

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2020

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

Halloween 2020: The city still won't let us gather in the park. Pinehurst will host a "Pup and Kids Parade" on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM starting at the Pinehurst Pocket Park at 117<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and then doing a circuit around the neighborhood. Humans are required to wear masks, pets must be leashed. Click here for more info:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mTYxEfLK66I3jK\\_rLf8kDqYg58B\\_0Vji/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mTYxEfLK66I3jK_rLf8kDqYg58B_0Vji/view) . In Victory Heights you can help decorate Victory Heights Park by picking up orange poster board at the kiosk and then bring it back when you are done, it will be posted around the park. And it's okay to "Walk The Loop" in the park on Halloween. Some people (and houses) will be trick-or-treating, others will sit it out this year. The CDC has this to say about it, "a "moderate risk activity" even when individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)." Monica will have cider available at her house as well as candy, everything will be sanitized, packaged, gloves used, etc. She's at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and NE 106<sup>th</sup> Street, just southwest of the park. Next Door should have a treat map available, use that to plan your excursions. Next year we'll do something in the park.

No news about the Art Signal Box Project, the city will be announcing the winners for matching grants on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Sock Drive was a big success with 500 pairs donated for the scouting project. If you have adult-sized long-sleeved shirts or pants, these could be donated as well still.

TeenFeed Program: A number of folks provided food at the beginning of October when it was our turn to make the meal for the day. Our next date is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> (yes, election day) with pretty much the same menu as before except with apple pie instead of peach cobbler. Sign up here...<https://signup.com/go/LZNBeZw>

We still have cloth masks to donate.

Ann is designing 8 ½"x 11" Emergency Preparedness posters with some tips and info and will be putting them around.

Ann and Nancy Rauhauser from Pinehurst are working on the Racial Equality Council and will be doing a presentation at our most diverse local school, Northgate Elementary (other side of I-5).

The Pinehurst Walking Craft Fair will be November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM, you'll be able to view people's arts and crafts from the bottom of their driveways.

We'll be selling Christmas Gingerbread Houses again this year to raise money. They'll be \$5 each but we won't have a decorating party this year due to Covid. Instead they'll be sold as do-it-yourself kits with all the ingredients you need.

The Victory Heights Co-Op Preschool (where we held our meetings in the Beforetime) is currently doing a fundraiser. They are selling various kinds of coffee, greenery, and cookie dough that you can preorder and will be delivered to you or picked up at the school. Please fill out the [order form](#) and email to Jess.Silvers@gmail.com - or print and drop in their secure mailbox across 106th from the preschool.

**Payment** (due with order) can be made via Venmo or dropped at the school's handy mailbox at 1747 NE 106<sup>th</sup> St along with the order form.

Someone brought up the city's 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE drainage project which will be done for a few blocks on the west side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE around 105<sup>th</sup> St. The concern is this will narrow the street and the city is then relying on what they euphemistically call an "informal pedestrian zone" on the east side, that is, walking on the existing gravel right-of-way. Or having to walk in the street, which is a concern for pedestrian safety. Seattle Greenways was encouraged to get involved, this is the sort of thing they look out for.

The next meeting of the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance will be November 12<sup>th</sup> and will feature the new North Precinct Captain. Our Brad has joined the Alliance's board.

Extra yard waste fees are not charged in November, when customers are asked to keep fall leaves out of drains to reduce the risk of flooding. Households can put out up to 10 bags of extra yard waste per collection day for free from November 1 to 30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson  
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