

Victory Heights Community Council
Meeting Minutes June 16, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Victor Hernandez at 7:04 PM. Eleven people present.

Debbie Goetz from the city's Office of Emergency Management was the speaker. She did a presentation about SNAP (Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) and handed out flyers and some handy gadgets including a keychain whistle, and a miniature wind-up light. An automated Alert Seattle system is coming in August <http://alert.seattle.gov/> If you sign up, you will automatically receive texts/voice mails/email notifications whenever there is an emergency alert. The roll-out will coincide with the Neighborhood Night Out on August 4th. She outlined how the HUB system was set up (our nearest is at the Fred Meyer parking lot in Lake City, assuming you don't want to climb to the water tower at the top of Maple Leaf). These HUBS can establish radio contact with the authorities to share information, although in the case of a catastrophic earthquake, we will probably be on our own for several days before emergency services will reach us. After an earthquake you should turn off your water (to prevent contamination) and turn on your radio. Only shut off your gas if you smell a leak, otherwise, once it's off it stays off until Puget Sound Energy can come to your house and turn it back on. \$1000 SPARKS grants are available from the city to help set up a neighborhood resource HUB and Debbie gave out a sample budget that was used by a site in Broadview to demonstrate what they purchased. A flyer produced by the Phinney Hub described what sort of tasks a neighborhood HUB could perform. She recommended watching a YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Wvs8oNzPwI>) called Mapping Your Neighborhood to create a list of resources locally.

The Parks Department finally fixed the fence along the edge of Victory Heights Park over the weekend. Hooray!

Brad Cummings summarized the recent North District Council meeting. The Lake City Farmer's Market opened on Thursday to glorious weather. There continue to be high bacteria levels in Thornton Creek (warning signs have been posted). And the school district is trying to deal with a shortage of buildings for rising levels of student numbers in the city.

Ann Forrest updated her progress on the Neighborhood Night Out. She did acquire three new yard signs (donated from the farmer's market) which we will attempt to convert to dry erase boards to be used like the four we already own. She passed around a sample flyer that will be distributed after the next meeting to every household in Victory Heights. She wants to have a welcome table, a table to promote emergency planning, and one for the blog/Next Door/community council. Kate suggested having people write their street name on their name badges so people can identify their neighbors.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21st, again in the park. Flyer packets for the NNO will be distributed there, so we want a good turnout from the neighborhood to help out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council