

**Minutes of the March 14, 2018 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on April 18, 2018

The meeting was held at the home of Sue Dahlberg and was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Marina Higgins.

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

Absent: Reid Heimbeck, David Phillips,

Guest: Carrie Nass (City of Renton)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Marina introduced Carrie Nass of the City of Renton.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dave noted that no one had suggested any changes to the minutes of the previous (January 2018) meeting of the Steering Committee and asked that they be approved. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as distributed.

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 at the home of Marina Higgins.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. He briefly described how he pays for things. He said that a woman with a fence problem might join the association. The City has new web pages that identify meeting schedules.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. ACTION ITEMS

- Marina will write a letter to the mayor about the blowing trash problem with Republic Services.
- Pam and Lynda will manage this year's picnic.
- Carrie Nass of the City will inform us when the City's movie equipment is available, which will affect when we can stage the picnic.
- Dave will draft new wording for a suggested change in the officer term limit part of the bylaws.
- Dave will post a blurb on Nextdoor.com about joining the Association.

- Dave will post a blurb on the website and Nextdoor.com about theft on the housing development property.
- Dave will post on the website a link to the new City web page concerning the agreement between the City and Republic Services about bulk trash collection.

2. ANNUAL MEETING

No date set. We need permission from RYAC to use the recreation building. Donna Thorkildson is our contact for gaining permission. Also see BYLAWS.

3. BYLAWS

Dave noted that the three-year limit for officer positions is hampering our ability to function properly and suggested replacing the requirement with suggested term limits for officers. He will draft wording for altering the bylaws. This matter will have to be approved by the general membership at the annual meeting.

4. CITY EVENT

Cari noted that the City is sponsoring an Arbor Earth Day event.

5. CODE VIOLATIONS

Some homeowners are treating their homes as boarding houses. Two streets are affected. Having too many persons in a given house leads to problems such as parking in yards or hogging the streets. We need the City's help in dealing with this problem, and the City needs to be more aggressive in responding to it.

6. CRIME

Housing development work is behind schedule in part due to theft of equipment worth tens of thousands of dollars. Locks and fences have been cut. Equipment has been taken from a locked tool shed. Copper tubing is missing. See ACTION ITEMS.

7. GARAGE SALE

We will request a mini-grant from the City to support the garage sale, which this year will involve some form of neighborhood clean-up (details not discussed). We need someone to manage the event.

8. GARBAGE COLLECTION

Sue has been talking to Republic Services about the problem of trash being blown around by the wind. The space between the moving trash bucket and the truck's trash bin is big enough to allow the wind to blow some away. In some places, crows are feasting on garbage that is exposed (bin lids not closed). Also see ACTION ITEMS.

9. GINGER CREEK PARK

Larry found out that the City of Seattle (owner of the pipeline right-of-way) has jurisdiction over the land that the commuter parking offender is using as a parking lot. Larry is working with the City to see if signs can be installed to deal with the problem. The City has approved our request to fill in low spots in the park.

10. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ("Allura at Tiffany Park")

The project is still a few months behind schedule. The winter mud problem is pretty much over. Construction of new streets and final paving of SE 18th Street will start around mid-April. The former will take a few months. Also see CRIME.

11. MEMBERSHIP

There was a brief discussion about the idea of creating and distributing a “new neighbor” packet. It could contain useful information about the Association and its website, Nextdoor.com, and a copy of the most recent TPNA newsletter. No other action was taken. Also see ACTION ITEMS.

12. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in November 2017.

A discussion of advertising rules was put off to the time when we get ready to publish the next newsletter (by mid-May 2018).

13. NEXTDOOR.COM

See ACTION ITEMS.

14. PICNIC

Will it be in July or August? Best time is when people are available to attend. Much discussion about having a movie at the picnic. This means that the picnic will start and end later than usual. Showing a movie requires equipment from the City. Cari Nass of the City will inform us when the equipment is available.

Pam and Lynda volunteered to manage the event.

15. WEBSITE

See ACTION ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Marina at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.