

**Minutes of the May 11, 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 President Donna Thorkildson and was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Donna.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary), Pam Carino, Larry Gorg, David Phillips, Bill Roenicke (treasurer), Laura Silbernagel (vice president), and Donna Thorkildson (president).

Absent were Renate Beedon, Sue Dahlberg, and Marina Higgins
Guest: Richard Thorkildson

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Overlooked. No approval obtained.

2. NEXT MEETING

Committee did not discuss a next meeting. Current practice is to have meetings on the second Wednesday of alternate months. The next such date is Wednesday, July 13. The place is to be determined.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. Details are available from Bill. A notable recent financial matter was Bill's paying out of his own pocket for printing of the TPNA newsletter. He did that because the cost of printing exceeded the limit of the TPNA debit card. He paid himself back later.

Bill also reported that the Boy Scouts have not submitted any kind of bill for materials or work at Ginger Creek Park, so at this point we owe them nothing.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. ANNUAL MEETING

(To be held on June 15) Donna wondered if we should distribute membership forms before the meeting. Committee agreed that they should be distributed between June 1 and June 9 but details were not discussed.

Sandwich boards: use ten of them to advertise the meeting and set them out a week in

advance. We need to know how large the boards are so we know how large the posters on them can be. **Laura will provide the board measurements [to whom?]**. Posters are needed for both sides of every board.

Voting for Committee positions: all positions affected, present officers and write-in candidates. **Dave Beedon will create ballots.**

Committee authorized giving Marina the standard amount for purchasing refreshments.

Suggestions:

---advertise the meeting with a hot topic to get everyone's attention

---invite the new Neighborhood Program supervisor to speak briefly at the meeting (if a person has been designated to replace Norma McQuiller).

2. GARAGE SALE

No garage sale this year. No discussion.

3. GINGER CREEK PARK

During the treasurer's report, someone suggested writing an article about the Boy Scout project for publication in the Renton Reporter. **Donna agreed to write such an article. Bill volunteered photos he took of the event.** No schedule was established.

Bill said we have planted about 1000 bulbs and asked if we should plant more. The Committee authorized the spending of \$100 on bulbs to be planted in the Fall.

More wood chips might be needed in the future.

Bill asked if we should honor Dale Blair's extensive volunteer work in the park by awarding him a free TPNA membership for a year. Discussion followed. Consensus was that although doing so would be a nice gesture, it would force the Committee to determine which efforts are worthy of such recognition and which are not, a difficult task. In addition, it might have the effect of diminishing the notion of volunteer work. It was agreed that mentioning Dale's effort in the newsletter would be appropriate.

4. GRASS-CUTTING

The volunteer effort of cutting the grass in Ginger Creek Park and the homeowners park on Pierce Avenue might be in jeopardy. Richard Thorkildson said that his riding lawnmower just died and he's not sure if it is worth repairing. His son Erik, who has been cutting the grass, might not be able to continue. What do we do? Richard volunteered the use of his push lawnmower. **Dave Beedon expressed an interest in assuming Pierce Avenue cutting duty on a temporary basis** as long as someone makes a lawn mower available but emphasized that it would be very temporary.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Bill said it's time to print new membership cards, especially considering the upcoming annual meeting. We agreed on a quantity of 80. **Laura volunteered to get**

them printed. Laura suggested that recruiting new members works better if some kind of gift---even a very small one---is offered for joining. One example: a lottery ticket.

Dave Beedon mentioned that Renate has privately expressed an intention to quit the Committee.

6. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in April 2016.)

Dave Beedon explained that the last newsletter lacked advertisements because he did not have access to the computer files containing the ads when he created the newsletter in Arizona. Donna commented that distribution of the newsletter went smoother this time than it did the previous time. Someone commented that having a graphic element in the newsletter would be an improvement over its relative blandness. Dave said he would incorporate something if someone else would find a suitable graphic. **Laura volunteered to look for a graphic element.**

7. NEXTDOOR.COM

This is a website that exists for neighborhoods. The City monitors it for reports of criminal activity. It could be used to generate interest in our association.

8. PICNIC

Still no word from the City on what it will do about picnics this year. **Laura agreed to check with the City to see if we need a permit to stage the picnic ourselves in the park at Tiffany Park.** Will tables and chairs come from the City in spite of the uncertainty about the City's support? July 21 is a bad date for the picnic because Renton River Days starts the following day. A potluck approach does not guarantee enough food, so we won't do that. Food will basically be "bring enough to feed your family of four and a little bit more (for firefighters or whomever). We should have a main dish competition and a dessert competition. .Should we invite firefighters this year?---yes.

9. TRAFFIC ISSUES

Bill said that Sue Dahlberg had talked with a traffic person at the City about the dangerous corner at the top of the hill but that nothing had come of it yet.

10. WEBSITE

Bill suggested that the TPNA membership form be posted on the website. **Dave agreed to do it.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Donna at 8:39 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.

