

VICTORY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Ann Forrest at 7:02 PM. Twelve people in attendance.

Eric Grove from the Northgate branch of the Seattle Public Library did a presentation about offerings at the library. "Always looking for volunteers" system-wide he said. High school students can get service hours. The Homework Helper program, entirely volunteer run, is very successful and helps students from K-12. Branches offer computer and job skill classes, you can learn how to use pads, Adobe products, etc. They have a "Your Next Skill" program, and you can use your card to take online courses for free on Lynda.com (a great value!). "Your Next Five Books" will give you a personal recommendation on what you should read based on your tastes and is very popular, "A victim of our own success." "Seattle Reads" chooses a book and then you can meet the author. Eric said, "We're always open to suggestions" for new ideas.

Post cards to promote the community council have been printed up, the preschool paid half the cost. On Saturday the 25th, high school students volunteers will spread out across the neighborhood and distribute the post cards in plastic bags to keep them dry. The preschool is hosting a Book Fair on April 22nd from 10 AM – 2 PM for kids. May Day will be celebrated inside the school (rain or shine!) on April 30th between 10 AM – 1 PM.

Ann wants to buy two "Welcome to Victory Heights" signs from the city (at \$500 apiece) to be paid for with a matching grant using volunteer hours (one hour of volunteering equals \$20, and we only have to match half, hence 25 hours will be enough). The plan is to beautify the traffic circles in Victory Heights and then hold a contest for the prettiest one at the end of the summer. Volunteers are needed.

The Lake City Neighborhood Alliance did not meet this month.

The North Precinct Advisory Council featured the "Crisis Intervention Team," who follow up *after* a crisis situation (suicide, mental health, overdoses, etc) to help people out. Seattle has the oldest Crisis Hotline in the United States. The crime stats this year so far are down from 2016.

There was a work party to organize the supplies for the emergency preparedness HUB we will eventually set up in the park (after the remodel this summer). We're still waiting on the actual box, and we'd like to find someone with ham radio experience.

The next meeting is April 18th where the guest speaker will be someone from the Northgate Transit Oriented Development organization about property development going in around the new light rail station at Northgate. (Google "Northgate TOD" for more information).

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council