

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by President Ann Forrest. Twelve attendees via Zoom plus two guests.

Renee Barton did a presentation about the Thornton Creek Watershed Stormwater Cleaning Project. The project will be on NE 110<sup>th</sup> Street between Jane Adams and Nathan Hale schools. Water from the area flows into the creek's convergence and then into Meadowbrook Pond, just to the southeast. The project aims to add plants, improve the soil quality, and add curb stops. They are currently trying to get a city matching grant by partnering with the Thornton Creek Alliance, SDOT, SPU and Duwamish Infrastructure. When the time comes this fall, they will need to install 600 plants, and need volunteers to help take and record water quality measurements. There are educational opportunities as well, helping translate their website into other languages, making signs, etc. Visit <https://www.tcwrestoration.org/> to sign up, tell your friends, volunteer, and stay tuned. "An hour of your time can help a lot," said Renee.

Daemion Kenyon talked about an art project she has proposed for the community. She wants to paint a mural on the street where NE 106<sup>th</sup> Street intersects with 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, just north of the co-op preschool and south of the traffic circle on 107<sup>th</sup>. She had worked with Ben originally, and has set up a Go Fund Me in order to raise the money (\$2000, she hopes) to pay for the paint and materials. Folks could help paint the design (a flowery ornate image that wouldn't look out of place in Hawaii) once the white outline was put down, which she figures would take two days in total. Amazingly, the city has already said she can do it, but she wants community input and of course, to find the funding. One possible benefit is it might slow down traffic at that intersection as drivers would react to the roadway painting. It was suggested she post a copy of the proposed image on the park's community bulletin board so folks could see it and get interested.

Food Truck Friday has been pretty successful the first two weeks with its transition to evening meals instead of lunches by the park. Volunteers needed (hint hint) each week to help close down 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE east of the park to allow the trucks to park along the street and set up tables for people to linger and eat nearby. Hours are 5:30 PM to 7:30. Our new insurance policy covers the street closure and the people there, the trucks have their own personal liability insurance presumably. The preschool has asked that we NOT use their bins for throwing out garbage. Some other food trucks and businesses inquired about possibly crashing in addition to the two trucks scheduled each week who committed to coming far in advance. There was discussion back and forth. It was decided to tell any interested parties that "we are booked for the year but we'd be interested in talking with them for 2023." Everyone agreed that three food trucks (other than a dessert truck like Week One's donut stand) would cannibalize the other truck's business and that wasn't fair to them.

After someone reported it on Find It, Fix It, the traffic circles on NE 107<sup>th</sup> will be repainted next week.

Carol gave a brief report on the North Precinct Advisory Council where she is the new secretary. Brad quickly summarized the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting.

John is looking for feedback to his Welcome To Victory Heights video.

This Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is the One Seattle Day of Service, and we are sponsoring a neighborhood cleanup of Northgate Way's sidewalks between Roosevelt and Lake City Way. The Mosque on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue has graciously said we can use their parking lot to meet up, teams will be sent out to do as much of the sidewalks as we can. You can sign up for 30 minute shifts between 9 AM and 2:30 PM: <https://signup.com/go/bZWRKRJ> Bring gloves and tools if you can. Small kids should probably not be involved, as this is happening adjacent a major arterial.

June 18<sup>th</sup> is the Emergency Disaster HUB drill in the park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson  
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council