

**Minutes of the November 6, 2019 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on January 8, 2020

The meeting was held at the home of Cynthia Garlough and was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Reid Heimbeck.

Attending were Dave Beedon (secretary), Cynthia Garlough, Larry Gorg, Darrin Hanson, Reid Heimbeck (co-president), Samantha Hillyer, and Bill Roenicke (treasurer)

Absent were Cherelle Bertch, Sue Dahlberg, Charles Dorra, Marina Higgins (co-president), and LaTonya Rogers

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dave mentioned that he had received only one correction to the minutes of the September Steering Committee meeting and that the correction would be incorporated as soon as he learns the last name of someone mentioned in that meeting. Bill agreed to provide the last name. The minutes were approved.

2. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the home of Reid Heimbeck.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances. The City has paid twice for the previous newsletter. Cynthia will be meeting with City people tomorrow and has agreed to ask how to resolve this matter. As soon as the September meeting minutes are posted he can tell the bank of the change in names on our bank accounts. Cynthia added that we're still waiting for the City to re-imburse us for some of our movie night expenses.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. GINGER CREEK PARK

Reid is still working on getting the City to empty the trash can. One of the table benches is broken (weak concrete?). Regarding maintenance, can we get high school students to volunteer in the Spring? Bill said he gave Dale Blair the gift card we discussed in the previous meeting. Dale appreciated the gesture.

2. HALLOWEEN EVENT

Cynthia and Reid reported on the Halloween event that we staged on October 31. It was a roaring success. About 200 persons attended. 45 persons completed the survey that was handed out to adults, a very good response rate. One person joined as supporting member by using the Venmo tool. Kids had a good time. Reid praised Cynthia and LaTonya for all the work they did to make the event a success. Cynthia said that much of the event could not have taken place without the help of Elena Rodriguez, an AmeriCorps person assigned to the City, and because of that we need to honor her in some way. How to do that is unknown because of AmeriCorps's ethical standards. We approved a \$50 limit on a gift if the ethical rules allow for it. Fourteen high school volunteers were a great help too. Cynthia will create a report on the event (and for the movie night event) for publication on the website and Nextdoor.com.

3. HOLIDAY LIGHTS EVENT

We agreed to run it in the same manner as we did last year. Let's do 130 houses rather than 100. Reid is available to support the event until December 14. He needs help with the production or acquisition of materials; Darrin agreed to help with that. To distribute the materials in a timely fashion, all materials should be ready to go by December 7.

4. NEW EVENTS?

What's next? Should we create new events? Ideas identified: a December holiday event (apart from the lights event), something for Valentine's day, something in the Spring, a haunted house at Halloween (Samantha had one that was a success), something with pink flamingoes. Keep it simple. Also mentioned: a clothing drive (Cynthia will look into that). Nothing was decided.

5. NEWSLETTER

Changes are planned. Let's publish a normal newsletter only once a year and also publish numerous smaller "news items" [secretary's wording] in between. Justification: people read short articles more readily than long ones. And we agreed that the difficulty of producing and distributing a paper version of the newsletter is not worth the effort, so we will no longer do that. A few names for the news items were voiced but none was agreed on. There will be no newsletter between now and the January Steering Committee meeting. Maybe we'll produce a newsletter after that.

How we publish the news items needs more discussion. Having a consistent process is important. Consistency would be helped by having a TPNA account on Nextdoor.com. Darrin will investigate that possibility.

6. NUISANCE HOUSE

Dave mentioned reading on Nextdoor.com about a nuisance house on Glenwood Avenue. Cynthia related the success she had in working with the City to curtail such stuff, something she mentioned on Nextdoor in response to the nuisance posting. The City must handle such problems; the TPNA cannot do it.

7. SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

The sidewalk connecting Index Avenue and Lake Youngs Way (some people call it a “breezeway”) is in need of cleaning! Should we schedule a work party? Whose responsibility is to maintain that sidewalk? In an attempt to get the City to get involved, let’s take pictures of the messy area and send them to the City as complaints. We did not get around to getting someone to monitor such effort.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Reid at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.