

## VICTORY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MEETINGS FOR MEETING MARCH 19, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Vice President Sharon Haggerty. 15 people in attendance.

Roger Iwata with Sound Transit gave a presentation about the Link Light Rail Northgate to Lynnwood Extension. Service from downtown Seattle to Husky Stadium begins in 2016, the segment to Northgate (with a station in Roosevelt) will open in 2021. The plan is to have the Lynnwood extension completed two years later, essentially following the I-5 corridor all the way up as either surface or elevated track. Stations are still being determined with 1 or 2 to be at either NE 130<sup>th</sup>, NE 145<sup>th</sup>, or NE 155<sup>th</sup>. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will come out in June, formal comments can be submitted. Justin Almeida asked about impacts in Victory Heights during construction over Northgate way and NE 130<sup>th</sup>.

Sandy Motzer, President of the HUB Steering Committee, gave a presentation about the new emergency preparedness network that has been set up around the city. She has personally organized the one that will be located in the SE corner of the Fred Meyer parking lot in Lake City to serve all of northeast Seattle. In the event of a catastrophic emergency where normal lines of communications have failed, information to the city can be relayed from the HUB location. These would be things like broken gas mains, fires, and critical needs. We shouldn't expect any outside help for "minor" emergencies like broken legs or missing pets for several days or weeks depending on the emergency. But this way we can let the city know the status of our neighborhood as well as have them inform us of news. Information would be relayed either via foot or bicycle to neighborhoods for dissemination on a more local level. We are strongly encouraged to organize our own neighborhood to be ready in the case of such a disaster to know what resources are on hand (who has generators, are doctors or nurses, ham radio operators, etc) and be able to call on them if needed. On May 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a city-wide emergency drill to give the HUBs a chance to test their systems. The Lake City one will probably not be ready by then and will probably observe from the Hunter Farms location in Wedgwood. A sign-up sheet was passed around by Susan Causin to form a committee for Victory Heights.

Justin Almeida summarized the recent 46<sup>th</sup> District Representative's Town Hall held Saturday at North Seattle Community College. He was quite pleased to hear that meetings had started to discuss pollution in Thornton Creek.

Eileen Canola said that the proposed traffic circle on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE and NE 105<sup>th</sup> Street that she has long been advocating, will finally be reviewed and voted on at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the North District Council at the Lake City Library as they decide how to disburse this year's Street Fund.

Kate Waterous was not present to update us on the proposed Summer Event but Heidi Smeller and Eileen Canola both volunteered to join the committee, and it was suggested that a survey be sent out soon to pick the best date to do the party at Victory Heights Park.

Ryan Johnson reported the Parks Department will be holding Easter Egg hunts in various Seattle parks next weekend. The one nearest to us will be at Meadowbrook Playfield, on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM sharp. Bring the kids.

The executive board had a quick discussion about purchasing two new "A-frame" signs similar to the three already owned by the community council. Ryan had gotten a quote from McNamara Signs in Lake City for \$202 (including tax) for each new sign. Susan said she can get much cheaper signs through her real estate sources for \$50 each. The consensus seemed to be that \$50 is a much better price than \$202 assuming they are the same quality. No actual vote was taken.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 7 PM at the pre-school in the park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.