

Victory Heights Community Council

Meeting Minutes April 21, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Victor Hernandez at 7:02 PM. Thirteen people present. Victor has spoken with Chris Johnson at Seattle Parks & Recreation about the broken fence in Victory Heights Park. Apparently Parks alone “can’t find time or budget” to do the task alone, so they are teaming up with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and together they plan to do something by July.

Victor would like to get Debbie Goetz with the city’s Office of Emergency Management to come to a future meeting and speak about HUBs and emergency preparedness.

Eileen Canola attended the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting. On May 18th there will be a District 5 city council candidates forum held at the Jane Addams School in Meadowbrook. Our own Brad Cummings may be present as timekeeper. Six candidates are running for the newly created district that has no present incumbent. The primary (mail in, of course) is August 4th, the same day as our Neighborhood Night Out. Top two winners go on to the general election in November. On April 29th at 6:30 PM at the Lake City Community Center there will be a “Community Conversation” about urban development plans in Lake City. A chance for residents to share their thoughts about the future of urban design, plus there will be free food and entertainment. Visit <http://lakecityfuturefirst.org> for more details. Speaking of the Community Center, there is a concerted effort to get the aging structure replaced (although apparently the dance floor there is awesome!). As usual budget concerns are a problem, there is lobbying going on with the city council to allocate funds to make this happen.

Brad reports that at the North District Council meeting, members were asked to rank projects for the Parks and Street fund (this is what paid for the traffic circle last year). A submission to replace the playground equipment in Victory Heights Park was one of 10 proposed projects. Alas, after voting it ended up tied for 9th place. Road and pedestrian safety projects in other parts of the north end were deemed more critical.

Planning for the annual Neighborhood Night Out are underway by Ann Forest who is also hosting the flower basket making party at her house on Saturday the 25th to celebrate May Day. The hope is neighbors will turn up to make baskets that can be distributed around the neighborhood with flowers on May 1st. Ann would also like to see a future event involving a May Pole. With May Day coming on a Sunday in 2016, that might be a good opportunity next year to do this fun, family event in the park. Someone would have to construct a May Pole but with 12 months to go, it shouldn’t be a challenge.

Ardith Lupton sent a report in saying the Spring Clean held on April 4th was a big success with 12 people turning up on a beautiful day and helping pick up trash around the neighborhood. She said, “This represents 25 hours of volunteer service (includes my time to get the stuff and return it).” Great work, everybody!

Molly gave us an update on the Lake City Farmer’s Market this year. After worries that last year was “make or break,” it turned the corner and now she has filled up all the available vendor slots this year!

The first day it kicks off will be June 11th, and will feature food trucks, wine tastings, beer, and musicians in addition to the great produce and other products that will be featured every Thursday afternoon all summer.

Next month's guest speaker will be Art Brochet, SDOT's communications representative who will provide the latest updates on the Northgate Pedestrian and Bicycle Project.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19th. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson,
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council