

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

These minutes were approved on August 19, 2020

Because of state-wide restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19, the meeting was held as a video conference using Zoom software. Cynthia Garlough hosted the meeting. It was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Reid Heimbeck.

Participating: Dave Beedon (secretary), Cynthia Garlough, Larry Gorg, Darrin Hanson, Reid Heimbeck (co-president), Marina Higgins (co-president), Samantha Hillyer, and Bill Roenicke (treasurer).

Absent: Sue Dahlberg, Charles Dorra, LaTonya Rogers.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. QUORUM

Members decided that there were enough participants to constitute a quorum.

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Two or three items were added.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Reid mentioned that we needed to approve the minutes of the previous Steering Committee meeting (May 6, 2020). Members approved the minutes.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The meeting will be held as a video conference using Zoom. Its main topic will be planning for the annual meeting.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill stated the Association's finances and noted that we have 42 supporting members. Details are available from Bill.

OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. ALLURA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Cynthia said that talking to the City about a welcoming for Allura residents has not happened and has been a low priority. The COVID-19 situation is a factor. No progress has been made. It is almost impossible to get in touch with City employees or to get responses from them. The matter is tabled for now.

2. ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. It will be held outdoors to allow for social distancing. Location: probably the park in Tiffany Park. Cynthia has tried in vain to get a response from the City about using the recreation building in the park but has agreed to redouble her efforts. We should get the City's approval or at least inform the City of the event. Talk to Cindy Morris at the City. Attendees should bring a folding chair. We will try to get a person from the Renton Police Department to speak. Maybe another person too (King County discussing COVID-19?). Heavy rain will cancel it but light rain won't. Details to be discussed in the August Steering Committee meeting.

3. ASSOCIATION'S FUTURE

Burn-out is a problem for the Committee. How do we respond to the fact that three of the Committee's officers want to have their duties taken over by others? Reid said he will definitely not be a president or co-president for the next term. Bill wants to offload the treasurer's job and has for a few years. Dave would like to offload the secretary's job. Do we cut back on the activities we sponsor and the work we do ("sleep mode")? Two things must continue to be done: maintain Ginger Creek Park and clean the Index-Lake-Youngs-Way sidewalk. Highly doubtful that we can get the City to take over Ginger Creek Park, considering that it has been a battle to get it to empty the yard waste container there.

What can be accomplished with the pandemic affecting everything? It's difficult to get the City to respond to any inquiries---it's so bad that employees often don't answer their phones. The increasing presence of rental houses adds to apathy among neighbors. How do we recruit more members?

4. GINGER CREEK PARK

Bill said that the park is in excellent condition due to the efforts of Dale Blair, who seems to treat maintenance of the park as his personal project. We need to honor him with more than a Starbucks gift card. Can we get the City to recognize him? The park is an important asset for the community.

5. MEETING ATTENDANCE

At the start of the meeting it was noted that some Committee members are hardly participating, if at all. Reid thought that Sue Dahlberg had resigned but Dave said he had not heard anything about it. If people don't participate, why are they on the Committee? No action taken.

6. TAX FORM

Bill said that the tax issue for our association, mentioned in previous meeting minutes, concerned the regular form that we must submit to the Internal Revenue Service every year. There was confusion about this when it first came up from the City (related to the way we were re-imbursed for expenditures), but everything has been cleared up and the issue is moot.

7. TRAFFIC

Samantha mentioned speeding on Lake Youngs Way. What can be done about it? Post signs? Install a curbside radar trailer? No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Reid at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, Secretary.