

**Minutes of the July 17, 2019 Annual Meeting of the  
General Membership of the  
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on September 11, 2019

The meeting was held at the Fairwood library and was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Reid Heimbeck.

Attending:

- Committee members: Dave Beedon, Pam Carino, Larry Gorg, Reid Heimbeck, Marina Higgins, Samantha Hillyer, and Bill Roenicke. (Two members were absent: Sue Dahlberg, and Darrin Hanson).
- Three City employees
- Eight residents.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Reid welcomed everyone and introduced the Committee members. He described the work of the Association: maintaining Ginger Creek Park, publishing newsletters, maintaining a website, updating Nextdoor.com with relevant information, soliciting supporting members (who receive discounts on many items at McLendon's Hardware stores), have Steering Committee meetings, annual meetings, and stage events such as the proposed ice cream social at this years' City-sponsored movie night.

2. PRESENTATION ABOUT GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

Erin Churchill, the City's Graffiti Abatement Program Co-ordinator, described the program, answered questions, and provided advice about issues. The City is focussing on being proactive and involving the citizenry rather than concentrating on punishment. It's important to report graffiti sightings and submit photos if possible. The City is prepared to help remove graffiti.

3. PRESENTATION ABOUT POLICING AND CRIME

Patrol officer Christopher Cramer talked about his job and the types of problems he encounters on the job. Types of crimes vary by area and by time of day. Residential burglary has been on the decline for seven years. Grow-house activity has slowed down significantly. On the down side, there has been an increase in hit-and-run incidents. The audience posed questions about nasty dogs and the police jurisdiction in Renton Park. Cindy Parks of the Renton Police Department, present for observing, had information about the City's voluntary camera registration program (home security cameras and dash cams).

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. Details are available from Bill.

5. MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Cynthia Garlough asked about the level of supporting (paid) members. Bill responded that we have 30 persons now and 18 committed for the next year. Reid asked about ways to increase participation, an on-going challenge.

6. "BOARDING HOUSES"

Reid led the discussion about the problem of houses having rooms for rent and being occupied by several unrelated persons. Owners are posting "rooms for rent" ads to fill rooms. The zoning is for single-family residences. Parked cars clog the streets. What can we do about it? It's tough for the City to enforce because of the difficulty in proving that occupants are unrelated.

7. GINGER CREEK PARK

The Association was formed in part to clean up the area now occupied by the park. It used to be a dirty parking area where drug use was taking place. The park is in need of another infusion of wood chips on the planting beds.

8. NEIGHBORHOODS

Neighborhoods were defined by the City in an effort to get people together, part of the City's vision. In the last two years the City's Neighborhood program has suffered some setbacks but it still offers money grants for certain neighborhood activities.

9. ALLURA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Someone asked how we would incorporate the residents of that area in our Association. No plans have been made yet, but greeting cards sent to the residents might be a first step. Newsletters will probably be delivered to them too.

10. VOTING FOR NEW OFFICERS

An informal voting process yielded these results about the Steering Committee for the 2019-2020 year:

1. President: Position shared by Reid Heimbeck and Marina Higgins
2. Vice president: vacant
3. Treasurer: Bill Roenicke (final year in that position)
4. Secretary: Dave Beedon

Other Committee changes:

- Current members staying on: Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, Darrin Hanson, and Samantha Hillyer.
- Current Vice President Pam Carino is retiring from the Committee.
- Three residents agreed to join the Committee: Charles Dorra, Cherelle Bertch, and (tentatively) Cynthia Garlough.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Reid at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.