

**Minutes of the October 12, 2016 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on December 7, 2016

The meeting was held at the home of Donna Thorkildson and was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Marina Higgins.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary), Pam Carino, Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, Marina Higgins (president), Bill Roenicke (treasurer), and Donna Thorkildson (vice president).

Absent were Kirsten Games and David Phillips

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Marina asked everyone to share something interesting about themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dave Beedon asked members to approve the minutes of two Steering Committee meetings: July 2016 and August 2016. Motion was made and seconded to approve. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as distributed.

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on December 7 (Wednesday) at the home of Sue Dahlberg. Address to follow in separate communication. Bring something to eat!

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. . Details are available from Bill.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. ACTION ITEM STATUS

Dave mentioned that in a previous meeting there was an action item to get certain neighborhood supplies from Laura, who has retired from the committee. The items were a kiosk key, doggie bag key, doggie bags, and "A-boards." Everything, including several "A boards" have been obtained. However, we might be out of small doggie bags. Bill and Marina will investigate and Bill was given authority to purchase more if needed. Bill noted that the president should have a key to the kiosk, so he will make a copy for Marina. Pam said we could store a limited number of A boards in her

storage unit in the Highlands. Marina will talk to Pam about it.

See ACTION ITEMS below.

2. WEBSITE

The website could be improved by adding a link to Nextdoor.com, a membership form, and a blurb about the 10% discount at McLendon's Hardware.

See ACTION ITEMS below.

3. CRIME

Ideas about dealing with crime: publish crime incidents; use Nextdoor.com to announce website information; add anti-crime info? have a map showing the location of burglaries such as the one at Fairwoodnews.com (though it is out of date).

4. GINGER CREEK PARK

Someone mentioned that Eileen, who lives across from the park, had expressed an interest in putting a vine on the new arbor. Attendees approved the idea.

Also see LAWN MOWING.

5. LAWN MOWING

Our lawn mowing person, Erik Thorkildson, is no longer available to perform that task. His father, Richard, might sell the lawn mower used by Erik (he might sell it to a neighbor). How to we continue? Rotate the lawn mowing duty? Ask neighbor parents if they have a teenager willing to do the work (for pay). How about a mower? Marina mentioned that her husband Bruce has a mower that he wants to sell. Advertise for hiring someone to do it? Last year the need for mowing began April. Based on an estimate that mowing Ginger Creek Park takes 60-80 minutes, we are willing to pay \$40 per mowing session.

See ACTION ITEMS below.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Bill reported that we have 43 paid members. In 2015 we had 38 and in 2014 we had 55. One thing we should do to boost membership is include the membership sign-up form in each newsletter and put it on the front page.

7. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in April 2016.)

The next newsletter should be published by November 14. Several articles are needed: president's letter, holiday lights, simpler garage sale for next year, Nextdoor.com, website, crime?, membership form, McLendon's discount for members, cleaning up after pets in the park.

Article assignments (due to Dave in electronic form by November 7)

Bill: Update on Ginger Creek Park; advantages to joining TPNA

Dave: Website and Nextdoor

Donna: Holiday Lights Contest; next year's picnic

Larry: Neighborhood history

Marina: President's letter; clean neighborhood (drains & property values)

Sue: next year's garage sale

8. VANDALISM

Larry talked about his observation of theft of, or vandalism to, street and bus signs.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Bill will make a copy of the kiosk key for Marina and will buy more small doggie bags if necessary.**
- B. **Bill and Marina will talk to the owner of the triangular property next to the park about mowing the park.**
- C. **Dave will get a business card from Dave and Patty Phillips and scan current business cards of three advertisers for inclusion in the next newsletter.**
- D. **Dave will add to the website a link to Nextdoor.com, a membership form, and a blurb about the 10% discount at McLendon's Hardware.**
- E. **Marina will talk to Pam about Pam's offer to store a limited number of "A boards" in her storage unit in the Highlands.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Marina at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.