

**Minutes of the March 9, 2016 Meeting of the  
Steering Committee of the  
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**  
*These minutes were approved on July 13, 2016*

The meeting was held at the home of Donna Thorkildson and was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Donna.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary; present by teleconference), Renate Beedon (partial attendance via teleconference), Pam Carino, Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, Marina Higgins, Bill Roenicke (treasurer), and Donna Thorkildson (president).  
Absent were Dave Phillips and Laura Silbernagel (vice president)  
Guest: Bradley Blaycock of Boy Scout Troop 449, and his father, Gary Blaycock, Sr.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were conducted for the benefit of the guest.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Attendees unanimously approved the minutes of the January 13, 2016 Steering Committee meeting.

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday May 11, 2016 at the Thorkildson home.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. TPNA membership is in the high 30s. A request for a communications grant has been submitted to the City. At the time of the submittal, the money of the previous grant had not been used up. The City considers such grants "seed money." The City said that it is not critical that all the grant money be spent on communications.

#### OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. GARAGE SALE

Donna confirmed that no one has volunteered for running a garage sale, so TPNA will not have one in 2016.

2. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A brief discussion concerned the date of the next meeting and the opinion that the meeting should be held at the same time every year. Tentative dates for 2016 are May

17, 18, or 19. Donna will talk to RYAC about availability of their building at Tiffany Park and inform Committee members of what she learns. That will either confirm one of the May dates or lead to discussing another date.

### 3. GINGER CREEK PARK

Bill and Bradley led a discussion of a proposed Boy Scout Eagle project in Ginger Creek Park. After talking about the types of work that would benefit the park, the result was an agreement that the project would consist of spreading bark, improving the gravel walkway, and moving the errant rocks back to their proper positions. In addition, the project would include the construction of an arbor. The scouts will produce a proposal for the project, which includes the “arbor or library” work and present it to Donna by March 14. The TPNA will then decide on having an arbor or library and inform the scouts of the decision by March 18.

The project must be completed before Bradley turns 18, so the agreed-upon deadline for completion is April 30. If the Boy Scouts cannot cover the costs, the TPNA will contribute some money. The short period between now and the deadline precludes the scouts from staging a fund-raising event.

Apart from the Boy Scout project, Bill mentioned that he is trying to get an opinion from the City on the appropriateness of using a zinc compound to kill weeds on the gravel walkway.

### 4. NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION

This was a discussion of the nextdoor.com website. That site is a medium in which neighborhood residents can post subjects for discussion, ask questions about various topics, announce events, and tell others that they have something for sale. To do these things, TPNA must establish a “neighborhood” on the site and participants must be invited to join. Renate explained her positive experience with nextdoor.com in Maricopa, Arizona, where she and Dave are spending the winter. No decisions were made but Renate said she would provide more information. The topic can be brought up again.

### 5. NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will have articles about the following topics (authors in parentheses):

Boy Scout project (Donna)

general membership meeting (same text as last year?)

revamped history of Tiffany Park (Larry)

Holiday Lights Contest (Donna)

nextdoor.com (Renate)

Norma McQuiller recognition (Donna?)

Ponderosa Estates identity issue (Donna)

subjugation of Mankind by creatures from another galaxy (Dave)

TPNA membership (Bill)

Schedule:

all articles to Dave in electronic form by April 17

File submitted to printer by April 21

Paper newsletter distributed by April 27.

6. NORMA MCQUILLER

Norma, our neighborhood contact at the City of Renton, is retiring very soon. We should recognize her for her wonderful service. An article in the newsletter is appropriate.

7. PICNIC

The picnic is still planned, though we have to confirm Laura's willingness to run it. Donna will talk to the City about available dates and then talk to Laura to see if she can support the date. Laura will have a week to respond. We are aiming for a picnic date in July. The Committee decided that last year's joint picnic event was unsatisfactory, so there will not be a joint picnic with another neighborhood in 2016.

8. TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Sue talked about the dangerous conditions at the complex intersection at the northwestern corner of the neighborhood. Speeding and inattentive driving are major issues. She will talk to the City about warning flags or a crosswalk.

9. TRAFFIC SURVEY

Due to the absence of David Philips, a discussion of the traffic survey was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Donna at 8:48 p.m.

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

1. Boy Scouts will improve Ginger Creek Park in April.
2. No garage sale this year.
3. Picnic is tentatively planned for July.
4. General membership meeting is tentatively planned for May 17, 18, or 19.
5. Next newsletter to be distributed by April 27.
6. We need to honor Norma for her work.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.