

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2015

Meeting was started at 7:03 PM by Ann Forrest, head of the Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) committee (President Victory Hernandez arrived a few minutes later). Fifteen people present.

Brad Cummings spoke to Art Brochet at SDOT about the microsurfacing project for our neighborhood. While the city has been doing a great job putting in asphalt patches on all the streets (and completely paved NE 100<sup>th</sup> Street west of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE), according to the contractors it will be August or September before the microsurfacing will occur. We are third in line this summer after Arbor Heights and North Rainier Valley receive similar treatment. But meanwhile...smooth roads!

Ann updated us on the NNO, now just two weeks away on August 4<sup>th</sup>. She managed to get offered a grant from the city that would have covered the budget until it was discovered that very expensive insurance (at least \$300) would have to be purchased, although the city *claimed* they would reimburse us for this as well. However, there was a consensus that we didn't want to be on the hook for this expense if the city reneged for some reason, and we should just do what we did last year, which is finance the event ourselves and accept donations (last year we had a profit). The thought is next year we might do smaller events throughout the neighborhood on streets that want to participate rather than one big mega-event as we have done for three years, but for now this year we will essentially repeat what we did last year. There will be potluck food, free ice cream, and display tables for disaster preparedness, the Lake City Farmer's Market, and a welcome table. The welcome table will dispense name tags to everyone, and this year we want people to write their street name on them as well. Ryan is to make up a small display with all the social media sites for the welcome table that will publicize them. Ann was authorized to buy some dry-erase paint at Ace Hardware (or ask for a donation) in order to modify the yard signs given to us by the Farmer's Market. Meanwhile, this weekend Ryan will reletter our four Victory Heights yard signs to promote the NNO and get them deployed by next week. Ann had packets of flyers broken down by blocks that were distributed to those present to leave on doorsteps on the next week. Keith is going to take care of the trash again. If you have extra tables or chairs, bring them.

Eileen Canola received word from CleanScapes that they finally used some of their reward money for our neighborhood to purchase ping pong tables for the Northgate Community Center. She mentioned that on August 1<sup>st</sup> the mayor's Affordable Housing Report (that proposes more urban density) will be reviewed by the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance (LCNA). She was also looking for an alternative for Victory Heights to attend the LCNA meetings on the first Tuesday of the month when she is not available. Andrew Forrest volunteered.

Brad promoted a cheese making class going on at the Lake City Farmer's Market on July 23<sup>rd</sup> between 3 and 7. Folks who have been going say it's got great produce and the food and music have been very nice.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2015 in the pre-school building.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson  
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