

Minutes of the July 19, 2018 Annual Meeting of the
General Membership of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington

The meeting was held at the Fairwood Library, a change from past meetings. President Marina Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Twenty-two persons attended, of which three were guest speakers. Of the attendees were the following members of the TPNA Steering Committee: Dave Beedon (secretary), Pam Carino (vice president), Reid Heimbeck, Marina Higgins (president), David Phillips, and Bill Roenicke (treasurer). Committee members that were absent are Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, and Lynda Reed.

Three guests were present: Sean Quarrie and Hanna Britt of the Washington State Department of Transportation, and Officer Eric Gordon of the Renton Police Department.

The following subjects are listed in chronological order.

1. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

Marina began the meeting by welcoming everyone and having each member of the Committee introduce themselves.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances, noting the balances of the savings and checking accounts. He said that we keep sufficient cash on hand for expenditures that come up. Some expenditures are later re-imbursed by the City through the grant process.

3. WSDOT PRESENTATION

Sean Quarrie, assisted by Hanna Britt, described the Department of Transportation's master plan for improving the stretch of Interstate 405 between Renton and Bellevue. The visual presentation was detailed, describing new lanes and expansion of toll lanes. They fielded questions from the audience. The information they presented is available on-line at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/RentontoBellevue/home.

4. POLICE PRESENTATION

Officer Gordon talked about issues of concern to residents. Rather than give a prepared speech he answered questions and discussed subjects brought up by the audience. He noted that different areas of the city are known for different types of crimes: the Tiffany Park neighborhood is noted for property-related crimes such as burglary, theft, and vandalism. There is little violent crime in our neighborhood. There was a lot of interest in the audience about drug-related crime, especially the prevalence of illegal marijuana growing activities. Last month the City conducted

nine busts of illegal growing operation in South Renton (area south of the Cedar River). The existence of meth houses in the city has decreased significantly.

5. GINGER CREEK PARK AND CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

Bill summarized the state of the park and our efforts in maintaining it. He thanked all the persons who have volunteered their time and effort to maintain the park and praised Darrin Hanson for mowing the grass. Darrin suggested that we get a professional person to thatch the grass every once in a while. Bill mentioned that we need dirt to replenish the planting berms. Bill and Marina both talked about the planned clean-up event, to be held in September. That event will include a clean-up of the city pathway, a sidewalk connecting two streets. Bill said we need more volunteers for these activities.

6. GARAGE SALE

Dave Beedon explained the upcoming garage sale, which takes place in a week. Pam noted that that is the weekend of Renton River Days. In contrast to previous sales (managed skillfully by past Committee member Laura Silbernagel), this one is simplified, having no sign-up and no fees.

7. COMMUNICATION

Following the garage sale discussion, Dave talked briefly about the TPNA website (URL: tiffany-park.org) and Nextdoor.com, a web-based social networking site that acts like a neighborhood bulletin board. He encouraged attendees to use the website and sign up for participating on Nextdoor.com.

8. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Marina asked residents to introduce themselves, stating name, street of residence, and length of residency. It was surprising to see how many attendees were long-term residents.

9. CHANGE TO BYLAWS

Dave explained the nature of the proposed change and the reason for having it. Richard Thorkildson suggested adding some text to explain the context for the change. Dave mentioned that the existing text of the bylaws already addresses that matter. A vote was held about the change and it was approved by all present. Dave said that the revised bylaws would appear soon on the TPNA website.

10. MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS

Marina and Dave identified the officers and members of the Steering Committee. Dave explained that the only known change to the officer positions was that Marina was stepping down as president, to be replaced by Reid Heimbeck. He then said that the only known changes among the non-officers were that Marina would become one and David Phillips would not be participating (something Phillips had told him earlier in the meeting). Voting yielded the following committee members for the 2018-19

year, who will serve until the end of next year's general membership meeting:

- A. President: Reid Heimbeck (new)
- B. Vice President: Pam Carino
- C. Secretary: Dave Beedon
- D. Treasurer: Bill Roenicke
- E. Other member: Sue Dahlberg
- F. Other member: Larry Gorg
- G. Other member: Darrin Hanson (new member)
- H. Other member: Marina Higgins (former president)
- I. Other member: Samantha Hillyer (new member)
- J. Other member: Lynda Reed

All persons listed above except for Darrin and Samantha are incumbents and all ran unopposed. One committee position remains unfilled.

ADJOURNMENT

Marina adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m., performing her final act as president of the Association.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.