

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ann Forrest.

In lieu of a last minute guest postponement, Ann did a quick slide presentation about neighborhood crime statistics. Currently in the north precinct the police response time for a Priority 1 call is 7.34 minutes. For lower priority calls, they are longer. You can dig deeper on response times on the city's Call For Service website and peruse crime maps that are updated daily.

Gingerbread Houses: Last year's gingerbread house fundraiser was very successful, so we're going to do it again. People "buy" a house which we prefab and then they come and "build" it using icing and other candy decorations and then take their completed house home. We held it in the preschool last year with kids getting to do the projects hands-on, and then adults went over to Ryther and let the kids there make their own at no cost. (Visitors under 18 aren't permitted there.) Rather than try to pack that into one day, this year we'll break it up to two separate events, probably the 15th and 22nd of December (Saturdays), and will increase the price this year to \$10 per house.

The takeaway from this month's police North District Advisory Council was there will be more "coffee with cops" events where local police hang out at Starbucks to get to know community members better.

At the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting, they announced the North Precinct will be expanding with new buildings on their current site. There is a building for sale on NE 125th Street that the Thornton Creek Alliance would like the city or some non-profit to buy (it sits over the creek) like maybe Plant Amnesty could use it. And it appears the city council has approved a budget that includes money for the Lake City Community Center (although not fully funded for the entire \$16 million project).

We still want to put together a 10-slide presentation (maybe with the Thornton Creek Alliance) to show to Councilwoman Debra Juarez to make her aware of the impact of homelessness on the creek, with the hopes that this might help dealing with illegal camps being set up nearby.

The plan to replace the plexiglass cover on the bulletin board in the park at our own expense will be put off over the winter. It's going to be about \$300, so we are no rush to spend the money.

Meadowbrook will hold its Luminaria walk on December 1st. We won't try to do one this year in the park.

The Victory Heights carol sing will be on December 23rd and will be held in the park between 7 and 7:30 PM featuring jazz musicians from the local high school. Anyone can come join in and sing or watch, but we will have folks come to us rather than try to go door to door again.

We are thinking about some sort of non-denominational winter event, maybe in February. We are consulting with the inclusion directory at North Seattle College for suggestions.

People are living under the 15th Avenue NE bridge again. We have put in Find It, Fix It requests but it will probably be four weeks before the Navigation Team can get there to clear them out. Also, tents are back near the creek off of 17th Avenue NE after the clean-out a few months ago. The Whack-A-Mole continues!

The next meeting will be on December 18th and have speaker Matt Orr from SPU talking about the city's plans for the Roosevelt reservoir (the one on NE 75th Street).

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council