

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2019

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

From the Community Building Committee, highlights from the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting included the city fast-tracking a crosswalk at NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE where a woman was struck by a hit-and-run vehicle and killed recently trying to reach the library.

The ReVisioning Northgate meetings are resuming, the next one is October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Harbor Room at Northaven Senior Living across from the Northgate post office on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE starting at 6:30 PM.

Ann has done a tremendous job creating Welcome Wagon packs (with an assist by Linda Overby) that are filled with information cards about everything a person would want to know about Victory Heights. The plan is to begin distributing these to new residents as they move in. Sheila and Ryan have already staked out two houses that have just sold on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE and will plan on delivering packets and cookies to welcome our new neighbors as soon as they move in.

We started out with 25 of the traffic circle signs that promote the meetings, and after two years there are still 17 being used. Various volunteers put out signs before every meeting, and so far it's working pretty well.

The Ryther swimsuit project was a modest success, something between 10-15 suits were donated from the Amazon wish list we set up (alas, it didn't remove items as they were purchased, so it was difficult to keep an inventory). And distribution was more in the later part of the summer. The plan is to do it again next year but get an earlier start. Meanwhile, this year's suits won't go bad and can be used by next year's kids as well. The residents had sent us an oversized thank you card during the ice cream social.

The Safety Committee reports that at the North Precinct Advisory Council meeting, despite inviting six city council candidates across three districts, only one bothered to show up. Right now the police emphasis in north Seattle is on prostitution patrol on Aurora Avenue. Alas, the LEAD diversion program that women are placed in has run out of money for the year, so it's a bit of a revolving door. Meanwhile, the fine for soliciting is \$1000.

Peter Neilson and Ann are going to collaborate on writing grants to somehow raise the \$17,000 necessary to replace the wooden fence on the east side of Victory Heights Park. The feeling is SDOT will okay another similar fence rather than installing a metal guard rail which is aesthetically less pleasing.

More and more unhoused people are now living under the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE bridge, with garbage and debris piling up. No doubt at some point another clean-out will occur but eventually they'll be back, rinse and repeat. However, there aren't any reports of anyone living in the green belt at the bottom of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue like last year.

Save a life by attending the "Stop The Bleed" course on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM at the Meadowbrook Community Center.

From the Disaster Preparedness Committee, the second Earthquake Ready workshop will be at Ann Forrest's house, 10540 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE) at 7 PM on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A quake happens, what do you do next in your house? In a related note, new combination locks have been purchased for our Emergency HUB after one of the old key locks was unsuccessfully jimmed but rendered unusable.

Ann has put a Doodle poll up to see when is the best time to schedule preparedness events.

Upcoming events include two gingerbread house decorating sessions in December, one on the 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 1 PM, and on the 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Bring new socks only (no used ones) to our sock drive during next month's meeting, we'll take them to the North Precinct to be donated to those less fortunate.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring socks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson  
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council