

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

These minutes were approved on December 6, 2018

The meeting was held at the home of Sue Dahlberg and was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by President Reid Heimbeck.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary), Sue Dahlberg, Reid Heimbeck (president), and Bill Roenicke (treasurer).

Absent were Pam Carino (vice president), Larry Gorg, Darrin Hanson, Marina Higgins (former president), and Samantha Hillyer.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. QUORUM

With only four committee members present, there was a brief discussion about whether we had a quorum for the meeting. The decision was that we had enough attendees to take care of the business at hand, especially considering that it was imperative to plan for the next newsletter.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

A brief review of the agenda yielded a deletion of old subjects.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dave mentioned that no one had suggested changes to the August minutes, so everyone voted to approve them.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Reid Heimbeck's house at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. We gained two new members yesterday and now have 42 paid (supporting) members. The City has not yet reimbursed us for the expenses of the clean-up event (refreshments, dumping fee, etc.). Reid will ask Marina if she paid Ken back for the dumping fee he incurred.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. ADVERTISING

Reid mentioned that he has some ideas to drive more readership to our website or to our NextDoor page. There followed a discussion about using banners or A-Boards on

the street to alert neighbors to a new newsletter or event. There was no resolution formed for a plan of action.

2. CLEAN-UP EVENT

Reid thanked everyone for his or her participation in the clean-up, starting with Bill, who planned it. Bill noted that evergreen needles had already covered part of the sidewalk we had cleaned. Next year we should consider holding the event a few weeks later to catch those late needles.

Dave read aloud the event report he had posted on the web site and Nextdoor.com so we would have an official record of the event. He added a few things not included in the original report. This is the wording

“On September 15 we conducted a clean-up of the sidewalk corridor that runs between Lake Youngs Way and Index Avenue. Nine persons showed up to remove or trim weedy bushes, cut berry vines, pull weeds and grass, trim some over head branches, gather trash, and sweep/blow the sidewalk when all was done. Work started at 10 a.m. and lasted until 11:30. The overcast sky threatened to rain but never followed through. Loppers, rakes, and brooms got a good workout. Gloves were valuable for handling berry vines.

All the "yard waste" was put in the four yard waste bins that were transported to the site, one of which was wheeled down the street by hand (the others came on a trailer). Some were filled twice, yielding about nine loads. Then the bins were emptied into a light-duty dump truck (brought by Ken Schug) for disposal at a recycling facility. This was a change from the plan to rent a yard waste container from Republic Services (no containers were available. Refreshments were provided. One dog barked; another dog licked someone's hand. Yellow safety vests identifying the neighborhood association were worn by some participants.

The work was done by Reid Heimbeck (transported bins on a trailer), Pam Carino, Marina Higgins (brought refreshments), Larry Gorg, Dave Beedon, Darrin Hanson (provided the leaf blower), Ken Schug (provided the truck), Jodi Collins (walked a recycling bin down the street), and Dennis Anderson.

Another planned aspect of the event was painting a neighbor's drab-looking fence. That was canceled due to lack of approval by the City of Renton (it benefits an individual's asset rather than a neighborhood asset.).

The good turn-out of hearty volunteers made the event a success.

3. CODE COMPLIANCE

The issue of “boarding houses” is still a concern, but we need clarification from the City of Renton about the codes concerning single-family residences.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP[

Dave brought up the issue of Lynda Reed's resignation from the committee so we would have a record of it. She left the August meeting early without saying anything and later said in an e-mail message that she was resigning. We were curious about her

rationale but agreed that we would not seek an explanation out of respect for her privacy.

5. CRIME

During a brief discussion about marijuana grow houses someone mentioned that the police want to be informed of any such houses. Use the non-emergency phone number to report such things.

6. EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Pam is storing tables used in the picnic (and perhaps other stuff). She needs to downsize her storage arrangement, so we have to find another place to store the Association's materials. No one present offered space for it, so we decided to donate it to whomever wants it. Dave will talk to Beth Asher of Renton Youth Activity Center (RYAC) to see if that organization could use the tables. Reid said he will check with Marina for her input to this, but otherwise we would look into getting a truck to take these items to a charity or the dump.

Reid again asked if anyone wanted any of the emergency preparedness gear he has in his garage. He wants to get rid of it but no one expressed a desire to get any of it. The gear had been stored for years in a shed on the Rivera-Quesenberry property but the owners moved out. This gear was created as part of an Eagle Scout project for the Tiffany Park Homeowners Association.

7. GINGER CREEK PARK

Someone sprayed something on some of the grass, which killed it. How should we rejuvenate it? Replanting grass seed would be a mistake because it would not fare well in the thin soil atop a rocky surface. In addition, the soon-to-come frosts would damage the seed. Clover would work better. Reid will research the availability of clover seed.

We need to again thank Dale Blair and Darrin Hanson for their volunteer work at the park. The newsletter is a place to do this.

8. HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Reid suggested that one way to raise awareness of the event is to use our sandwich boards ("A boards"). There was no discussion about who would be this year's judges, nor was date was set for the judges to examine the displays of lights.

9. NEWSLETTER

(The last one was published in June 2018.)

We are planning to produce the next newsletter in November. This was a key reason for having this meeting. The newsletter will announce the annual Holiday Lights Contest taking place in December. Most of the newsletter's content will be standard articles but one new item will be a brief explanation about the operation of the traffic cameras at the intersection of Puget Drive and Talbot Road.

Dave distributed a draft diagram of the newsletter production process. Members adjusted the flow times to fit a tentative date of November 15 for completion of distribution of the paper newsletter. All articles and advertising must be made available to the newsletter editor by October 29 but preferably earlier.

If we ever stop producing a paper newsletter due to lack of readership, we could keep the on-line version and use a banner at Ginger Creek Park to announce its publication.

10. TREE TRIMMING

Dave brought up the need for trimming some low-hanging maple branches above a section of sidewalk along Pierce Avenue. It is the sidewalk across Pierce from Reid's cul-de-sac and next to a piece of "wild land," possibly part of the City's natural area that covers most of the steep slope here. Dave will talk to the City to determine who is responsible. If the City is not responsible, Dave and Reid might take care of the branches on their own.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Reid at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.