

**Minutes of the June 15, 2016 Meeting of the
General Membership of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**
These minutes were approved on July 13, 2016

The meeting was held at the recreation building in the park in Tiffany Park and was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Donna Thorkildson.

Steering Committee attendees were Dave Beedon (secretary), Pam Carino, Larry Gorg, Marina Higgins, David Phillips, Bill Roenicke (treasurer), Laura Silbernagel (vice president), and Donna Thorkildson (president).

Absent: Renate Beedon

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS (listed chronologically)

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Donna had members of the Steering Committee introduce themselves, then had the general members do the same. There were about 15 general members in attendance, many of whom were attending for the first time.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances, noting the balances of the savings and checking accounts. He identified some of the things we have purchased with grant money from the City: equipment and supplies for Ginger Creek Park, communication (newsletters, website, etc.), and renting a trash container for hauling off debris from cleaning the shortcut sidewalk. Details of the report, including dollar amounts, are available from Bill.

3. YEAR IN REVIEW

Donna summarized the Association's accomplishments for the past year. Main subjects:

- A. Ginger Creek Park was improved by a Boy Scout project in April
- B. residents began using a website called Nextdoor.com, a communication tool for neighborhoods (several neighbors have signed up already for the Tiffany Park neighborhood)
- C. the Association's website continues to be improved (Larry Gorg mentioned that another improvement would be to add a description of Ginger Creek Park)
- D. the Steering Committee decided not to stage a garage sale because no one volunteered to manage it
- E. Donna decided to "put on the back burner" the cookie exchange due to poor attendance last December.

4. MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS

A slate of officers and Steering Committee members was voted on. All but one position involved a candidate's running unopposed. The sole exception was the

position of vice president, for which Donna Thorkildson and Laura Silbernagel were candidates. A motion was made and seconded to have a voice vote to approve all persons running unopposed (there were no objections and no write-ins). Paper ballots were distributed for attendees to chose the vice president. For the year 2016-17, which ends at the next general membership meeting, the following persons were elected to the Steering Committee:

- A. President: Marina Higgins
- B. Vice President: Donna Thorkildson
- C. Secretary: Dave Beedon
- D. Treasurer: Bill Roenicke
- E. Steering Committee member: Pam Carino
- F. Steering Committee member: Sue Dahlberg
- G. Steering Committee member: Kirsten Games (new member)
- H. Steering Committee member: Larry Gorg
- I. Steering Committee member: David Phillips
- J. Steering Committee member: Laura Silbernagel

One Committee member position is unfilled.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. MEMBERSHIPS

As with previous meetings, the treasurer signed up new and renewing members before the meeting got under way.

2. PICNIC

Donna mentioned that this year we will not have a joint picnic like we did last year. Last year's picnic was too much work and the event lacked the cozy atmosphere we desire. She and Laura talked about how this year's picnic will be affected by the changes in the City's Neighborhood Program. The City has not yet identified a person to take over for long-time co-ordinator Norma McQuiller, who retired this Spring. One rumored change is that the City will not support picnics of individual neighborhoods but instead will support large multi-neighborhood picnics. How we will stage a picnic remains to be defined. The new members in attendance were asked if any wanted to help run the picnic but no one volunteered.

3. TRAFFIC

Sue Dahlberg described the dangerous condition of the three-road intersection at the north end of Ponderosa Estates. Motorists drive too fast when turning from Edmonds Avenue SE onto SE 16th Street. A blind person walks through the intersection every day. There is no crosswalk. The blind person rides the bus, so the bus company might have an interest in making the intersection safer. The City has been generally unresponsive to our complaints. Sue talked at length with the "traffic person" at the City, who suggested that she ask for installation of a three-way stop. Sue is proceeding with treating the problem as belonging to Ponderosa Estates rather than our neighborhood association.

4. WOODS DEVELOPMENT (“Reserve at Tiffany Park”)

A discussion ensued when someone asked about the status of the proposed development. The discussion veered into the land use process (plat approval, etc.). The project is on hold right now, possibly held up by a lawsuit challenging the method used by the school district to announce the sale of the property. If that lawsuit fails, there is little we can do to affect the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna performed her final task as president by adjourning the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.