

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Ardith Lupton at 7:07 PM. Fourteen people in attendance.

The two year terms for board members and officers expire as of this meeting (after an election originally held in January 2013), hence it was necessary to hold elections for board members and officers this evening. Ardith had prepared a slate of candidates for the board which included Pat Sargeant, Eileen Canola, Kate Waterous, Heidi Smeller, Sharon Haggery and Ardi Lupton (Monica declined a position). No one was willing to run for President, but Ryan Johnson agreed to stay on as Secretary and Brad Cummings as Treasurer. After some persuasion, Victor Hernandez volunteered to be Vice-President. The slate was proposed for a vote, seconded, and passed unanimously. Ardith agreed to remain as President until she can find a suitable replacement.

Old Business: Brad gave a budget report for the finances in 2014. We started with \$3,439.63 and ended with 3,381.08 for the year. The only expense was materials for the two Little Free Libraries. The Neighborhood Night Out made enough in contributions to pay for itself. At this rate, the council will stay solvent for approximately another 56 years.

New Business: Pat reported on the nuisance property in the 2000 block of NE 105th Street. Although owned and occupied by a resident who often attends meetings, various tenants have moved in along with an alleged drug trade operating out of the house now. After calls to 911 when unanswered, a call was initiated with the Seattle Department of Planning to help the owner evict problem tenants. In addition, the City Attorney's office has gotten involved. A neighbor across the street videotaped a burglar on his security system and was featured on an item on KIRO TV on January 15th. Fortunately, the neighborhood was identified as "Lake City."

Brad didn't have much to report from this month's North District Council meeting other than the city is currently accepting applications for matching block grants.

The Lake City Improvement Project will be getting underway now that 35th Avenue NE at Meadowbrook has finally been reopened. Already there is an election speed sign on Lake City Way at NE 90th.

Sharon summarized the work of the Emergency Planning Committee which she and Keith will continue to run.

Erin thanked Monica for organizing the caroling last month, despite the intense rain.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson, Secretary Victory Heights Community Council