

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes
September 15th, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Ann Forrest at 7:02 PM, 13 people attending via Zoom.

Ben Cober updated us on the utility box art project. A GoFundMe that Ann organized raised \$800 in pledged funds. Ben has submitted an application to the Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund in the hopes we can double that amount to pay for the artists and vinyl wraps we'll be using on the utility boxes around the neighborhood. 300 people responded to the online poll we had in August to choose the artists. The city of Seattle has said it would be okay for us decorating their 4 boxes, and Comcast has agreed as well for their four. Still waiting on CenturyLink. The shop that makes the printed vinyl pieces has agreed to give us a 50% discount. The city received 60 applicants to the matching fund this round, they will take 4-7 weeks to announce the recipients.

We and the Pinehurst folks asked King County and received 3000 face masks in the spring. We've been giving them out and distributing them to local shops and Little Free Libraries in the area.

Sage talked about the sock drive he is putting on as part of his Eagle Scout project to benefit Facing Homelessness. He's collecting them right now, they prefer new white socks (the ones from Costco are great) but will accept anything through next week. Email victoryheights.seattle@gmail.com for the dropoff location.

Metro Transit is now soliciting public input on the changes to area bus routes that will be implemented next September when the new Link Light Rail stations open at Northgate and Roosevelt. Visit this site to fill out the survey and check out the new and changing routes: <https://publicinput.com/P2143>

Teen Feed Project: Our community is stepping up to provide one meal a month to homeless teens. Teen Feed is a non-profit that works with the community to offer support to meet basic needs, build strong relationships and ally with homeless youth as they meet their future off the streets. In August the Victory Heights neighbors helped out this by preparing a menu featuring meatballs, sauce, veggies, grapes and brownies and then delivering it for the Project to then serve. We are going to do it again on October 3rd, we need volunteers to choose one item, make and donate it. The menu this time will have teriyaki chicken, sesame noodle salad, roasted broccoli and peach cobbler. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/PfrfsAZ>

The HUB Captain Network will be having a fundraiser soon, details TBD.

Park Maintenance: It's tough to get the Park Department on the phone. We want to work on Victory Heights Park ourselves and then have them pick up the yard waste, but they refuse to do it because of Covid considerations. One-third of Park employees are considered "high risk" and are staying home, so parks that had younger staff are being maintained, but ones that had older staff are not. But apparently a few weeks ago they did mow the main lawn and garbage pick up occurs every two weeks, so we haven't been totally forgotten. Someone thought the dog waste bag station had been removed but was just on the ground -- not removed. It was re-secured to the existing post with zip ties. It looks like

someone held a lighter up to the zip ties until they broke. No big deal - an easy fix. We'll look into something hardier.

Ann showed off the aluminum caps we could put on the rotting fence posts in the park to prevent further degradation. In theory we could have families sponsor a cap to help offset the cost (there are 55 posts) and possibly engrave their names on them or something. Six boards also need replacing, the rest could just do with some cleaning and restaining.

A discussion about Halloween came up. Will people trick-or-treat this year? How would it work? Maybe we should just decorate our houses. We'll continue to monitor the situation and see how things look next month.

There are rats in Victory Heights. Solution: Don't leave food out. Or buy more cats.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

The next meeting is October 20th.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council