

**Minutes of the February 8, 2017 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on April 12, 2017

The meeting was held at the home of Sue Dahlberg and was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Vice President Donna Thorkildson.

Attending: Dave Beedon (secretary; teleconference), Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, David Phillips, Bill Roenicke (treasurer), and Donna Thorkildson (vice president)
Absent: Pam Carino, Kirsten Games, Marina Higgins (president)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dave Beedon asked members to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (December 2016) of the Steering Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as distributed.

2. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the home of Donna Thorkildson.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. We now have 48 members. Bill recently performed the required annual registration with the State of Washington to ensure that the members of our association are protected from being sued. Details are available from Bill.

(Additional discussion is covered below under "MEMBERSHIP.")

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. COOKIE EXCHANGE

Donna mentioned that in the calendar year of 2016 there was not a cookie exchange because the previous one was poorly attended.

2. CRIME

The Association is aware of and concerned about the two recent incidents in the neighborhood in which shots were fired. There has been some discussion that the Association should do something about the incidents.. The Renton Police Department is investigating the incidents and prefers that we not get involved in the matter. To maintain good relations with the Police Department, we will honor the department's request.

3. GARAGE SALE

Sue suggested raising the fee for the garage sale. We still have no one to run the event. Dave Beedon repeated an earlier suggestion about the sale: “keep it simple.”

4. GINGER CREEK PARK

Bill said that he regularly sees a pattern of littering at or near the park and that it involves fast food trash.

5. HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Donna reported that three families were awarded prizes for their displays of lights. One of the families might not be a supporting member but this was not deemed a problem. Donna will forward the names to Dave for inclusion in an announcement on the website.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Dave Beedon brought up the subject of dues, wondering if we should increase them. He posed the question “Do our dirt-cheap dues contribute to a lack of respect for the Association and would raising the dues improve the situation?” Discussion followed and there was a general consensus that increasing the dues is a good idea. Bill noted that hiring someone to cut the grass in Ginger Creek Park will put a destructive strain on our existing budget and finances, which is a good reason for raising the dues. Someone suggested increasing the dues to \$10 per person. Sue mentioned that there are meaningful ways to compare our dues to everyday expenses such as lattes and pizzas. Donna said this matter should be brought up in our next meeting of the general membership (the “annual meeting”).

Part of the discussion about dues concerned getting renters involved with the TPNA. Transient residents might not be as willing to join as are permanent residents, but maybe we should encourage renters to join (pay dues) anyway. After all, they benefit from the Association’s actions.

7. NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM

Donna and Sue reported on the status of the City’s neighborhood program. A man named Drey Hicks has assumed the role formerly performed by Norma McQuiller. A neighborhood get-together (breakfast?) sponsored by the City and scheduled for last Fall was canceled. A similar event might have taken place in January (but none of us was notified).

8. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in November 2016)

Sue suggested that a way to deal with the lack of volunteers for delivering newsletters is to mail the newsletters. Due to this shortage of volunteers, Donna delivered a significant portion of the newsletters by herself in November.

9. PICNIC

We must discuss the 2017 picnic at the next meeting.

10. TRAFFIC

Sue had good news: the City is beginning to take action on the traffic issues at the complicated intersection of 116th Avenue, Edmonds Way, and SE 16th. Ron Mar of the Transportation Operations Department met with Sue (at her house!) to review her concerns. The City installed a portable radar trailer in the area and Sue noticed that it had a dramatic effect on the behavior of driver---drivers slowed down. The radar trailer can be borrowed from the City. Two green “pedestrian” signs will be installed. Later, white plastic “bumpers” (traffic buttons) will be installed on the centerlines of some of the streets in an effort to slow traffic. The signs should be installed soon, but the buttons require a spell of good weather. One thing the City is reluctant to do is install things that will create a false sense of security for pedestrians. The City has hired a consulting firm to study traffic patterns on 116th. It’s important to call 911 about hazardous driving

11. TRASH

Republic Services has just taken over collection of trash and recyclables from Waste Management and already it has been noticed that the design of Republic’s trash collection trucks allows papers to be blown onto the ground when bins are dumped into a truck. Republic has asked that any problems be reported. Billing for trash collection will be quarterly, not monthly.

12. VESTS

Larry asked if he could borrow two of the TPNA’s safety vests for an event he is attending. We agreed that he could do so.

13. WOODS (Reserve at Tiffany park)

Dave reported that as far as he knew, the only thing that has happened in the last few months is that surveyors re-staked some areas last summer and that either before or after that work,he found numerous survey stakes standing in a neat row at the “fort,” obviously having been removed from the places in which they had been installed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Donna at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.