

Victory Heights Community Council
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by treasurer Brad Cummings. Twelve people in attendance. Several new families have moved into the neighborhood and were at their first meeting.

The new Little Free Library on NE 105th Street was paid for by the CleanScapes Award and registered with LittleFreeLibrary.org. It costs \$42.25 to register a library with them, get a little plaque, and be added their map. Nobody was much interested in spending over 80 dollars just to register our old ones from 2013. People will find them.

There will be an Easter Egg hunt held in Victory Heights Park at 11 AM on Easter, Sunday March 27th. A flyer posted online says bring some eggs to the park and hide them prior to 11 AM. The kids will arrive at 11 and begin searching for eggs. Each child should find only the same number eggs that their parents brought and hid (although it doesn't have to be the SAME eggs).

A neighbor reported a break-in at her house earlier that day, a burglar entered through an open window while the house was empty and although surprised by her son's arrival, stole money and jewelry from her bedroom and got away before police could arrive.

A short discussion was held about locking mailboxes. They are a very good idea. Everyone is responsible for the platform their mailbox is on, if it's deteriorates, someone needs to repair or replace it. If there are number of boxes using it, they need to be kept in the same order, that's the way the post office sorts the mail and they dislike change.

Small and large grants are now taking applications from the city. Eileen Canola of the 23rd Avenue NE traffic island fame, would like to create a pedestrian path along the north side of NE 104th Way from 23rd Avenue NE down to the bus stop at Lake City Way. The city owns the right-of-way but it's currently covered by plants and other obstructions. It doesn't have to be a sidewalk, just a shoulder of some sort to make it safe for pedestrians to go up and down the street.

The link light rail station at Husky Stadium opens on Saturday. A week later on the 26th a number of bus routes are being dropped or modified that serve our neighborhood. The 72 is eliminated completely. The 372 will run more often but only goes to the UW. The 73/373 will not run on Sundays at all on 15th Avenue NE. There won't be direct bus service to and from downtown from our neighborhood except for commuter buses. Get used to the light rail, it's the future.

Brad updated us about the North District Council meeting on March 2nd where our city council representative, Deborah Juarez spoke. She has opened an office at North Seattle College that she will be at on Fridays, the rest of the time her aide Sabrina will be there. Juarez has three priorities she is focusing on right now: 1) the new police station that will be built at NE 130th Street & Aurora Ave to replace the one north of the college; 2) the Northgate pedestrian/bike bridge over I-5 to connect with

the coming light rail station; 3) getting a stop at NE 130th added to the light rail line as it heads north towards Lynnwood.

There are plans to do some sort of family May Day event in the park, either on May 1st itself, or the day before. More details will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting is April 19th, meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council