

Victory Heights Community Council

September 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Ardith Lupton. Thirteen people present.

A no-show by a representative of the Pre-Kindergarten ballot initiative.

The new traffic circle was installed on 23rd Avenue NE and NE 105th Street in the first week in September. Four neighbors are signed up in order to plant and maintain it. Sharon Haggerty made a motion to investigate creating some sort of way to mark the traffic circle in memory of the late Susan Causin who worked so diligently to make it happen, along with her other hard work on behalf of our community. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The shape and form of this marker will be decided later.

Sharon is going to try to acquire the administration rights to the Victory Lane Blockwatch list. Googlegroups is currently hosting it, hopefully they can be convinced that the current admin (Susan) has passed away and would have wanted us to maintain it.

Sharon also compiled a list of recent criminal activity in our neighborhood, starting with the second theft in a month (!) of the same red CRV from in front of its house on 23rd Avenue NE. The first time was in August by joy riders (the car was recovered in Everett), the second time was earlier in the afternoon today. In addition, there have been a number of mail thefts, including attempting to jimmy open locked mail boxes. Apparently a mail theft ring was recently shut down that was operating in the (now demolished) Volvo dealership on Lake City Way. Car prowls and burglaries have been a problem too. When you see something, call the police. There needs to be a record of criminal activity in our neighborhood so the police can respond appropriately.

In November, the North Precinct community liaison officer will be at our community council meeting to discuss block watches and other crime prevention methods.

The Little Free Library on 23rd Avenue was pushed over (not knocked down, there was no signs of any damage or contact) a few weeks ago. Fred Lupton went ahead and fixed it before Keith Dekker could even get a call about it. Thanks, Fred.

A dog poop bag dispenser (donated by Pet Pros) is going to be installed in the park (unofficially). Someone will need to make sure it remains stocked with bags.

Eileen Canola reported that the first meeting of the committee to decide on the CleanScapes awards will be on September 30th in Lake City. She will be representing Victory Heights alongside the other neighborhood representatives.

Keith and Sharon are taking over the responsibilities of running the emergency preparedness committee now that Susan is no longer with us. They plan on holding a meeting of block captains sometime in October.

The Neighborhood Night Out in August was deemed a huge success yet again with an estimated 140 people attending. Great work, Heidi.

The next meeting will be on October 21st at the pre-school.

The meeting was adjourned so everyone could eat pie.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson,

Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council