

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Ben Cober. Thirteen people and two guests attending virtually over Zoom.

Shannon Roberts and Josh Epstein did a presentation about the Northeast Tool Library that has thousands of tools (and party supplies) that you can borrow for free, just like a library. They are located at the site of the former Lavilla Dairy on Fischer Place NE across Lake City Way from Victory Heights since 2018 (previously they were in Wedgwood near the playfields off 25th Avenue NE). As an all-volunteer organization, hours are Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and all day Saturday. You can peruse their vast catalog of stuff online at <https://neseattletoolibrary.org/>. They also host events like Fixers Night, Tool Sharpening, an annual Tool Sale, and Cider Press. There is also a bike shack for doing repairs, a seed library, and catering supplies. "Come visit, we'd love to show you around the space," said Josh.

Ben says we have started 30 new online interest groups including board games, wine and cheese, golf, and a book club. It's all done over email, to get a list of all the groups, write: victoryheights.seattle@gmail.com

New volunteers have started working on these committees: health & safety, social events, fund raising, ambassadors, and communications. Interested? Drop us a line, victoryheights.seattle@gmail.com.

Food Truck Friday ran from April through September and was such a success we got 42 people just to fill out a survey afterwards about what they thought and how to improve it in the future. Something will definitely happen again in 2022.

The first ever Victory Heights Chili Cookoff will be on Sunday, October 3rd from 4-6 PM (you don't even need to miss the Seahawks game). It will be near the park and feature our volunteer chefs who will be competing in two categories: meat and meatless. We'll have electricity to keep things warm, and possibly some spoons and bowls, but maybe bring your own just in case, and be prepared to help us crown a winner (there will be trophies).

Halloween is coming, so what should we do this year? (you might recall that some trick-or-treating did occur in 2020, with some houses receiving quite a bit of activity—socially distanced of course). Pinehurst is doing a parade during the day on the 31st. More discussion on any "sanctioned" events will be during the October meeting.

Louise spoke about Community Connections, our new program to assist the elderly and anyone else who might need help or not have regular internet access to keep in touch with things. Four people attended an information meeting in the park on September 10th. The consensus seems to be that posting flyers would be the most effective way of letting people know this exists and to spread the word.

The Seattle Emergency HUB "Double Trouble" event had its first leg held on Saturday, September 18th in Maple Leaf Park (as the wind and rain held off) and 120 people came to help participate in the drill to

help the volunteers hone their skills ahead of an actual emergency. There is a HUB located in Victory Heights Park, but it was not part of the drill this time. The second leg of “Double Trouble” was down in Jefferson Park.

Utility Box Artwork: People continue to mourn the destruction of the utility box on 23rd Avenue NE that was totaled by a driver on July 4th. A fan of the artist wanted to know if there were some way to remount it elsewhere. But where? How much would it cost? Could we maybe relocate it to someone’s private garage or a blank wall that has high visibility?

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
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