

**Minutes of the July 18, 2017 Annual Meeting of the
General Membership of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on September 12, 2017

The meeting was held at the recreation building in the park in Tiffany Park and was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Marina Higgins.

About 35 persons attended. Of the attendees were the following members of the TPNA Steering Committee: Dave Beedon (secretary), Pam Carino, Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, Marina Higgins (president), Bill Roenicke (treasurer), and Donna Thorkildson (vice president; attending her final meeting as a member of the committee).

Three guests were present: Rob Shuey of the city's Code Compliance office, Cynthia Garlough (who spoke about the housing development in the woods, and Beth Asher, representing the Renton Youth Advocacy Center (RYAC).

The following subjects are listed in chronological order.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Marina began the meeting by welcoming everyone and briefly explaining her vision for the neighborhood (safe, attractive, etc., with interaction among neighbors). Then she had members of the Steering Committee introduce themselves, then had the general members do the same. During this phase Bill Roenicke thanked all the persons who have volunteered their time and effort to maintaining Ginger Creek Park.

2. CODE COMPLIANCE

Rob Shuey gave an overview of the City's code compliance process, what things are handled by the office and what are not. The office deals only with things on private property (street issues like parking are not). Typical issues he and colleagues deal with are vehicles parked in yards, garbage stored improperly for collection, grass taller than twelve inches, storage containers in any part of a yard except the back yard, shipping containers anywhere on one's property, and limits for structures in yards. The office deals with absentee property owners just as well as with property owners occupying their houses.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances, noting the balances of the savings and checking accounts. The subject of the dues increase came up and Bill explained that the dues were raised to \$12 per year (\$6 per year for seniors) in response to anticipated expenditures.

4. PICNIC

Donna described the historical background for the picnic. Having a neighborhood picnic was an idea born of a neighborhood tribute to the victims of the World Trade

Center attack in 2001. For that tribute, numerous persons gathered in the park on very short notice. The success of the event made her think that it would be nice for neighbors to get together regularly. That regular get-together is our picnic. This year's picnic is a potluck but RYAC and the TPNA will be supplying some food. She asked for volunteers to do the grilling and Lynda Reed answered the call. The social theme is, as before, collecting school supplies for elementary school students. We will post on Nextdoor.com what school supplies are needed. Donna also answered questions about the event, which takes place on Saturday, July 29 at 5 p.m. We did not have a picnic in 2016 because the City was in the midst of changing its neighborhood program, which created uncertainty about how the City would support the event.

5. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Neighborhood resident Cynthia Garlough provided an update on the housing development in the woods. She explained the construction schedule published by RINO Construction, noted concerns about the route trucks are using to haul materials away from the woods, and said that City inspectors have been checking the site for compliance with regulations (they found that two trees had been removed illegally and fined the developer).

6. COMMUNICATION

Dave Beedon briefly explained the TPNA website (URL: tiffany-park.org) and Nextdoor.com, a web-based social networking site that acts like a neighborhood bulletin board. He and others encouraged attendees to check out both media.

7. COMMENTS

During this part of the meeting, two subjects stood out: traffic issues and strange behavior of a resident.

The first traffic issue discussed was the dangerous intersection at the top of the hill (corner of 116th Avenue SE and SE 16th Street). Sue Dahlberg, who has been working with the City of Renton to improve the intersection, explained how the City proposes to address the problem of reckless driving there: street markings will be installed to control how drivers travel through the intersection. Another big traffic issue was speeders. Some nightmarish examples were described. Advice: get license plate numbers of offenders and report them to the police, especially for repeated violations. Sue explained that it is possible to borrow the City's small radar trailer for raising speed limit awareness. Another thing mentioned was that of drivers using Tiffany Park as a shortcut to and from Fairwood.

On another topic, Dave mentioned seeing bizarre behavior recently: a young man jogged or walked up the sidewalk, muttering or shouting mostly unintelligible things. It was spooky. The police know of the person.

8. MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS

A slate of candidates for the Steering Committee was voted on. Paper ballots were used to tally the voting. The persons that were voted in will serve until next year's general membership meeting. Voting yielded the following Committee members for the 2017-18 year:

- A. President: Marina Higgins
- B. Vice President: Pam Carino (replacing Donna Thorkildson, who retired from the Committee)
- C. Secretary: Dave Beedon
- D. Treasurer: Bill Roenicke
- E. Other member: Sue Dahlberg
- F. Other member: Larry Gorg
- G. Other member: Reid Heimbeck (new member)
- H. Other member: David Phillips
- I. Other member: Lynda Reed (new member)

All persons listed above except for Reid Heimbeck and Lynda Reed were incumbents and ran unopposed. Two Committee positions remain unfilled.

9. THANKS TO RYAC

During the meeting, thanks were expressed to Beth Asher for RYAC's support of our neighborhood association, especially regarding the use of the building for the general membership meeting and helping with this year's picnic.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, whereupon Marina adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.