

Minutes of Victory Heights Community Council
March 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ann Forrest at the co-op preschool in the park. Twenty-two attendees in person plus five watching online.

On Monday night a repeater test for the local amateur radio network was held.

On April 30th there will be a radio exercise from 1-3 PM in the park to try out our walkie-talkies and find our “dead zones” where they don’t reach.

Dave Wilma, a local amateur radio operator and writer of the book “Historic Photos of Puget Sound” and others, contributor to historylink.org, did a presentation about Victory Heights. In 1917 there was an oriental garden at NE 96th and Victory Lane (Pacific Highway at the time). Developer Goodwin started building in the 20s, the roads were paved in 1922. In 1940 the Victory Heights Community Club began meeting at 20th Avenue NE and NE 107th Street in a building the Works Progress Administration put up in 1939-1940 (now the co-op preschool building). In 1942, onion fields were razed in case of Japanese invasion (pilots at the Sand Point Naval Base had seen them). The Civil Defense occupied the community building during the war. In 1945 a local housewife blew up an effigy of Hitler using 20 sticks of dynamite she had lying around! In 1953 the Seattle city limits were extended to Victory Heights and the electricity provider was switched to City Light. Learn more at <https://historylink.org/> and the <https://wedgwoodinseattlehistory.com/> blog.

On Saturday, May 20th will be One Seattle’s “Day of Service.”

Friday June 2nd, Food Truck Fridays next to Victory Heights Park will be run for 15 weeks. We’ll need volunteers to help set up and break down each week.

On March 14th (3/14) it was Pi Day and 8 pies were donated and given away piece by piece across from the park. Everything got eaten.

Someone asked “Can we get more picnic tables in the park?”

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council