

**Minutes of the 2015 General Membership Meeting of the  
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

Approved on September 9, 2015

The meeting was held on July 30, 2015 at the recreation building in the park of Tiffany Park and was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by president Donna Thorkildson.

Attending were Dave Beedon, Renate Beedon, Larry Gorg, Marina Higgins, Helen Pacheco, Dave Phillips, Patty Phillips, Bill Roenicke, Laura Silbernagel, and Donna Thorkildson. (Patty was the sole general member present.)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

##### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were hardly necessary because everyone already knew everyone else. Donna said she would like someone else to be president but no one expressed an interest in taking on that job. Renate suggested that Bill would make a good president, but he declined, being busy enough with his work as Treasurer.

##### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. Nothing is out of the ordinary. He gave Laura Silbernagel a check to re-imburse her for expenses incurred during the 2014 garage sale. All funds allocated to the garage sale have been used up. Details of his report, including dollar amounts, are available from Bill.

##### 3. MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS

A slate of officers and Steering Committee members at large was voted on. For the year 2015-2016, which ends at the 2016 general membership meeting, the following persons were elected:

President: Donna Thorkildson (ran unopposed)

Vice President: Laura Silbernagel (ran unopposed)

Secretary: Dave Beedon (ran unopposed)

Treasurer: Bill Roenicke (ran unopposed)

New Steering Committee member at large: Larry Gorg (was an interim member)

New Steering Committee member at large: Sue Dahlberg (nominated by interim member Helen Pacheco)

Steering Committee member at large: Renate Beedon

Steering Committee member at large: Marina Higgins

Steering Committee member at large: David Phillips

Steering Committee member at large: Doug Fawcett (through an oversight, Doug's name was not included on the ballot for voting, so he is automatically being carried over into the new year).

#### 4. RESIGNATIONS

Interim Steering Committee member Helen Pacheco resigned from the Committee due to the demands of her personal schedule.

#### 5. BYLAWS

Two changes to the bylaws were approved. The word “boundaries” will be changed to ”boundary” and the rule about terms of office was revised to exempt the Treasurer from the rule. The rule in Article IV, item 4 says “No officer may serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office.” It has been changed to say “No officer other than the Treasurer may serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office.” The rule change fulfills the requirement created by a vote at last year’s general membership meeting. Three other proposed changes were not approved.

#### 6. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

It was agreed that next year’s meeting needs better advance announcement. That would include the Yahoo e-group, the website, and perhaps signs posted in the neighborhood.

#### OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

##### 1. COOKIE EXCHANGE

The idea of having another cookie exchange was discussed. Donna doubted it was worth the effort. Laura would like to have another. Helen mentioned that she had a successful one at work. The discussion ended with a more positive mood than at the start, but no plans or commitments were made.

##### 2. GARAGE SALE

Laura reported that this year’s event was less busy than last year’s. Having it on the same weekend as the Bite of Seattle probably played a role. The date was established by the schedule of the Cascade Neighborhood Association, with whom we decided to participate in sort of a mutual garage sale. That joint arrangement didn’t work as well as hoped. Twenty-one TPNA homes signed up by the advertising deadline and six more after that. The garage sale made a tiny profit. In addition, the sale of donated items put a little money in the TPNA bank account (that money is not considered garage sale profit). Laura described that she was astonished to receive several sale-related complaints from neighbors. Because of those complaints Laura has decided not to be in charge of next year’s garage sale. Meeting attendees wondered if a sale would even happen next year.

##### 3. GINGER CREEK PARK

Bill reported that resident Dale Blair has been donating extensive hours of work in maintaining the park. Other residents have been helping with pruning. None of this work has occurred in formal work parties. Some bus patrons have praised the pruning efforts, as the more open atmosphere improves the sense of safety for some people. Moles are still present. Bill is trying to repel them with garlic and is thinking of using bleach. (Then a side discussion touched on the environmental downside of bleach.) Discarded drug pipes and a syringe have been found in the park. Near the park was an attempted theft of a car or its contents at 4 a.m. The car’s owner scared the person off

with a verbal assault. The misplaced rocks still have not been moved back into place. Bill was told by the City that it would be done in June. It wasn't The shortcut path (a sidewalk separate from the park) could use a light cleaning.

#### 4. MEETING MINUTES

Dave Beedon requested that we vote on a proposal to change the practice of recording minutes of meetings. The proposal is to omit from minutes all dollar amounts out of a sense of privacy. The Treasurer's report is where most dollar figures appear. The proposal was approved.

#### 5. PICNIC

Renate reported that the picnic, held jointly with the Cascade Neighborhood Association, was a success. There were numerous Cascade attendees. The Tiffany park turn-out was good. There was a separate sign-in station for each of the neighborhoods, which worked well. An annoying aspect was the presence of rude children and children without parents. Candidates for City Council positions were present at the invitation of the City. They were available for attendees to approach them about political matters but were not allowed to approach the attendees. Renate apologized for not devoting as much effort to staging the picnic as she should have and said she would not be the "picnic person" again. The subject of neighborhood picnics requires further discussion. Next year's picnic will be hosted by the Cascade Neighborhood group at its location.

[Secretary's note: this year's picnic is probably the first TPNA event at which some members wore the Association safety vests.]

#### 6. VOLUNTEER HOURS

Laura stressed the importance of documenting the hours one worked for the Association and turning in those hours for submittal to the City.

#### 7. WEBSITE

A discussion yielded the following suggestions for improvement of the TPNA website:

Add an announcements section

Add a link to the covenants of the Tiffany Park *Homeowners* Association

Add a link to the City's crime watch webpage.

Dave B. committed to work on them.

#### 8. WOODS DEVELOPMENT (the Reserve at Tiffany Park)

Renate reported that the neighborhood action to minimize affects of the housing development is over. All appeals have been exhausted. The group performing that work is TPWAG, the Tiffany Park Woods Advocacy Group. The only other thing going on is a lawsuit from another group that challenges the validity of the School District's sale. That lawsuit does not involve our association.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Donna at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.