

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2018

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

Carrie Avila-Mooney of Sound Transit gave her very first solo presentation and talked about the state of mass transit going forward. The Link Light rail opens in Northgate in 2021, two years later it will extend across I-90 to Redmond, in 2024 an extension to Federal Way and north to Lynnwood. A line to West Seattle in 2030, a station at NE 130<sup>th</sup> and I-5 in 2031, 2035 to Ballard, and the Everett extension in 2036. The taxing districts are broken up into zones (one for each county and three for King) and money raised in each zone stays in that zone, so money collected in Tacoma doesn't get allocated for Seattle projects, and vice versa. Carrie took some questions and said she would get back to those she couldn't answer on the spot.

At this month's North Precinct Advisory Council meeting, Seattle's Police Chief Carmen Best spoke and laid out her five priorities for the department. The North Precinct chief also talked and reminded everyone that homelessness is everywhere, a national problem, and not just restricted to here in Seattle. Also, the North Precinct is in population the second largest city in Washington, more people than Tacoma, Bellevue, or Spokane! The precinct is building three new out-buildings (in lieu of the cancelled new building construction).

Ann hosted a Disaster Preparedness 101 class last weekend with 15 attendees. At the end she asked everyone, "Do you feel better or do you feel worse?" There was some concern about falling trees during an earthquake but apparently they are very stable and safe (though I'd worry about widowmakers breaking off). Our houses are well-built and although may suffer damage, won't just pancake and collapse like in developing countries. This seemed to reassure people.

Our emergency communications HUB storage box is due to be delivered in mid-April and installed somewhere in the park (on the concrete). We will be participating in a city-wide drill on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to simulate a widespread power grid outage. We will need two types of volunteers: some to man various positions at the HUB, and others to participate in various emergency scenario needs (we'll supply the details).

Pedestrian crossing flags were purchased from Craig's List and have been installed on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE at NE 106<sup>th</sup> and NE 107<sup>th</sup>.

Your Voice Your Choice held a community meeting recently to vote on proposed neighborhood improvement projects that would be paid for by the city. We hope to add sidewalks to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE as it leads down to Lake City Way from Northgate Way, and/or making NE 104<sup>th</sup> Way much more pedestrian friendly. Hopefully enough support was shown for one of these projects.

Katy Bang of Seattle Parks told Ann that field drainage issues have slowed down the work on Victory Heights Park but it should pick up again in mid-April when the grass is fenced off and work begins on the pathway.

A poll was conducted online about the optimal date for a neighborhood-wide yard sale. The winner (with 16 votes) was June 16<sup>th</sup>. We may close off NE 106<sup>th</sup> next to the park for a larger communal area, but everyone is encouraged to have their own sale on that date when we can advertise and attract the most people.

Is there any interest in doing a Spring Clean around the neighborhood on June 9<sup>th</sup>?

Once the park reopens there is talk of a community camp out late in the summer (maybe in 2019?) or just holding a demonstration to discuss urban survival skills sometime.

We picked July 14<sup>th</sup> for the annual Victory Heights Potluck and Ice Cream Social. That puts it two weeks before Neighborhood Night Out.

There is interest in replacing the low wooden fence on the east side of Victory Heights Park along 19<sup>th</sup> Street. However, SDOT and the Parks Department each claim the other is responsible for maintenance and probably aren't going to allow any modifications without their involvement.

The fire hydrant at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and NE 105<sup>th</sup> needs repainting. It was suggested to use the "Find It, Fix It" app (or website) to let the city know about it. The Water Department maintains hydrants and probably wants to keep them from rusting.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Still working on a speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson  
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