

**Minutes of the January 3, 2013 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**
(See the Secretary's note at the end of the file)

The meeting was held at the home of President Laura Silbernagel. Attending were Doug Fawcett, Marina Higgins, Bill Roenicke, Laura Silbernagel, and Donna Thorkildson.

Absent: Renate Beedon (new member)

Guest: Dave Beedon

Laura ensured that everyone had an agenda. She left briefly to get more copies. While she was doing that there was informal discussion of a break-in in the neighborhood.

Once the agenda matter was settled, Laura called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. AGENDA

Laura asked if anyone wanted to add a topic to the "new business" portion of the agenda. Dave Beedon asked to add the subject of the recent suicide in the neighborhood (man who shot himself in the street).

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Marina asked about the winners of December's holiday lights contest. Brief discussion of names and addresses. Laura will get the info---including photos---published.

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2012 was made by Bill and seconded by Marina. Members voted unanimously to approve.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances: "We're in the black." He stated the balances of the savings and checking accounts and summarized recent ..

OTHER BUSINESS (listed in chronological order)

1. WOODS DEVELOPMENT

Dave Beedon reported that the School Board recently approved the idea of putting the property up for sale I could not attend. Not a lot has happened. He read from letter to him from Adam Draper, a lawyer at Forterra. Status of their plans. We're in limbo right now. Neighbor Gerry Jackson made suggestion about involving specialists in environmental or traffic issues. At the Board meeting, Robin Jones said "We'll fight you." No longer in the "good faith" world. Now adversarial. Marina mentioned the organization Rely on Renton as a possible helper in our cause. Other piece of

property not discussed by School Board. Bill explained what he heard at the Board meeting. Bill explained how Agenda 21 might be involved in various government organizations. Then ensued a side discussion into how the Highlands is getting attention but our neighborhood isn't.

2. SUICIDE

This subject was advanced in the agenda as a courtesy to Dave Beedon, who wished to leave (having no other input to the meeting). Laura explained that the family of the dead man has lived in the neighborhood for several years. A few months ago he had an altercation with the police, during which he hurt his head. Since then he hadn't been quite right. Apparently a few months ago he tried to kill himself by drinking anti-freeze. He shot himself with a shotgun, in the middle of the street.

3. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

Donna reported. Event was successful. Had a four-person viewing/voting committee: Donna, Laura, Karen Pinga, and someone (mumbled) named Phillips. Viewed on December 18th. The Phillipses had first place last year. One cul-de-sac was very impressive. Ferndale was disappointing: only one house was decorated. A house, on another street, which is usually well-decorated, had nothing. Fernows had a nice display. Marina did a good job of making prize bags. An article about it needed for the next newsletter. Idea: have this year's winners on next year's judging committee.

4. GINGER CREEK PARK

Kiosk still in work. Materials sitting in Doug Fernow's garage. City's grant money is involved. Need to dig two holes. Utility companies agree with our choice of a site (at a corner). Hand-digging poses no problems. Discussed plastic sheets for the kiosk. If we installed it now, it would be unfinished, which would invite graffiti taggers. Difference between purchase and maintenance when it comes to grants from the City. Bill did some research on display panels and got a good sale deal on the one he liked. Bought Larry Gorg a battery for his chainsaw, which was very helpful during the project. Committee agreed to re-imburse Bill.

Ordered more wood chips. Will try to get them dumped near where the work needs to be done. Weed-spraying has been good. Bill got permission to spot-spray weed killer.

Tried to get a deal for our low water consumption. Utility manager said she might be able to cut us a deal (will follow up in a few months). If that doesn't pan out, we might be able to make a deal with a close neighbor to use his water for a fee.

5. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Laura is still working on a new brochure. Donna has been talking to neighbors about joining and mentioned some families that might be interested.

6. NEWSLETTER

When to publish the next one? Decided to have it delivered between March 25th and 30th. Articles for it must be submitted by March 15. Need articles on the holiday decorations event and the annual meeting. Laura also tries to incorporate helpful hints

concerning subjects like recycling or crime. Marina suggested an article on trash walks. How about the housing development in the woods?

7. ANNUAL MEETING

Discussed the best venue for having the meeting. Also about a speaker. What events do we have to schedule around? When is building available? Avoid the meeting date of the Tiffany Park Homeowners's Association. Pam knows about school events. Tentative date decided on: Thursday the 11th of April, during Spring Break. Marina will co-ordinate the date with Rosemary, the TPHA president.

8. OTHER DATES

Need to schedule dates for the picnic and garage sale. Nothing decided.

9. SAFETY VESTS

(This discussion grew out of Bill's mentioning the dumping of trash near Ginger Creek Park.) Marina suggested wearing TPNA T-shirts or safety vests during a trash walk. Attendees liked the vest idea. Marina might do some research. Laura is willing to help her. Bill mentioned a business on the West Valley Highway that sells work-related clothing.

10. TPNA WEBSITE

Laura reported that the webpage about TPNA standing committees is out of date. Let's discuss how to clean it up at our next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, tentatively at the Roenicke home.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Laura at 8:44 p.m.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

These minutes are a transcription of an audio recording made at the meeting by Laura Silbernagel. Laura provided the audio file to Dave Beedon in early 2015. Dave transcribed the discussion into a Word file, then converted that file into this PDF file.

Meeting minutes normally get reviewed for accuracy by the Steering Committee before being published, but in this case such review would not work. The passage of time has made it impossible for meeting attendees to remember enough to review the minutes for accuracy. So, in the interest of posterity, these minutes are being published without having been reviewed, an action approved by the Steering Committee on January 13, 2016.

*Dave Beedon
TPNA Secretary
June 20, 2016*