

**Minutes of the January 10, 2018 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on March 14, 2018

The meeting was held at the home of Reid Heimbeck and was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Marina Higgins.

Attending: Dave Beedon (secretary; teleconference), Pam Carino (vice president), Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, Reid Heimbeck, Marina Higgins (president), Lynda Reed, and Bill Roenicke (treasurer).

Absent: David Phillips

Guest: Kathy Kotila

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Marina asked everyone to introduce themselves to Kathy.

2. AGENDA

A brief review of the agenda resulted in the addition of one or two items.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dave said that he had received no suggestions for changes to the minutes of the November meeting, so members approved the minutes that had been distributed.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on March 14, 2018 (Wednesday) at the home of Sue Dahlberg.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finance, including the money (\$291) spent on the November newsletter. He recently renewed the non-profit registration with the State of Washington at a cost of \$10. We have 58 supporting member; last year we had about 80s. Details are available from Bill.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Reid apologized for being delinquent in fulfilling his action item about documenting the schedule for City Council meetings and promised to work on it.

2. CODE VIOLATIONS

Kathy talked about a house whose owner is renting out rooms, a clear violation of the single-family codes for houses in the neighborhood. People come and go. Police cars have been seen at the property on occasion. The main point of the discussion that followed is that we have to work with the City to remedy the situation. Sue described a similar situation that she knew about.

3. GINGER CREEK PARK

Larry reported on the status of commuter parking. The commuter is again parking on the shoulder of the road in front of the park. Larry plans to call the City of Seattle tomorrow (January 11) to see what its opinion is of such use of the property. Sue mentioned that the area being used is not a park-and-ride lot and parking there is hindering access to the park. Dave noted that the matter of jurisdiction over the property is an issue (City of Renton street versus City of Seattle pipeline property).

4. HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Pam reported on the outcome of the contest, naming the winners. The first-place and second-place winners are next to each other, suggesting that they were competing against each other. In addition, one house that is just outside our neighborhood was worthy of recognition. It would be nice to acknowledge all the non-winners in our neighborhood and the notable house outside our neighborhood: perhaps a thank-you letter would be appropriate. Maybe we could do this next year.

5. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Someone asked if the Allura development is within the area of our neighborhood. The answer is “yes.” It was mentioned that the project is four months behind schedule and that the property is largely a mud hole.

6. LITTER PICK-UP

Marina said that monthly announcements about litter pick-up are important. Dave acknowledged that he forgot to post an announcement for January. The next one is due just before the first weekend in February.

7. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in November 2017.)

Lynda mentioned that she delivered many newsletters in the rain. Dave brought up the topic of advertising. There used to be rules for advertising in the newsletter but lately we have ignored the rules. Having some guidelines for advertising would be good. Making non-members of the neighborhood pay more than members makes sense. More discussion is needed.

8. NEIGHBORHOOD PROMOTION

How should we promote the neighborhood? These ideas were voiced:

- A. Schedule a clean-up of the “shortcut” sidewalk.
- B. Attend the City’s neighborhood grant workshop on January 18. It takes place at the Renton Community Center.
- C. Have a neighborhood junk collection (perhaps just after the garage sale; rent a trash container).

No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Marina at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.