

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by President Ann Forrest over Zoom with 12 attendees and 1 guest speaker.

Rick Swing, a forest steward with Green Seattle Partnership, gave us an update of activity around the Knickerbocker (Thornton Creek) restoration work. Plans are afoot to plant 400 new trees provided by the city (“your tax dollars at work”) once it starts raining again and the ground get saturated enough, with work parties starting around mid-November. In order to keep the current trees alive, volunteers have been doing weekly watering with the help of a 1500 gallon cistern parked up by 15th Avenue NE provided by the city. Without these efforts, 90% of the new plantings would have died because of the drought. The Green Seattle Partnership is having an event at Discovery Park on October 22nd, and the Thornton Creek Alliance is having a meeting via Zoom on Thursday, October 27th at 7 PM.

John Z updated us with future activities: Just announced: “Victory Frights,” a traffic-free trick-or-treat event that will be on 19th Avenue NE across from the park (basically the same block used by the Food Trucks during the summer) with blocked off roads, candy and fun things for the kids between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM on October 31st. We need people to loan extension cords for the lights and to donate candy if they want.

There will be another Northgate Way sidewalk cleanup sometime in November.

Welcoming Committee: The Victory Heights Community Council is looking for volunteers to help welcome new neighbors to our community by knocking on doors and handing new neighbors a letter sharing VHCC info and events. Sign up here for any of these activities:

<http://forms.gle/evKCRzP5jXzQJgxv6>

Ann talked to the city about doing a park cleanup on November 13th, prior to the Chili Cookoff that day, to find out if they would take all the yard waste that we collect. They said they would. Ann is trying to get the fire fighters to bring a truck around that day as well to attract the kids.

There has been concern raised about people parking rental cars in front of the co-op preschool in the park. Apparently they are rented directly through an app called Turo whose Terms & Conditions clearly state users are to park their vehicles on private property and not in public spaces (also there may be violations of business licensing, car rental licensing, and duplicate license plates going on). A confrontation with a neighbor resulted in the removal of the vehicles this week. We’re keeping an eye on it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council