

**Minutes of the October 25, 2015 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**
These minutes were approved on January 13, 2016

The meeting was held at the home of Donna Thorkildson and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Donna.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary; arrived late), Pam Carino, Marina Higgins, Dave Phillips, Bill Roenicke (treasurer), Laura Silbernagel (vice president), and Donna Thorkildson (president).

Absent were Renate Beedon, Sue Dahlberg, Doug Fawcett, and Larry Gorg.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the September 9 meeting were approved. Later in the meeting, Dave Beedon asked for clarification of three items in those minutes. The minutes were then approved with the clarifications.

2. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on January 13, 2016 (Wednesday) at the Thorkildson home.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. We received a grant from the City of Renton for the purchase of bulbs for Ginger Creek Park. We are in good financial condition. Dollar details are available from Bill. In keeping with a Steering Committee decision made at the 2015 general membership meeting (held on July 30), financial details are no longer being reported in these meeting minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. COOKIE EXCHANGE

A brief discussion resulted in no decisions. The exchange is still on.

2. CRIME

The discussion included the recent big drug bust in the Cascade neighborhood, an attempt to abduct a seven-year-old girl, and break-ins. The newsletter is a good place to publish information about these incidents.

3. GARAGE SALE

Laura re-affirmed that she will not run the garage sale next year.

4. GINGER CREEK PARK

Bill led the discussion. There will be a work party at the park to spread wood chips on Saturday, November 14 (time not recorded). If the chips are not available then, or if the weather is bad, the event will move to the following Saturday (the 21st). Bill also noted that the City still has not fulfilled its promise to help us move the errant rocks back to their proper position.

5. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

Bill cut a check for Marina to buy awards for the event.

6. NEWSLETTER

In order to publish the newsletter during the week of November 9, all articles have to be submitted to Dave Beedon by November 4. Articles needed are: neighborhood history, home security, Ginger Creek Park, president's thank-yous, the cookie exchange, holiday lights contest, garage sale, traffic survey, membership form, and business advertisements. Dave will produce the newsletter file and submit it to Laura, who will get it printed. A folding-and-bagging work party will follow.

7. SAFETY VESTS

The vests serve two purposes: act as safety tools when people work near streets and advertising tools anywhere they are worn. They would be handy during work parties and trash walks.

8. SIGNS

Donna would like the Association to purchase a banner-style vinyl sign for use at the picnic, the annual general membership meeting, and the garage sale. It would be paid for by a grant from the City. Donna will investigate costs, materials, etc.

9. TRAFFIC (problems)

Lots of discussion about how to proceed with dealing with speeding vehicles and dangerous intersections. We agreed to survey residents to gauge their level of interest in traffic problems. Dave Phillips will create a simple survey form on-line. A link to the survey will appear in the newsletter. Laura mentioned that a way to motivate neighbors to get involved with traffic or other issues is to give them something free, even if it's something as modest as a pencil.

10. TRAFFIC (testimony)

Bill stated his concern about false testimony presented by City personnel at a hearing examiner's meeting. It was about the level of accidents on SE 16th Street. That testimony was one factor in the hearing examiner's decision about the Tiffany Park Reserve housing project. Bill would like to inform the City Council of the false testimony. The group agreed to support Bill's action in this regard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Donna at 8:26 p.m.

For the first half hour, Donna Thorkildson recorded minutes. Dave Beedon took over when he arrived.
Minutes were submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.