

**Minutes of the May 22, 2019 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on July 10, 2019

The meeting was held at the home of Bill Roenicke and was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Reid Heimbeck.

Attending: Dave Beedon (secretary; teleconference), Pam Carino (vice president), Larry Gorg, Darrin Hanson, Reid Heimbeck (president), Marina Higgins (previous president), and Bill Roenicke (treasurer).

Absent: Sue Dahlberg, Samantha Hillyer

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. QUORUM

Reid stated that we had a quorum.

Secretary's note: "Quorum" is defined here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quorum>.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The proposed agenda, provided by Reid, was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Reid read aloud the minutes he composed at the March meeting. There was unanimous approval of the minutes as presented by Reid. Reid agreed to forward the minutes to Dave for publication on the TPNA website.

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Dave asked that the minutes of the January meeting be approved formally, in case that had not been done at the March meeting. He mentioned that no one had suggested any changes to the January minutes. Members then voted to approve the minutes as distributed.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on July 17, 2019 (Wednesday) at the home of Dave Beedon.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances, mentioning that the City finally re-imbursed us for the December newsletter and the cost of the clean-up of the connector sidewalk near Tiffany Park Elementary School. Details are available from Bill.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the general membership was to have been held on June 5, but must be re-scheduled to allow time for advance notification. It will be held in September on a date to be determined.

2. CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM ON THE WEB

Dave mentioned some shortcomings of the City's website concerning its neighborhood program: the program page is difficult to find, the program does not have a map showing the neighborhoods, and it does not list the names of contact persons for every neighborhood. No decisions were made about this.

3. CITY'S PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS PLAN

Dave mentioned that he received an e-mail message from the City announcing an open house for public comment about updating the City's plan for parks, recreation, and natural areas. He mentioned it because one of the City's natural areas borders several Pierce Avenue properties. The open house is on June 4 downtown. Dave promised to forward the e-mail message to Committee members.

4. CONDOLENCE CARD

Reid is not going to pursue getting a condolence card for former Committee president Laura Silbernagel, whose husband Gary died in April. Laura has not been seen recently.

5. FOUL ODOR

A foul odor has been noticed in the area. It seems to be related to the turning over of compost at a facility in valley of the Cedar River. The proposed asphalt plant will probably contribute to this issue. Is there a means for reporting concerns about air quality?

6. GARAGE SALE

To be held June 21-23. (*Secretary's note: Method not discussed, so it's assumed to be run the same way as last year's sale, with some advertising changes.*) Can be advertised on our website, on Nextdoor.com (Melissa can put it in her schedule of events), on sandwich boards two weeks in advance, on the big banner we have (to be placed by Reid and Marina), and in a newspaper. Brief discussion of the merits of staging it the same time as the sale of another neighborhood: mixed opinions. Marina and Reid will announce a work party to prepare advertising materials.

7. GINGER CREEK PARK

- Bill reported. Planned repair of the plexiglass on the kiosk is delayed because the vendor that was to do the work has moved out of the neighborhood and is no longer available to do the work.
- Dale Blair has been doing maintenance work in the park.
- Bill asked the City what to do about emptying the garbage bin but has not received a response. Dale and Eileen (close-by neighbors) have been putting the garbage in their personal containers but it's more than they can handle.
- Weeding is needed. More wood chips are needed.

- Reid agreed to buy clover seed for rejuvenating the dead clover.
- Bill and Larry will organize a work party for the park.
- Reid also agreed to produce an information sheet/hello greeting to be posted on the kiosk.

8. LITTER CLEAN-UP BLURBS

Dave said he would soon resume publishing reminders about picking up litter in the neighborhood.

9. MCLENDON'S DISCOUNT

There have been instances in which a TPNA member has not been given the discount at McLendon's because the person's name was not on file with the business. This is probably due to a confusion about the association. If a TPNA member tells a cashier "Tiffany Park," the cashier might look in the listing for the homeowners association by mistake. Be sure to say "Tiffany Park *Neighborhood* Association when requesting a discount. Bill confirmed that he keeps McLendon's up-to-date about our membership.

10. MEMBERSHIP

Reid said he will resign his position of president at the annual meeting. His workload is too heavy to allow him to continue. He will remain on the Committee. There was no discussion about his replacement.

11. MOVIE NIGHT ("Renton Night Out")

The City will be showing the movie "Incredibles 2" at the park in Tiffany Park on August 16. The TPNA might use the occasion to promote the Association.
Do not confuse this with "National Night Out," an event taking place on August 6.

12. NEWSLETTER

Should we print one or just distribute electronically? Not sure how effective the printed version is (some people unaware of it). Will print an abbreviated version and distribute it by June 7. All materials to be included to be given to Dave by May 27 at the latest, as he will be unavailable to work on it starting May 29 (moving back to Renton). Newsletter subjects: air quality, garage sale, Ginger Creek Park work party, movie night. Dave will forward the newsletter PDF file to Darrin for printing. Distribution of the newsletter was not discussed.

13. PICNIC

No one has volunteered to run the picnic, so there won't be one this year.

14. RENTAL PROPERTIES

Bill talked about the number of house near SE 18th Street that are being rented and wondered whether such renting is being promoted by ads saying "We want to buy your house" or similar phrases. Is Airbnb contributing to this? How many rental houses are in our neighborhood?

15. SAFETY IN HOUSING AREA

Bill reported a safety issue in the Allura housing area. Two manhole covers atop the stormwater retention vault are not locked but should be. If someone opens a cover and falls in, there is no way to get out. Kids could get into mischief and hurt someone.

He has reported this to the City. The City has told the contractor that the contractor is responsible for fixing this problem promptly.

16. WELCOME CARDS

Welcome cards will be given to new residents. Marina agreed to get some.

17. WEBSITE BACK-UP

Darrin volunteered to be the back-up webmaster. Reid expressed an interest in helping too. Dave will act on this after returning to Renton in early June.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Reid at about 8:20 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.