

## Victory Heights Community Council

Meeting Minutes October 15, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Ardith Lupton. 20 people attended at the Co-op Preschool.

Everyone introduced themselves. Several newcomers attended having seen the yard signs.

Although the representative from the City's Office of Emergency Management had to cancel (they rescheduled to November), an update about disaster preparation was presented by committee members Susan Causin and Sharon Haggerty. Sharon has revised the map that has divided the neighborhood into different zones, each with a zone captain. No one has volunteered in about half the areas but several were recruited during the Neighborhood Night Out in August. We were reminded that we as individual households need to be responsible for our own welfare if the worst should happen, and be prepared to survive without water, food or electricity. The zone captains are to contact each neighbor in their zone, talk about emergency planning, hand out city-made flyers, and organize one-hour meetings run by city representatives who can boil down the basics each household should know just in case. Keith says we need to get more serious about recruiting captains in areas not yet claimed. Someone asked about how long bottled water was viable and the answer is six months. You can get 5 gallon and 1 gallon jugs of water at Fred Meyer (used in water coolers), and use them on your plants after six months if you haven't needed it. Another meeting of captains is planned in November after Victory Lane has its SNAP meeting with the city. Eventually we'll apply for a matching grant from the city to buy first-aid supplies, etc.

No one was at the meeting to talk about the Little Free Library project, but afterwards I received word from Justin Almeida and Robert Gordon that the first library is nearly finished (just needing a sign, which Justin was going to try to procure for free from Ace Hardware). It should be put in position soon.

The letter that Eileen Canola received from the city's Department of Neighborhoods was read out. The proposed traffic circle at NE 105<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE is now one of 25 projects the mayor is recommending to the city council as part of the 2014 budget. They'll vote on it sometime in November and if approved, a project manager who will oversee the installation will be assigned in February 2014.

Ryan reported that it does appear someone stole one of our (old) yard signs just before last month's meeting that had been in the traffic circle at NE 107<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. We're down to four now, two old ones (from the old community council 10 years ago) and two new ones purchased earlier this year. The consensus is having signs is a good thing but we'd rather not pay for three new ones in a single year. It was decided to try and apply for a grant from the city to pay for two new signs (at a cost of \$201.47 total), which if approved, we'd have to match with volunteer hours (between the community meetings, sign preparation, and the blog, this shouldn't be difficult).

A brief discussion was held about any recent crime reports. Nothing major seems to have occurred other than the usual car prowls. Don't leave things in your car!

Brad updated us on the Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> North District Council meeting. City Councilman Tim Burgess attended and talked about the budget. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Maple Leaf Community Council will be hosting a candidate's forum at Olympic View Elementary School. Lisa Shaffer of METRO talked about coordinating bus routes and integrating them with the coming Light Rail. The city is now debating where to put stops between Northgate and Lynnwood, one proposal is for one at NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street and another at NE 145<sup>th</sup>. The Light Rail will parallel the freeway all the way up to Lynnwood when it is finished in 2023.

It was pointed out that on November 5<sup>th</sup> election, Seattle residents will be voting on a measure to have seven of nine city council seats be districted rather than "at large." Victory Heights would be part of the north end district that stretches from Puget Sound to Lake Washington, including Northgate and Lake City. Apparently we would be the only district that does not currently have a resident council person living in it.

Teacher Monica promoted the fund raiser currently going on for the Co-op Preschool. The blog will have more details about this soon.

The next meeting will be in the Pre-School at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> (note, that's NOT the same week as Thanksgiving).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Submitted by the Secretary, Ryan Johnson.