

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM over Zoom by President Ann Forrest. Thirteen people present.

We had a semi-successful Emergency HUB Drill on June 18th, the weather dampened turn-out, although the scouts turned up, and we had great participation by the HAM radio volunteers, including 3 or 4 who live right in our neighborhood. They were testing a new technology that allows one to send text over HAM, which allows for greater accuracy in messaging. “Really amazing stuff,” Ann said. We still have two extra keys for the HUB lockbox if anyone is interested in being responsible for one and showing up in an emergency to help open it up.

The second phase of our Northgate sidewalk beautification will be Saturday, July 16th from 9 AM to noon. This time we’re going to try to clean the sidewalks on Northgate Way from 15th Avenue NE east all the way to Lake City Way. Our organization point will be the corner of 19th Avenue NE and Northgate Way. Bring tools, gloves, and a water bottle.

The Maple Leaf Buy Nothing group on Facebook is organizing a “Giveaway Yard Sale” on Sunday, July 10th. Unlike regular garage sales, nothing will be for sale, you just give it away. See the group for details.

Food Truck Fridays: Not surprisingly, the weather greatly affects turn-out, a good example being last Friday the 17th, when grim skies and threats of showers kept the lines short. This coming weekend is supposed to be gorgeous, so expect longer waits. We may lay on a third truck to meet the demand. Currently trucks are scheduled through August 26th, with a possibility of extending it into September. BINGO and live music is coming too, at some point.

The GoFundMe for the mural continues (<https://gofund.me/8bdd2184>) with \$525 raised so far of a \$2000 goal to paint a mural on the street just north of the park where NE 106th converges with 19th Avenue NE. There is a flyer on the reader board in the park, and the hopes the artist will make appearances at a Food Truck Friday to help promote it.

Brad Cummings gave a brief rundown of the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting. The Lake City Farmers market is back, every Thursday afternoon next to the library from 3-7 PM. A speaker from the Wedgwood Community Council spoke about their long-term goal of creating walking paths through their neighborhood, especially on NE 95th Street from Lake City Way east all the way down to the lake.

The potluck/ice cream social is back! We will put it on Monday, July 18th, in lieu of a community council meeting that month, from 5:30 PM – 7:30 on NE 106th Street just west of the park. This Victory Heights annual tradition has been on hold for the past two years due to the pandemic, but it’s time to enjoy the sunshine and beautiful weather. Bring a dish to share and a chair. We provide plates, cups, silverware, and ice cream!

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council