

**Minutes of the October 8, 2020 Annual Meeting of the
General Membership of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on October 20, 2020..

The meeting was a virtual one using Zoom software. It was hosted by Cynthia Garlough. Cynthia called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Participating:

- Committee members: Dave Beedon, Charles Dorra, Cynthia Garlough, Larry Gorg, Darrin Hanson, Marina Higgins, Samantha Hillyer, Bill Roenicke, and LaTonya Rogers (no absentees)
- Nine residents.
- Cyndie Morris, Public Information Officer of the Renton Police Department

Subjects discussed are listed in chronological order:

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cynthia welcomed everyone and introduced herself and the current officers of the Committee.

2. REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Bill was having problems with his connection to the meeting and was unable to give a report on finances.

3. GINGER CREEK PARK

Darrin talked about the park, noting that it is not a city facility and is maintained by residents. Upkeep of the park is a continuing expense and involves plantings, grass-cutting, and removal of trash and dog waste. Dale Blair, who lives near the park, has spent countless hours maintaining the park and deserves our appreciation. Dave clarified that TPNA owns everything you can see in the park, but not the land, which belongs to Seattle Public Utilities. He also said that the park was created to beautify the area and eliminate unsavory activities.

[Note from the secretary: The statement about ownership of the park might be subject to interpretation.]

4. BYLAWS REVISION

Dave explained that the Steering Committee desires to revise a rule in the bylaws to make operation of the Association more flexible and responsive. The bylaws say that the bylaws can be revised only by a majority vote of supporting members at the annual meeting. The proposed change is to eliminate the annual meeting requirement and allow the Steering Committee to change the bylaws. No one objected to this proposal, but Daniel Goldman cautioned us to be careful to preserve a sense of

belonging and participation by the residents. In the absence of objections, the change was approved.

5. VOTING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Proposed new officers were identified. Each spoke briefly about his or her background. As with the bylaws voting, there were no objections to these proposed changes. The voting produced these officers for the 2020-21 year:

1. President: Cynthia Garlough
2. Vice president: vacant
3. Treasurer: Charles Dorra
4. Secretary: Darrin Hanson

6. ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Darrin discussed the types of membership (regular and supporting) and their costs. Regular membership is free and comes from living in the neighborhood. Supporting membership is based on the payment of dues. Persons 18-64 years of age pay \$15 per year but in hardship cases pay only \$5. Persons 65 and older pay \$5 per year. Supporting members benefit by getting a 10% discount on most items sold at McLendon hardware stores.

Starting now, it is possible to join as a supporting member straight from the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association website. There is no need to mail anything but that option is still available. Darrin displayed and explained the web page that enables this convenience.

7. PRESENTATION ABOUT POLICING AND CRIME

Cyndie Morris of the Renton Police Department gave an enthusiastic presentation about crime and her department. Highlights:

- A. In general, the rate of crime in our neighborhood has not gone up for several years. The most prevalent property crime is motor vehicle theft. Don't leave valuables in your car!
- B. The CityProtect website is a good crime-mapping tool. Use it to see what crimes are being committed and where they take place. It works best with the Chrome browser.
- C. The City would participate in a special virtual meeting with our neighborhood if we wanted it.
- D. Of the cities served by the Valley Communications Center (the 911 service for south King County), Renton generates the lowest number of calls.
- E. Transparency of the department's policies and actions is much better today than it was years ago.

ADJOURNMENT

Cynthia thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.