

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ann Forrest. Ten people attending in person.

A number of events are coming up but we are woefully short of volunteers to help set up, run things, etc. The main gist of this meeting was how to motivate volunteers. Events can be signed up here: <https://signup.com/go/WKKRTYr>

On Wednesday, November 1st, a number of neighbors in south Victory Heights are going to gather to discuss the new development that is planned on NE 100th Street in the lot directly west of Airmark that is slated to have several new units built on it.

On Sunday, October 29th, Pinehurst will sponsor its annual Doggo Parade and Costume Contest up in their neighborhood.

Victory Frights, our Halloween party, will be on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 on 19th Avenue NE across from the park. This especially needs people to help set up, bring extension cords, and distribute candy to the kids.

Saturday, November 4th, Pinehurst November Craft Fair at Billings Middle School, 11:30 AM to 3 PM.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/859427602490791>

The annual Chili Cook Off has a new date: Saturday, November 11th from 3-5 PM, again on 19th Avenue NE. We need people to sign up to cook their own chili recipes, plus the usual volunteers. Aviva is helping organize.

The annual sock drive will kick off during the Doggo Parade on the 29th and continue throughout November with a covered dropoff box by the announcement board in Victory Heights Park. New clean socks only.

Another Neighbor Labor is scheduled for December 2nd to work on 19th Avenue NE and Goodwin from 9-11 AM.

In a follow-up to the Port-A-Potty that was at the park for the past three years, the funding for that ended, so the Parks Department had it taken away. If we wanted to pay for one ourselves it would be \$160 per month. Of course we'd need Parks Department permission to put it on their property. Maybe we'll look into a grant.

"Victory Lake" is continuing to be a problem. This is the very large puddle that forms at the intersection of 19th Avenue NE and NE 105th Street whenever it rains. This forces pedestrians to walk around it in the middle of that jig-jog intersection that is already not safe and people drive too fast through. It is also undermining the nearby pavement and driveway. Unfortunately it falls under the purview of *two* city departments, SDOT and Seattle Public Utilities (because of what is underground). Nobody is taking responsibility, plus everyone is focused on the 23rd Avenue NE drainage project for the next year. The city has effectively told us to "pound dirt" (as Amber colorfully put it) when it comes to any relief for this drainage issue on 19th due to poor road design.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council