

Victory Heights Community Council

Minutes of January 21, 2014 Meeting

Vice President Sharon Haggerty called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in lieu of President Ardith Lupton who would be arriving late.

Elizabeth Szorad with CleanScapes did a presentation about selecting the projects we would like their recent \$50,000 prize that was awarded to the “Thursday North” (www.cleanscapes.com/upload_files/SEA_NRR_MAP_0512_PQ.pdf) district (Lake City, Maple Leaf, Pinehurst, Victory Heights, Northgate) for reducing waste last year (http://www.cleanscapes.com/upload_files/NRR_SEA_Chart_TonsReduced_Aug_2013.pdf). She said, “Think of projects that can be built in your area.” Anyone in Seattle can propose an improvement project but it must be located in the Thursday North area and be “visible and easily accessible to the public.” A selection committee will be formed with representatives from each of the neighborhood community councils (one per council we were told—hence Victory Heights will have as much influence as Maple Leaf in making the final selections). Project proposals are due by April 15, 2014. The Seattle Parks Department has already suggested a few projects, including a boardwalk and rain garden in the Beaver Pond Natural Area on Thornton Creek, or a shuffleboard court and other improvements at the Northgate Community Center. Further documents from CleanScapes with all the details: [The Selection Process Timeline](#) and [FAQ](#).

Ardith took over chairing the meeting. She received an e-mail from the Seattle Police Department about their Community Police Academy Program, a free series of 11 meetings on Thursday evenings beginning March 13th to help residents become “familiar with various facets of the Seattle Police Department and gain insight into law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system and the daily work of police employees.” Applications to participate are due in by January 31st. More info at: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/programs/policeacademy/>

Susan Causin received an e-mail asking her to promote a meeting on Thursday, January 30th at 7 PM of the Parks Legacy Committee at the Bitter Lake Community Center in order to support staffing (and eventually replacing) the Lake City Community Center. Currently Lake City is only one of three in the system not staffed by the Parks Department and is so outmoded that it has no sports courts and no elevator.

When asked what is happening with the Pierre Properties in Lake City, Keith Dekker said at the latest meeting he attended they were told, “Good news is coming.”

Brad Cumming summarized the latest North District Council meeting. In addition to business about the new bylaws, Thomas Whittemore, the city’s Neighborhood District Coordinator, is turning things over to a new person, Crista Dumpys. The NDC is soliciting ideas for a new Comprehensive Plan for the city which was last done in the early 2000s. The NDC may also have its boundaries adjusted to bring it in line with the new city council districts that are coming. The Lake City Farmer’s market will be making a big presentation at the February 5th NDC meeting in order to create a stronger shopping base to support the

market when it returns this summer on Thursdays from 3-7 PM. Tables will be available at the market for community groups who will also get access to the kitchen at the Lake City Community Center. Two farmers had to be persuaded not to pull out this year, and it will be a “make or break” year for the market. We’ve been asked to show support.

Old Business: Reimbursing the costs of the Little Free Libraries. Kate Waterous was going to email details to Justin Almeida so he could apply for a matching grant from the city to pay the costs incurred.

New Business: Keith says any proposals for the CleanScapes prize we make should be kept on record even if we don’t get the money; we could always try to get a matching grant from the city for them.

Although Kate won’t be able to assist on the Neighborhood Night Out again this year, everyone is very enthusiastic about building on last year’s success, with a similar event in the same location (sans parked cars this time). It’s scheduled for August 5th.

The next meeting is February 18, 2014, Ardith won’t be able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary
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