meeting) he will not be on the committee.

3. Robberies in the neighborhood:

Bill talked about recent robberies, possibly related to drug use among students.

School budgets have eliminated some drug-control-related staff positions at schools.

Drugs are easy to get in school and on the street. Cindie Parks of the City provides a block watch newsletter, which could be a helpful resource.

4. Laura adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.