

Victory Heights Community Council
Meeting Minutes October 20, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Victor Hernandez at 7:04 PM. Sixteen people attending.

A proposal was approved for the Community Council to purchase five “We Are Watching You” signs to match the five signs being purchased by homeowners. Each sign is about \$22 with tax. These 10 signs will be displayed in front of homes along 19th Avenue NE across from the park to deter criminal activity.

Meanwhile, car prowls and suspicious activity continue to be spotted around the neighborhood.

The Seattle Parks Department has announced that a \$893,000 playground improvement project will happen next year in Victory Heights Park. With the equipment reaching the end of its 20 year life, the playground equipment will be replaced, as well as making the entire area ADA compliant, and redesigned to conform to the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design to improve sightlines and eliminate “hidden” areas that would be conducive to criminal activity in the park. The project is currently in the design phase. Community input will be solicited (visit the website http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/victory_heights/ and answer the survey), as well as a presentation at the December 15th Community Council meeting by the Parks Department.

At the North District Council meeting this month Brad Cummings reports that a SDOT representative spoke about the Freight Master Plan, which is undergoing revision, and how it will impact Lake City. SDOT Director Scott Kubly talked about the Move Seattle levy currently on the November ballot. While not directly endorsing it, he spoke about various proposals that might be included if it passed, mostly paving unspecified arterials. The Thornton Creek Alliance spoke about a fish die-off in Thornton Creek around NE 98th Street, apparently as the result of dumping some unknown substance around Roosevelt Way NE into the creek.

A brief discussion of Halloween activities was made. It sounds like most of the trick-or-treat and party action will be over on 23rd Avenue NE. One family is even organizing a pumpkin search in their backyard.

The next meeting is November 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council