

**Minutes of the May 24, 2017 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**
These minutes were approved on July 12, 2017

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

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. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of April 12, 2017 was made, then seconded. 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 July 12, 2017 (Wednesday) at the home of Sue Dahlberg.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Bill reported on the City's neighborhood meeting that he attended recently. Subjects covered were traffic issues (the main topic), population density, the Highlands library, the need for technical training in schools, disturbances in Kent caused by the horns of trains, and Internet service. Drey Hicks, who took over the position vacated by Norma McQuiller, was there.

2. DUES

Dave brought up the matter of increasing the dues. There are two reasons for raising the dues: provide us with more flexibility in paying for services (lawn-mowing, mailing of newsletters, etc.) and giving the Association more credibility. With dues as slow as they are, people might not take us seriously. Current dues are \$5 per year for

most and \$2.50 per year for seniors (ridiculously low). Someone proposed dues of \$10/\$5, then \$12/\$6 was mentioned as easy to compute the monthly cost. Members voted to raise the dues to \$12/\$6. This will have to be announced in the newsletter.

3. GARAGE SALE

It was noted that people involved with Nextdoor.com, mainly Peggy Lew, are managing this year's garage sale. Dates of the sale are June 16-18. It will be much simpler than the sales we have staged over the years. Our association is not involved in any way with it but we wish Peggy and all who participate best wishes.

4. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 2017 meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 18 at 5 p.m. at the park in Tiffany Park. There was concern that the RYAC building would not be available because it might be closed for the summer. Donna phoned Beth Asher, who works with RYAC. Beth told her that it will be possible to have access to the building. We just have to arrange in advance to have someone unlock it if necessary.

One thing we will do at the meeting is vote for officers. See MEMBERSHIP about Donna's need to take a break.

5. GINGER CREEK PARK

Bill explained that the landscaping boulders that were pushed into the grassy area are still there. People at City Hall seemed interested in doing something about it but so far there has been no follow-up by the City. Someone suggested that we ask the Boy Scouts to move the rocks, as rock-moving was a favorite activity during the park upgrade last year. Donna texted the scout leader about this idea but there was no reply during the meeting. Darren Hanson, who has been mowing the grass recently, would like some help.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Donna, citing a need to take a break, stated that she will step down as vice president in July, and probably leave the Steering Committee. In light of the fact that we are already short of committee members, we might have to let the position of vice president go unfilled.

Kirsten Games, who joined the committee at the 2016 annual meeting (held in June), attended only one committee meeting (July 2016) and it has been difficult or impossible to get in touch with her. It is perplexing. In line with the bylaws, she is not eligible to remain on the committee. All members present concurred with the decision to remove her from the Steering Committee immediately.

7. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in November, 2016)

Dave noted that we have a serious problem getting people to deliver the newsletters. The alternative is to mail them, which costs money (see DUES). The next one needs to be delivered by the end of June so it can announce the general membership meeting and the picnic. To do this, all articles must get to Dave in electronic format by June 9. We estimate printing will take up to three business days. Article assignments are:

A. garage sale (Dave)

- B. general membership meeting (Dave)
- C. Ginger Creek Park (Bill)
- D. picnic (Donna)
- E. thank-yous to Ginger Creek Park volunteers (Bill)
- F. president's letter (Marina)
- G. woods status (Dave)

8. PICNIC

- A. The date of the picnic is Saturday, July 29, starting at 5 p.m. Set-up starts at 3:30 p.m.
- B. Donna confirmed that the City cannot give us the tables-and-chairs trailer because it is already reserved for every weekend except for Renton River Days. Where do we get chairs? St. Anthony's School is getting new banquet tables, so maybe we could borrow or buy or get as a gift its old tables. Pam said we can store them in her storage unit. Can Beth Asher help? If she can't, Donna will ask her pastor about tables.
- C. Laura Silbernagel has about 35 chairs and she would be willing to lend them to us.
- D. Ascribe a "social enrichment" function to the picnic to make it eligible for a grant from the City? Movie night would be impractical. Chili cook-off? Decision was made that the function would be collecting school supplies.
- E. Picnic is a potluck, We will supply potato salad, macaroni salad, and cake. We estimate 300 persons will attend.

9. TRAFFIC

The discussion centered around the traffic problems associated with development of the former School District woods.

10. WOODS DEVELOPMENT

Bill mentioned that he had received a letter from a construction company about the status of the development. It describes the schedule of activity. This letter was news to some of the members. Bill agreed to provide a copy to anyone interested.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Marina at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.