

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2014

Vice President Sharon Haggerty called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Ten people in attendance (board members Justin Almeida, Ardith Lupton, Brad Cummings and Heidi Smeller were not able to make the meeting this month).

The deadline to submit applications for the CleanScapes award is April 15, 2014. Even though everyone liked the greenway idea on NE 104th Way, the expense makes it prohibitive. Instead we focused on cheaper proposals. Seven ideas were discussed and it was decided to submit these on behalf of the Community Council. They were:

- “Welcome to Victory Heights” signs, four in total. Cost: about \$200
- Redesign and upgrade the kiosk reader board in the park. Cost: \$500
- Build a covered structure at the park by the drinking fountain. Cost: \$20,000
- Install a solar-powered light for the kiosk. Cost: \$300
- Add recycling bins to the park. Cost: \$100
- Add more benches to the park. Cost: \$2000.
- Install two pooper scooper bag dispensers in the park. Cost: \$100

In addition, an email would be sent to Annie Fanning to encourage her to submit her proposal for installing boulders in Kingfisher Natural Area (per her presentation last month). We support her, but we aren't going to do the proposal ourselves.

Ryan Johnson is going to write up these proposals with input from other board members, hopefully each one can be “adopted” by a different board member so they don't all end up having Ryan's name on them.

During the discussion it was revealed that Victory Heights used to have shirts that were emblazoned with a raccoon, the symbol for our neighborhood. It was suggested it would be great to revive the shirts and sell them at the Neighborhood Night Out this year.

The Neighborhood Night Out will be on August 5th. Heidi asked that we table discussion until next month when she can attend the meeting. The general consensus is to do the same thing we did last year with small tweaks. Kate Waterous suggested having a table at the event to get people to sign up to do graffiti-removal parties afterwards.

Old Business: We weren't able to get an update from Justin about the grant for the Little Free Libraries.

Susan Causin attended the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting recently. On April 5th, the city is sponsoring a “Neighborhood Summit” to fulfill a campaign promised by Mayor Murray. The response has been more than what was originally expected for the event which will be held at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall starting at 9 AM. Find out more here: <http://seattle.gov/sns2014>. And the Lake City Farmers Market, as we've been hearing from Brad from the NDC meetings, is on life support and really

needs people to come out this year or it's over. It's still three months from opening and Ryan promised promotion would happen on the blog when the time is right.

New Business: Keith Dekker said the Little Free Library on NE 106th Street had been emptied of books recently. Bob restocked it, but we are going to keep an eye on it to see if it happens again. Ryan noticed that the Library on 23th Avenue NE was down to 5 books after having nearly a dozen just two weeks ago. The situation will be monitored to see if any action needs to be taken.

Keith would also like to take on doing oversight on the park's notice board kiosk which sometimes gets cluttered with advertisements and out-of-date notices. Sharon thought a mix of 70% community-oriented activities using the space versus 30% advertising sounded about right.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson, Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council