

Minutes of Victory Heights Community Council Board Meeting

June 1, 2013

A quorum of 7 board members were present. Meeting called to order at 9:32 AM by President Ardith Lupton.

Treasurer Brad Cummings officially gave notice that the Community Council is changing banks from Bank of America to BECU. BECU asked for a copy of the foundation papers, but it was decided the By-Laws as adopted on January 15, 2013 would suffice. The reason for the move is to avoid paying fees on an account with Bank of America that drops below \$3000, although Brad pointed out we got a lot of free service over the years from them in the form of statements and other paperwork.

Justin Almeida brought up the homeless issue. He posted a message on a non-profit Yahoo bulletin board about our problem and got 6-7 responses (which he will distribute to board members directly). The most interesting was a representative from Real Change, and it was decided to invite him to come speak at a future meeting to give us more information about the homeless situation in Seattle.

The cleanup party last Saturday picked up trash along NE 104th Street but more remains. Kate Waterous wants to repaint at least one more utility box on Northgate Way that she missed.

Meeting space. It's apparent that without spending some money for insurance, we won't be able to use the Preschool Building in the park during the summer. Ryan Johnson read out an e-mail he received from Nancy Rauhauser in Pinehurst:

"Regarding meeting venue: have you asked Ryan Spencer at Meadowbrook Community Center which Parks facility manages the VH Park building? If it's Meadowbrook, maybe he'll let you use it for meetings, like he lets Pinehurst use the Pinehurst Shelter House for meetings. Also, I discovered that Seattle Public Schools lets community groups use school libraries for meetings (Sacajawea would be good for VH). It's \$15, but you also need insurance. If the Council doesn't have insurance, it looks like it's about \$113 for the meeting - which is too much. I wonder what it takes for a community group to get its own insurance? Could a grant be used to do that? Or could North District Council cover community councils, though I'm not sure whether NDC itself has insurance. Anyway, they are ideas."

The view of the board was it was best to keep the meetings within Victory Heights rather than use free venues in Lake City, Northgate or Meadowbrook. To that end, we had volunteers come forward to allow us use of their homes as meeting places in June and July, and to skip August as we'd be having our Neighborhood Night Out that month anyway. The June 18th meeting will be at Ardith Lupton's house, 10408 23rd Avenue NE on her deck. The July 16th meeting will be at Heidi Smeller's house, 1717 NE 105th Street. The Neighborhood Night Out will be Tuesday August 6th, tentatively on NE 106th Street alongside the park. We are going to contact Teacher Monica from the Pre-School who lives on 106th to coordinate using the block, as well as getting information about purchasing insurance to use the Pre-School as she was planning to do during the summer. Kate reached out to Sharon Haggerty who was not in attendance

in order to get Monica's contact information and will follow up. We will need to hand out fliers about the Night Out to help spread the word, hopefully everyone can volunteer to help leaflet the neighborhood door-to-door.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 A.M.