

**Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Meeting of the  
Steering Committee of the  
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**  
*These minutes were approved on November 8, 2017*

The meeting was held at the home of Dave Beedon and was called to order at 7:10 p.m. p.m. by President Marina Higgins.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary), Reid Heimbeck, Marina Higgins (president), Lynda Reed, and Bill Roenicke (treasurer).

Absent were Pam Carino (vice president), Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, and David Phillips

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

##### 1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

At issue were the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of July 2017 and the general membership (“annual”) meeting of July 2017. Dave noted that no one suggested changes to the latter and that only one minor change was requested for (and incorporated in) the former. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes of both meetings.

##### 2. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on November 8 (Wednesday) at the home of Bill Roenicke.

##### 3. TREASURER’S REPORT

- A. Bill reported on the state of the Association’s finances. As of July 19, we had 48 supporting (paid) members.
- B. Bill submitted to Drey Hicks at the City of Renton a “bill” for picnic-related expenses. This Association incurred only a modest expense for the picnic.
- C. He requested approval of the purchase of a small trash can for Ginger Creek Park: the goal is to eliminate the placing of trash in the container for dog waste. Eileen Strecker, who voluntarily empties the dog waste container, asked Bill to obtain a trash can. Members were unanimous in approving the purchase of a trash can.

#### OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

##### 1. COMMUNICATION

Dave mentioned that he revised a page on the TPNA website to explain the transition from formal scheduled litter walks to announcements of informal litter pick-up efforts one weekend per month. Marina requested that we not lose sight of the litter pick-up activity she is performing.

Reid suggested another way to announce clean-up weekends was by the use of sandwich boards (“A boards”).

Someone asked if the Association has an e-mail address. It doesn’t, but it would be easy to establish one. No action was taken.

## 2. GINGER CREEK PARK

Bill has sprayed the morning glory vines with Roundup: it’s working. He bought a soaker hose for the park. (There is a City water outlet at the park.)

## 3. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Some construction trucks are entering and leaving the neighborhood via SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, which is dangerous.

## 4. NEIGHBORHOOD VISION

Marina has strong feelings about creating a greater sense of community among residents of the neighborhood. Her thoughts generated a lengthy discussion of ways to improve the area.

Everyone needs help with something, so the Association should promote an attitude of helping people.

Communication, especially the face-to-face kind, is important. Interaction with others can minimize feelings of isolation. She has met many nice neighbors performing informal litter walks and knocking on doors.

Informing residents of ways to improve the neighborhood is something we can do. To that end, distributing the City’s code compliance brochure to all residents would help and certainly should precede any effort to take any action on code-related issues.

**Marina** intends to distribute the brochure with the next newsletter. **Lynda** and **Reid** agreed to help with the distribution.

Welcoming new residents could take the form of providing a “welcome packet” containing helpful information about the neighborhood.

One way to encourage neighborly involvement is to designate a street representative for each street. Those representatives would act as focal points for issues concerning each street.

Reid suggested that sharing of phone numbers among immediate neighbors is one way to look out for one’s neighbors and thus foster greater community.

Attending city council meetings might be a way to make the City more aware of our neighborhood. **Reid** agreed to document the schedule for meetings and inform Committee members. That information can be added to our website.

## 5. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in November 2016.)

We are aiming for the next newsletter publication to be in November. Articles should be ready for review at the November 8 meeting of the Steering Committee.

Assignments for article development are:

A. President’s letter (**Marina**)

B. Ginger Creek Park (**Bill**)

- C. Holiday lights contest (**Dave**)
- D. Status of housing development (**Bill**)
- E. Vision for a better community (**Reid**)
- F. Website (**Dave**)

6. THANK-YOU CARD FOR DONNA

Marina passed around a thank-you card for Donna so members could sign it. She wants to honor Donna for her long-term service to the Association. She will also give Donna a gift card.

7. TRAFFIC

In the latter part of August the City of Renton installed some traffic-calming devices at the three-street intersection that has been the site of dangerous driving. The streets are 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and Edmonds Way SE. Pavement buttons and flexible plastic posts act to narrow parts of the intersection, forcing motorists to take more care in approaching and passing through the intersection. Let's hope the measures have the desired effect. Thanks to Sue Dahlberg for pursuing this issue with the City!

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Marina at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.