Minutes of the July 10, 2019 Meeting of the Steering Committee of the

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington

These minutes were approved on September 11, 2019

The meeting was held at the home of Dave Beedon and was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Reid Heimbeck.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary), Pam Carino (vice president), Sue Dahlberg, Larry Gorg, Reid Heimbeck, Marina Higgins (former president), Samantha Hillyer, and Bill Roenicke (treasurer).

Absent: Darrin Hanson

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

After Dave said that there were no suggested changes to the minutes of the May meeting, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

2. NEXT MEETING

Through an oversight, the next meeting of the Steering Committee was not scheduled.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. The City gave the Association grants for producing the newsletter and for cleaning the "path." We have 30 paid members. Darrin, who arranged to have the June 2019 newsletter printed, has not yet submitted a request for re-imbursement. Details are available from Bill.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. ANNUAL MEETING

- A. It takes place a week from today. Reid is working on getting people from the City to speak about police matters and code compliance.
- B. How can we make the sandwich boards more effective?
- C. Tell attendees what we do: planning and staging events every year, maintain Ginger Creek Park, and publish a newsletter, maintain a website.
- D. Ask neighbors what they want for the neighborhood.

2. CODE COMPLIANCE

The website and nNextdoor.com should inform people how to report code violations using the City's on-line reporting form.

3. GARAGE SALE

The sale was advertised in the newsletter, on the TPNA website, and in Nextdoor.com. Based on casual observation by one or two Committee members, there was very little participation this year: perhaps four houses total (out of 500). The writing on the boards was difficult to read when passing in a vehicle. At least one sandwich board was vandalized (bungee cords were stolen).

4. GINGER CREEK PARK

- A. Bill reported that Darrin has agreed to keep mowing the grass. Dale Blair has done a great job of keeping the park maintained. We should reward him in some manner, but how? Members authorized the purchase of a \$50 coffee shop gift card and a one year supporting membership for Dale.
- B. The kiosk needs to be repaired: a roof panel came off in the wind. Dave agreed to help Bill fix it on Friday (day after tomorrow). Reid will be available if needed.
- C. A continuing problem is getting rid of the dog poop that accumulates in the basket in the park. Dale Blair has been putting it in his trash but his container is now too small to handle it. How can we fix this?
 - 1) We prefer to relieve Dale of this burden, but we should see if he agrees continue dealing with it if he got a larger trash bin and we paid the difference in the size-based fee? 2) Reid and marina will talk to the mowing person to be hired by the Tiffany Park Homeowners Association to see if he would be willing to make it part of his mowing duties.
 - 3) Reid agreed to discuss the matter of disposal with Drey Hicks of the City.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- A. There is apathy among residents. Committee people are burned out. It's difficult to recruit new blood---how do we get new members? Could we continue with a lesser list of activities and goals? What if we have to fold as an association?
- B. Reid said we need to have positive ideas to work with, as complaining alone doesn't solve anything. Fun activities could motivate people to participate. Try to visualize what we want for the neighborhood.
- C. Samantha: If we are to greet new residents with "welcome cards," how do we know who's new?" Marina tracks that through title databases and will provide the information so we can send welcome notes to the new residents.

6. MOVIE NIGHT

To help boost participation, let's have an ice cream social before the movie. Hand out ice cream sandwiches. Sign up new supporting members. We'll need two or three tables. Decide on what to get a few days before the event (bad weather could cancel). Reid is the focal point for the ice cream social.

7. SAFETY

Someone noted that residents have set up a portable basketball hoop in the road curve of Index Avenue at the top of the sidewalk corridor. It's a safety hazard.

8. SIDEWALK CORRIDOR

Bill mentioned that the sidewalk needs cleaning again. Are the abutting residents responsible for taking care of it? We know that those residents won't do it. It might be the City's responsibility. Reid will talk to the City about it.

9. WEBSITE

Dave mentioned that he has taken no action to talk to Darrin about training to be the back-up webmaster.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Reid at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.