

Victory Heights Community Council Minutes  
Meeting November 19, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Vice-President Sharon Haggerty. Nineteen people present. Everyone introduced themselves.

Cheryl Dyer, a volunteer with the City's SNAP (Seattle Neighborhood Actively Prepared) program (and a HUB Captain in Ballard), walked us through the training lecture about emergency preparedness and planning.

Sharon updated us on the progress of assigning captains to each block in the neighborhood to do preparedness outreach and organize meetings. We still have a few gaps but progress is happening. We've come a long way in just a year.

Bob Gordon talked about the Little Free Libraries he has been building for us. The first was installed November 2<sup>nd</sup> (with help from Keith Dekker) on NE 106<sup>th</sup> Street, just west of the park. It's already filled with books. The second is nearly completed, just needs painting and may be ready for installation this weekend over on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE and NE 104<sup>th</sup> Way.

Treasurer Brad Cummings summarized the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North District Council. There are some pedestrian zone studies being proposed, one in Pinehurst, one in Lake City. The NDC by-laws are undergoing review. With district elections coming in two years for city council people, the north end (now with no representatives currently residing here) will begin to get more attention.

Susan Causin attended the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting recently. Topics included urban hubs, holiday activities, and the Taproot Theater's production of "A Christmas Carol" coming to Lake City. Beginning next year the LCNA is going to ask each member organization to pay \$25 in dues, as well as providing a written letter stating who their official representatives are (primary and an alternate).

President Ardith Lupton reported in an e-mail that she had sent a letter on behalf of the Community Council to city councilman Nick Lacata to endorse plans to build a new community center in Lake City. She also had a brief interview with Ben Anderson with the Democratic party who asked what the neighborhood priorities were for Victory Heights. She said, "safety, low crime, disaster planning, and knowing our neighbors."

Ardith had also asked if our neighborhood police representative had changed, and Justin Almeida was able to provide that information. Instead of Terry, our new Community Police Team Member is Kipp Strong, who can be reached at 206-233-3734. His superior is Sgt. Dianne Newsom, 206-684-0794. Caroling will return to Victory Heights next month, Monica will be organizing something and let people know via Next Door.

A resident had his back license plate stolen off his car on NE 105<sup>th</sup> Street. He subsequently received a ticket when it was used on another car. The police often don't check to see if the plate matches the car it's registered for.

Some mail riffling was reported on Goodwin Place last week. It's recommended that residents who have mail boxes on the street should opt for ones with a lock. For outgoing mail, use the secure slots in the large white community letterboxes scattered around the neighborhood.

We were asked to be aware of looming large cuts in Metro Transit. We won't be as hard hit as other neighborhoods, but if they occur, the Route 73 will be discontinued with only express service during rush hour remaining on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested this be a more low-key, possibly holiday-themed gathering as it will be only 8 days before Christmas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson, Secretary of Victory Heights Community Council