

**Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**
These minutes were approved on January 10, 2018

The meeting was held at the home of Bill Roenicke and was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Marina Higgins.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary), Pam Carino (vice president), Larry Gorg, Reid Heimbeck, Marina Higgins (president), Lynda Reed, and Bill Roenicke (treasurer).
Absent were Sue Dahlberg and David Phillips.
Guest: Donna Thorkildson (former member)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of September 12, 2017 were approved by unanimous vote.

2. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on January 10, 2018 (Wednesday) at the home of Reid Heimbeck.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. AGENDA

At the start of the meeting, a review of the agenda resulted in the addition of a couple of items.

2. CODE COMPLIANCE

This is a big issue for the neighborhood and the Association. A brief discussion of the subject resulted in Marina's saying that she would call the City about obtaining code compliance pamphlets for distribution with the next newsletter..

Pam suggested we publish a code compliance message concerning vehicles that are inoperable or unlicensed. Marina thought that the information was important but that it was better to use such a specific statement after more generic information is provided to residents. Marina wants Pam to run the statement by the City's code compliance staff to get the City's blessing on the wording. Pam agreed to do it.

3. COMMITTEE SERVICE

To recognize the effort of the Steering Committee, Dave read off the names of the 31 persons who have served on the Committee over the years. Marina suggested that we could bolster the Committee by inviting former members to return

Dave paid tribute to Marina, who has served on the Committee since the birth of the Association. He also read the dates when the present members joined the Committee. Pam responded that Dave had her starting date (October 2007) wrong and Dave explained that he based the dates on when a person's name first appears in meeting minutes.

4. GINGER CREEK PARK

Larry said that someone, probably a commuter, is parking a car at the park and riding the bus to work. He has been talking to Drey Hicks at the City about it. Drey was to talk to the Police Department about it. Questions were raised: Is the car parking on the street or on the property of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)? Does that matter? Is it legal in both instances? Is this an issue we need to address? Does the presence of the car impede any uses of the park? Assuming that the car is parking on SPU property, and if we want to do anything about the problem, we first need to see what SPU says about this use of its property.

5. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

Donna graciously agreed to be the focal point for this year's contest. She admitted to being lazy in the past about documenting the event, so Pam, who agreed to help out, will report on the outcome of the event. Donna and Pam will perform the decorations evaluation on Sunday, December 17.

6. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ("Allura")

- A. Bill reported that it appears that the developer's contractors are using city streets to travel from one property entrance to the other, probably to avoid driving in the mud caused by recent rain.
- B. Utility work on SE 18th Street---necessary to accommodate a larger storm drain--ran into a problem: construction people found something in the ground that wasn't on the official city documentation. It got resolved. Work on SE 18th is not complete.
- C. The storm water retention vault, located just west of the end of SE 18th Street, is huge---perhaps the size of a football field and 14 feet deep. It will have a concrete lid, upon which a park of sorts will be built.
- D. Work seems to be a month behind schedule.
- E. Someone surmised that the house prices will be in the \$700,000 range. Some parcels might be treated as "view" properties and sell for even more.
- F. Bill noted the existence of concrete retaining walls.

7. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in June 2017.)

Marina wanted feedback on her draft president's letter so she read it. The general response was that it would work better if significantly shorter. That resulted in a discussion of how to do that and get feedback on the shorter version. The final decision was for Marina to send it to Dave, who would edit it and show her the result.

It would appear in a draft version of the newsletter for everyone to read before it is published.

We agreed to a schedule for producing the next newsletter:

- A. November 7.....Deadline for submitting articles to Dave.
- B. November 19.....Dave makes draft newsletter available for proofing.
- C. November 20-23... Members proof the draft, sending suggested changes to Dave.
- D. November 24-26....Dave incorporates changes and delivers electronic file to Bill.
- E. November 27.....Bill takes file to the printer.
- F. November 29.....Bill picks up printed newsletters.
- G. November 29-30....Members stuff newsletters into envelopes or bags.
- H. December 1-6.....Members distribute newsletters.

8. NEXTDOOR.COM

Larry distributed a color copy of an on-line map of our neighborhood produced by the Nextdoor website. It depicts every parcel in a color that denotes its status. Pink means “not a member of Nextdoor.com”; green means “a member”; yellow means something else (not mentioned). It could be used to focus our attempts at signing more people up with Nextdoor.com or our Association.

9. THANK YOU

Donna thanked everyone for the good-bye card we gave her upon her retirement from the Committee in July this year.

10. ACTIONS FOR MEMBERS

- A. Marina will send Dave her president’s letter
- B. Dave will edit it and return it to her.
- C. Pam will get the City’s OK on the wording of her code compliance statement.
- D. Reid will research the schedule of the City Council.
- E. Donna will run the Holiday Lights event.
- F. Pam will help with the event and report on the event’s outcome.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Marina at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, secretary.