

Victory Heights Community Council
Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ann Forrest. Fifteen people present.

Vice-President Monica announced that Sunday, December 18th will be Caroling Night in Victory Heights, starting at 5 PM. She'd like people to sign up beforehand as carolers and if you want them to hit your house that evening. The plan is to meet at the co-op preschool at the park and then fan out, perhaps in groups if there are enough people. Rain or shine! Write to: VictoryHeights.Seattle@gmail.com

The Victory Heights survey is still going on, please let the community council know what you want.

January is National Blood Donor Month. Ann is hoping to have a mobile bloodmobile show up if enough people (at least 25) sign up plus 3 volunteers.

Brad told us about the final regularly scheduled meeting of the North District Council, now that the mayor has yanked their funding. Adding to their ignominy was none of the NDC's recommendations for grant suggestions were approved by the city. The future of the NDC is uncertain. They are going to skip December and try to find a new venue to meet in January. Meanwhile, the city council is holding a hearing about replacing the Lake City Community Center.

At the North Precinct Advisory Council meeting it was announced the North Precinct is splitting into two precincts, one on each side of I-5 (to be known as Northwest and Northeast). For the time being they will both work out of the old station on Meridian; the proposed new precinct on Aurora is on hold, plus now they will need to eventually build one somewhere in northeast Seattle. In other news, they recommend recording the serial numbers of your bikes (found if you turn them upside down). This facilitates returning them if they are ever stolen. The precinct is also participating in a sock drive.

The Lake City Neighborhood Alliance is roaring along and currently they are setting their top 5 goals for 2017. We could use volunteers to help attend LCNA or NPAC meetings so Ann doesn't have to do it all herself.

Good news about the proposed emergency HUB in Victory Heights Park: it's been funded! The city will be buying supplies in December and everything should be delivered to us (including the storage box) by the end of the year for installation in the park next to the tennis court. Another tabletop exercise practice session will be Saturday, November 19th at the Northgate Library. The one last Saturday had 8 attendees and a number of procedures and labels were refined. We need to find a ham radio operator, and eventually buy a radio for the box.

Ann demonstrated what you should do in the event of an earthquake: no longer should you stand in a door, the accepted procedure now is to get on all fours, put your hands behind your head to protect your neck, and if possible get under a table *and hold on*.

Brad talked about the proposal to collect dues. The general feeling is we don't really need them, and we should prove our value to the community before we start holding our hand out. The reason to have them is help people feel they are "buying into" the community council and are part of it.

The park playground equipment renovation is wildly behind the schedule first announced last year. Bids are going out this winter with construction scheduled to start in April 2017.

Idriss Mosque is having a potluck on Saturday the 19th at 5 PM. Attendees at their summer BBQ said it was a great event and highly recommended it.

Puget Sound Energy will be installing a gas main up 19th Avenue NE between NE 107th St. and Northgate Way for three days beginning November 28th.

Ryan talked about drivers chronically running the red light on Lake City Way at the bottom of 24th Avenue NE (the rebuilt intersection). Hopefully the police will start enforcing this more.

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 20th at 7 PM. The focus will be "Crime Prevention & Response" and will feature speakers from the Seattle Police Department. It will occur during Gluten-free Baking Week, so bring a sample of your favorite gluten-free baked good along with the recipe.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM. It was raining very heavily.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council