

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019

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

Jim Holmes from the city's Office of Planning & Community Development talked about land use and community planning with respects to the link light rail stations going in at NE 130th Street and NE 145th Street and the areas around. Currently they are in the planning stage and eventually want to develop three separate visions for what the neighborhoods will look like, with respect to housing, bikes, parks, and other amenities. They want to "leverage stations into true community assets." There will be an in-depth community workshop sometime in June to get things started, with follow-up events throughout the autumn. This is the public participation period which will then result in a proposal in about two years time.

Alan Hall, a Senior Manager for North and South Distribution Design for Seattle City Light, spoke about the incidents of power failures in Victory Heights, how often they occur and what the common causes are. He passed out a handout detailing each outage in our neighborhood for the past 18 months, what caused it, the duration, and number of customers affected. Trees and mylar balloons are the typical culprits, with most of the recent outages having occurred on February 11th and 12th of this year due to the huge snowstorm. City Light likes to cut back trees from the wires but the most they can do is a 10 foot buffer zone, and only in public right-of-ways (you are responsible for the line going to your house on your property). He ably dodged any questions about the recent failure of phone poles by the Museum of Flight in Tukwila recently.

There is an Easter Egg hunt at the park on April 21st at 1 PM presented by the Victory Heights Co-op Preschool. Free and "fun with the whole family" they promise.

There will be a city-wide drill of the emergency communications HUBS around the city starting at 9 AM on Saturday, June 1st. The Victory Heights HUB will be active near the tennis court in the park, please come by and participate in mock emergency scenarios to help us train.

The second annual Victory Heights community-wide yard sale will be Saturday, June 15th. Sellers can either bring their wares to NE 106th Street next to the park, or do it out of their own garages. We hope to have area maps available showing each location.

We are going to sponsor a "Summer Splash" fundraiser to buy swimsuits for the kids at the Ryther Children's Center, probably in May. Donations will be used to buy appropriate suits and distribute them.

If volunteers can be found, we might host some Friday night "Game Nights" in the park featuring oversized dominos and other activities as the weather gets warmer and the nights longer.

There are people camping under the south end of the 15th Avenue NE bridge again. Perhaps reporting it on the Find It, Fix App will move it up the priority list, but the city's two Navigation Teams can only work so fast and there are a LOT of homeless encampments around the city.

At the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance meeting, there is talk of some sort of memorial to commemorate the shooting on Sand Point Way that happened last month. Value Village has closed, a new development is going in there (and at the former pawn shop location). City councilperson Debora Juarez has been named to the Sound Transit board. She has been the main proponent of the NE 130th Street station being added to the line.

On Monday June 3rd will be the next meeting of the Revisioning Northgate meeting, which are trying to get all the community players active in what's coming next around the mall and light rail station.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Next meeting is May 21st.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
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