

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting  
Minutes October 18, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Ann Forrest at 7:00 PM. Twelve people present.

Jessica Chandler from Seattle Pacific University made a small presentation about the current public safety survey she is conducting in conjunction with the Seattle Police Department. The purpose of the survey is to solicit feedback on public safety and security concerns from those who live and/or work in Seattle. A report on the survey results will be provided to the Seattle Police Department to assist them with making our neighborhood safer and more secure through "Microcommunity Policing Plans." The survey is accessible at [publicsafetysurvey.org](http://publicsafetysurvey.org) from October 15<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> and will take about 20 minutes to fill out.

Vice President Monica Harris is putting together her own online survey for residents of Victory Heights so we can get feedback about the community and the council. What do people want? It will go up in the next week, probably on SurveyMonkey. There will be a place for people to enter their email addresses if they would like to be kept informed about events.

The VHCC by-laws allow for the collection of dues from members, and there was discussion about asking for a token amount (perhaps \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families) for "community building" and not as a means to raise money. Paying dues would get members voting rights during meetings. Monica would like the collected dues to be put into a fund to hold a raffle to give away a locking mailbox. Anyone could buy a ticket but members could get a discount on tickets. Again, the goal isn't to raise money but help improve security in the neighborhood. If someone won who didn't need a locking mailbox, they could donate it to someone who did. Monica said the prize would include installation. It was made clear to Brad that this would all be done separately from our primary checking account and those funds would remain untouched.

We're looking for new board members. Currently it's just the officers (Ann, Monica, Brad and Ryan) plus Eileen Canola at the moment. Sharon Haggerty has announced she is moving out of the neighborhood (we'll miss you, Sharon!).

Brad summarized the North District Council meeting that was dominated by a presentation by METRO and Sound Transit about bus service and planned changes to the system. Bus ridership is up since the reconfigured routes and the opening of the Husky Stadium Link Light Rail station, anywhere from 3%-13% depending on the neighborhood. Obviously they are very bullish on the Sound Transit 3 ballot measure coming up. The mayor is trying to eliminate the city's district councils, but the NDC will keep going at least for a few more months.

Ann presented the highlights from the month's North Precinct Advisory council meeting. Some stats: Year to date, homicides down 33%, but non-residential burglaries up 26%, car prowls up 20% and robberies up by 8%. In addition to 3 new officers recently hired, two new officers started in October. The North Precinct will be divided into 2 precincts, sharing same precinct bldg. This Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM there will be a drug "Take Back" program to get rid unwanted controlled substances (pharmacies can't take them, and you shouldn't flush them down the drain). At the precinct: 10049 College Way N.

Other items: They also have a “sock drive” coming up, want people to take the public safety survey (see above), and neighbors thanked the NPAC with help getting rid of a drug house, and are having a block party this weekend to celebrate.

HUB news: Ann submitted a grant application for \$1500 from the city to buy a “HUB in a box” that will include many supplies (though not radios). We hope to hear word back in November. Permission has been granted by the Parks Department to put the box on the concrete pad in the park. Ann would like to conduct a “table top exercise” sometime in November as a drill to practice how the HUB would operate in an emergency to process information requests and needs.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM so that everyone could go outside and tour the SPD’s “mobile precinct” that was parked outside. This large truck is fitted with computer stations, white boards, and even two bunk beds so officers can work at a remote location. It’s not so much for “instant response” (it’s slow and lumbering) but like when the gas explosion occurred in Greenwood, being able to be parked there for the various emergency responders to have a place to go, meet, and get out of the weather. It’s fairly noisy on the outside when the diesel generators are going however.

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