

Minutes of Victory Heights Community Council Meeting  
June 20, 2017

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Monica Harris at 7:02 PM. Eleven people attending.

Bronwen Carpenter, the Senior Landscape Architect at Seattle Parks, updated us on the Victory Heights Park playground renovation project. There was good news and bad news. The good news was Parks will open up the tennis courts during hours when construction is not occurring. This was a fait accompli in any case, as people were sneaking in there to play anyway. But now it's officially okay, although any balls that go over the fence into the construction zone must be considered lost—don't jump the fence! The bad news is "There are a couple of delays." The first is the contractor got pulled back to finish a job at Highland Park. The second is the 2016 stormwater code has changed and they need to re-evaluate how this affects the park. Seattle Public Utilities will be doing hydro tests this week and that will determine what the new timeline is. Once work recommences the plan is to finish the playground first and get that opened, and then work on the field. Bronwen guesstimated a 6-8 week delay to the project with possibly an October finish?

We heard from the Friends of Sacajawea Playground Project who want to get a grant to build a play area at the school aimed at kids 2-12 and with special needs. To that end they want to apply for a \$5000 SPARKS grant this autumn and use that to help fund the design. They need volunteers to match hours (similar to what we've done in Victory Heights for our grant). The first thing they need is a website with a shorter link.

The Spring Clean Up is "in the works," however Jason the organizer has been busy. It will now be a "Summer Clean Up."

Your Voice, Your Choice voting continues to choose which projects will get funded in District 5. There's nothing in Victory Heights but in Pinehurst they would like to improve the intersection near Hazel Wolf Elementary at NE 117<sup>th</sup> and Pinehurst Way. Vote at: <https://pbstanford.org/seattle> Deadline is June 30th.

The grant that Victory Heights recently secured is fully funded. The original sponsor dropped out but another one stepped in. We have the money.

At the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting this month it was announced that the community center there has been run for all this time by the North Seattle Chamber of Commerce (and not the Parks Department) and that the Chamber is going to quit doing so by the end of this year. The LCNA is looking for someone else to take over (Parks won't touch it). Ideally the LCNA would like to get funding to completely gut and rebuild the community center to bring it up to the standard of the ones in Meadowbrook and Northgate, but that seems a longshot at the moment. Councilwoman Juarez has not been as engaged in this project as some would prefer.

The North District Council met and heard from Sound Transit about the Link Light Rail station going in at Northgate. It's scheduled to open in 2021.

At the North Precinct Advisory Council they heard about various crime stats going up (assaults) while others are going down (property crime). You can make an anonymous tip to the police using a new app called P3tips.com.

The National Neighborhood Night out is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Individual blocks can register with Ann Forrest if they want.

Meanwhile, the Victory Heights Ice Cream Social will be on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> next to the park.

The VHCC board will be meeting next week. A meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> will be for local block leaders. There are Disaster Drill practices on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and an actual drill on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

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