

Revised Minutes of the September 17, 2014 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA)
*(These minutes do not have the addendum that appeared in the earlier version,
as the addendum did not reflect what took place at the meeting)*

Meeting was held at the home of Bill Roenicke and called to order by president Donna Thorkildson at 7:12 p.m.

Attending were these steering committee members: Dave Beedon (secretary), Pam Carino, Marina Higgins, Bill Roenicke (treasurer), and Laura Silbernagel (vice president).

Absent were Renate Beedon, Ed Eixenberger, Doug Fawcett and Dave Phillips.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the revised minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting. Those minutes had been distributed for review on September 11.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to have the next meeting at 7 p.m. on November 12 at Laura's house. There will be no meeting in October.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

Bill reported on the association's finances. Checking account has \$325. Savings account has \$1297. Bill also stated that he has membership dues in cash form for a new member but lost track of who gave him the money. Donna checked the list of members to see if that would resolve the mystery, but it was to no avail.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. TPNA CHARTER AMENDMENT

Richard Thorkildson has not yet worked on creating a revision to the by-laws that incorporates the change voted on during the annual meeting in June 2014. Laura volunteered to contact Richard to get the process moving.

2. GINGER CREEK PARK

Bill said that grass-mowing was going well, moles are active in the park, and an unknown person is helping to pick up trash. Brush still needs to be thinned and roots dug up, for which a work party is scheduled for Saturday, October 11 (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Rain will postpone the work party to the following Saturday. The work needs to be done before weather turns cold: volunteerism suffers in cold weather. The recently-purchased walking sprinkler is not operating as well as hoped: it gets hung

up on uneven ground and leaks (gasket missing?).

The notion of seeking a grant for work in the park makes sense only if we can define a worthy project. No ideas were voiced.

3. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE TIFFANY PARK WOODS

(The Reserve at Tiffany Park)

Dave reported that the planning process is nearing the environmental review phase. The City's Environmental Review Committee will meet on Monday, September 22 to review the environmental issues at stake. On Friday, September 26 it will publish its decision about environmental matters, including mitigation efforts. Then follows a short period during which the public can challenge any of the ERC's findings. A hearing Examiner's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 to resolve any issues created by the public comments.

The City of Renton held a public information meeting on September 9 at Tiffany Park Elementary School. Its purpose was to explain the planning process and inform residents how they can participate in that process.

Bill mentioned the kinds of development problems experienced by residents in other areas: damage to property by the developer, flooding caused by accidental plugging of storm drains, trees cut illegally, and so on. He has compiled a list of such problems for submittal to the City to ensure that those things do not happen with the Reserve at Tiffany Park.

4. VEGETATION NEAR THE TIFFANY PARK PLAYGROUND:

Bill said that the tall grass in the area has been cut but nothing was done to the brush. The latter is the problem. Donna will get in touch with the City to get the problem resolved.

[Secretary's comment: in the previous Committee meeting, Renate agreed to write a letter to the mayor to get the City to act. In response to that letter, he got the City to respond. That response was the cutting of the grass.]

5. ANNUAL PICNIC

No report was made, as Renate was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RENTON YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTER (RYAC)

RYAC is holding a fund-raising gala event on October 4 at the Renton Senior Center. Recently some students tried unsuccessfully to enter the RYAC building. They apparently were unaware that operating hours for the building had changed to a Fall schedule. It's now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. A fight occurred at the Center today.

2. ASSOCIATION'S NEWSLETTER:

Discussed the schedule for the next newsletter. Newsletter is to be delivered starting on October 6, giving us very little time to prepare articles for inclusion.

Assignments for newsletter articles:

Picnic---Renate
Annual meeting---Dave
Woods development---Dave
Winter gardening---Laura
Robberies---Laura
Garage sale---Laura
TPNA membership drive---Marina
Christmas lights event---Donna
Cookie exchange---Donna
Thank you's---Donna.

3. WINTER ACTIVITY:

Judging of the annual Christmas lights will take place on December 22. Donna suggested having a cookie exchange event at the RYAC building. Tentative dates are either December 2 or December 9. No store-bought cookies! RYAC must approve the idea and agree to a date.

4. ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE

Dave mentioned that he has not followed up on helping Laura with getting meeting minutes posted to the website. The latest minutes there are from late 2012. Laura mentioned that she is having problems with the software she uses to manage the site. She will see what she can do about correcting the problem.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary