

**Minutes of the January 8, 2020 Meeting of the
Steering Committee of the
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

These minutes were approved on March 4, 2020

The meeting was held at the home of Reid Heimbeck and was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Reid.

Attending: Dave Beedon (secretary; present via telephone), Cynthia Garlough, Larry Gorg, Darrin Hanson, Reid Heimbeck (president), Bill Roenicke (treasurer), LaTonya Rogers.

Absent: Sue Dahlberg, Charles Dorra, Marina Higgins (co-president), Samantha Hillyer

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

A few items were added for discussion.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dave Beedon said he had received corrections to minutes of the November 2019 meeting from Bill and Cynthia and had incorporated them in the draft. He asked members to approve the minutes. Members approved them.

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the home of Bill Roenicke.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill reported on the state of the Association's finances but mentioned that it is an interim report because the bank has not released the latest statement about our accounts. Details are available from Bill.

The matter of a double payment by the City for a TPNA newsletter has been resolved. At the City's request, Cynthia delivered to the City a check covering the second payment.

The change of names associated with the Association's bank accounts has been completed: Donna Thorkildson's name has been superseded by that of Reid Heimbeck.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. CODE COMPLIANCE

The house at the top of the sidewalk corridor, occupied by renters, is an eyesore. It would be a good idea for someone to submit a photo to the City about it. This is the same house associated with some trash by the street.

Other trash problems exist, such as a toilet and a couch on or near the street. LaTonya suggested that talking to the offenders to find out why they are dumping stuff on the street might be the best first step. She agreed to do that soon and Reid agreed to accompany her and perhaps even pick up the items. Weather permitting, they will do it this coming weekend (January 11) or the next one.

2. GINGER CREEK PARK

We still need a process for emptying the trash bin. Cynthia has been talking to the City about having the City (perhaps the Parks Department) do it. The City will not deal with the matter until its “Family First” project in the Cascade neighborhood is complete. In the meantime, Reid agreed to empty the bin at least once.

3. HALLOWEEN SURVEY

Darrin presented a summary of the City-requested survey that was taken at the Halloween event. He will distribute it to Committee members for their feedback. When that is digested, Cynthia will present the data to the City.

4. HOLIDAY LIGHTS EVENT

The 2019 event was not discussed.

5. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Dave asked if there was any news about Allura. Someone mentioned that there had been a pit bull attack there but no details were presented. That evolved into a discussion about the flooding of basements on SE 18th Street and the suspicion that the interruption of natural drainage in the housing development had something to do with it. Recent rain has contributed to the problem. Bill noted that there is a huge storm-water retention vault in the development to handle water drainage.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Cynthia said that Ladoska Burton expressed an interest in helping the Association.

7. NEWS ITEMS

(“News items” is an interim name for the brief articles that we have approved for supplementing newsletters.)

Dave mentioned that we need to develop a process for creation and distribution of such articles so we can maintain control of what we publish.

8. NEWSLETTER

Not discussed.

9. NEXTDOOR.COM

Renate Beedon mentioned over the phone that Nextdoor has a concept called groups that might act as private message forums for a neighborhood. She will investigate and report back to the Committee. Dave said it might help the “news item” concept we have been discussing.

10. PIERCE AVENUE PARK

Trash needs to be picked up in the TPHA common area on Pierce Avenue. Reid said he would do it in conjunction with his trash action at Ginger Creek Park.

11. RECOGNITION

Members signed a thank-you card to be given to Elena Rodriguez of AmeriCorps (assigned to the City of Renton) for her support of the Halloween event staged at the park in Tiffany Park.

Reid praised LaTonya for her help in making the Halloween event a big success.

12. SIDEWALK CORRIDOR

It needs to be cleaned, even if that only involves sweeping it. We might sweep it, but nothing definite was agreed upon. At its upper end there is trash on the parking strip or the street.

13. TRAFFIC

Some drivers are taking the curve on Index Avenue (at the top of the sidewalk corridor) too fast. This has resulted in damage to parked cars. It's also a safety issue. How can we get drivers to slow down?

14. WEBSITE

Darrin said he had some ideas for enhancing the site. He and Dave will discuss them after Dave returns from Arizona in May.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.