

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Ann Forrest. Sixteen people attending.

Marc Hoffman, the coordinator at the Northgate Community Center since March, came and spoke. Starting in 2019 they'll be using the co-op preschool building in Victory Heights Park during the summer for various youth programs. On Friday, June 29th from 5-8 PM the Community Center will be hosting the Northgate Community Festival featuring free food, music, a Kendo demonstration, carnival games, and more. They have arranged with the PacMed Medical Center next door to get a mural painted to brighten up the blank white wall which currently faces the community center. They need to raise some money to pay the consultant to the project. Summer Day Camps are running through the summer. They'll have a pancake breakfast on December 15th. Marc says, "Don't be a stranger to our center."

Tracy Cramer, a Clean City Inspector for Seattle Public Utilities gave a presentation about Sharps Disposal Education (that is, getting rid of found needles). The city will remove needles found on the public right-of-way that are reported within 24 hours, but they cannot pick up needles that are on private property. You have to do that yourself, hence this course. By the way, it's illegal to dispose of needles in the garbage in Seattle. Drop boxes are located throughout the city, though the closest one to Victory Heights is at 1500 N. 105th St in Mineral Springs Park west of I-5. There's also one behind the post office in the U District. The community council has extra sharp disposal kits that Tracy donated to us, if you need one.

This month's meeting of the North Precinct Advisory Council announced the addition of 12 to 24 Community Service Officers, civilians who will provide diversionary services as well as handling domestic violence cases and low-level crime. The Mayor has revived talk of splitting the North Precinct (the city's largest) into two parts.

The Lake City Neighborhood Alliance will be hosting another "Live From District 5" event with councilperson Debora Juarez on June 30th at Hubbard Homestead Park just north of the Target at Northgate. Meet and ask questions of your representative or stream it online.

The Victory Heights yard sale held on June 16th included 17 families selling their wares, 11 from their own yards, and six set up next to the park with the street blocked off. We need to advertise on Craig's List next time to get the word out.

Park Construction: the path has been paved. Yea! But we won't be able to use the grass until next year while it is reseeded. Boo! Everything else is supposed to be done by September, but we shall see.

Join Alert Seattle: <http://alert.seattle.gov> You can customize this official city emergency notification system to alert you for specific events on whatever device or method you want.

Voting is now open for Your Voice, Your Choice on funding projects around the city. This includes an improvement on NE 104th Street between 23rd Avenue NE and Lake City Way NE. After we made a proposal, the city studied it and came up with this alternative:

<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Neighborhoods/ParticipatoryBudgeting/5F.%2018-540,%20NE%20104th%20Way%20btw%20Lake%20City%20Way%20NE%20and%2023rd%20Ave%20NE.pdf> Apparently 104th is too steep and narrow to put in a proper sidewalk the entire length, so something shorter will have to suffice. Everyone in the city can vote online: <https://pbstanford.org/seattle> Select “District 5” then click “Vote Now” and then verify your phone number, so be ready. (Strategic voting tip: Although you can vote for up to three projects, don’t give votes to competing projects. Just use one vote and use it on Project 5F, the NE 104th Way project.)

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, July 17th: Annual potluck/ice cream social next to the park on NE 106th Street, 6-8 PM
- Tuesday, July 24th: Meeting for block leaders both current and potential. 7-8 PM in the school.
- August 2nd: Neighborhood Night Out. Organize your own event on your block.
- No August Community Council meeting
- Saturday, September 15th: Urban Survival Skills demos around the park
- Tuesday, September 18th: Community Council Meeting

We’re looking into replacing the wooden fence on the east side of the park.

Might hold a Tallest Try In Victory Heights Contest (we need help)

West Seattle has a successful “Timebank” program where you barter services, we could try something here if volunteers would help organize.

The Lake City Farmer’s Market is every Thursday this summer from 3-7 PM. The Lake City library is currently closed for renovations but the book mobile will be present!

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
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