

**Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Meeting of the  
Steering Committee of the  
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

*These minutes were approved on May 24, 2017*

The meeting was held at the home of Donna Thorkildson and was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Donna.

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

Absent: Kirsten Games, Marina Higgins (president)

Guest: Beth Asher

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

##### 1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Donna asked members to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (February, 2017) of the Steering Committee. Dave believed that there had been no suggestions for changes after he distributed a revised version of the minutes. 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, May 17 at the home of Marina Higgins. The primary subject of the meeting will be the neighborhood picnic (see PICNIC below).

##### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. The City has awarded the TPNA a communications grant. Bill applied for it on the last date allowed by delivering it in person at City Hall. Apparently the City's schedule for accepting grant applications was not well publicized. Details of our finances are available from Bill.

#### OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

##### 1. CRIME

Larry reported that neighbor Daniel Goldman had informed him of two things: the victim of the shootings had moved out of the neighborhood and a known sex offender is back in the area.

##### 2. GINGER CREEK PARK

None of the 1000 or so bulbs planted last year have appeared. Are animals eating them?

The gravel path needs to be sprayed for weeds.

Elaine, who lives close to the park, has been emptying the wastebasket for dog poop. Her neighbor Dale has helped.

The park continues to be the victim of careless drivers who accidentally drive into the park, damaging the park and moving heavy rocks. Every incident should be reported on an incident report, which can be filed on-line. The more reports the City gets about such actions, the more it listens. Larry submitted a report about the latest incident.

The grass in the park has been mowed by volunteer labor for the past ten years. Those who have volunteered cannot do so any more. The grass is growing and needs to be cut. Bill has asked for quotes from three persons for cutting the grass. One person quoted \$100 per trip to cut the grass. Dave Beedon mentioned that the expense of hiring a commercial entity to cut the grass might put a strain on our finances and suggested that it's time to raise our dues.

### 3. PICNIC

Beth Asher, representing the Renton Youth Advocacy Center (RYAC), said that her group is willing to help support our neighborhood picnic. RYAC can provide food, buns, condiments, and grills, and do the cooking. Our tentative date and time for the picnic is Saturday, July 29 at 5 p.m. A back-up date is July 22. Location is as always, the park in Tiffany Park.

We need tables and chairs. The City can provide them---on a trailer. We need to reserve the trailer far in advance and pick up the trailer ourselves. Donna will see if we can get the trailer on July 29 or July 22. Beth has a vehicle with a trailer hitch and will make it available to pick up the trailer. We would like 10 tables and 40 chairs.

We will apply for a picnic grant from the City. This must be submitted eight weeks ahead of the picnic date, which would be by May 22 or May 29. The application goes to the City's Neighborhood Co-ordinator. We did not assign this to anyone.

Advertising: TPNA newsletter (distribution date to be determined at the May 17 meeting), TPNA website, Nextdoor.com, and the "I Love Renton" website (Beth will handle the last item).

The picnic is to be the main subject of the next meeting of the Steering Committee (May 17).

### 4. WOODS (housing development known as "the Reserve at Tiffany Park")

Bill reported seeing numerous rat traps in the woods.

Claudia Donnelly has been helping out by asking the City to obtain certain permits required for construction to proceed (we wonder if the City had planned to proceed without the permits).

Dave has heard that construction might begin as early as late April or early May.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Donna at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.