

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Ann Forrest at 7:00 PM, fourteen people attending.

Brad Cummings attended the first ReVisioning Northgate meeting that hopes to provide direction and guidance for how the neighborhood will be developed in coming years (for purposes of planning this is Aurora Avenue to 15th Avenue NE, and NE 95th St to 130th, so technically outside Victory Heights). This was a “get a to know you” organizational meeting and they hope to increase their visibility and possible impact by involving as many groups and stakeholders as possible. Future meetings will occur every few months. Meanwhile, Ann is assembling ideas (currently off of Next Door) of possible amenities folks would like to see added to our neighborhood. Eventually we will share this with the RVN group.

Ann attended the North Precinct Advisory Council. Mostly they heard from members of the L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) program about how the police are trying to find alternatives to just arresting folks who are in need (mental illness, drugs, etc). Here in the north precinct the crime rates have held steady even though the population has been increasing.

The debrief from December’s Gingerbread House fundraiser was 25 houses were sold, plus donations, and \$105 was given to the Ryther Children’s Center. An attempt to do a house building event at Ryther was not entirely successful due to circumstances beyond our control. The thinking is we need to gear up the publicity for this next year to increase awareness.

The public survey for the Hubbard Homestead Park (behind QFC) closes this Thursday. Vote for what you would like to see done in their park: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5535X5B>

We would like to develop materials to be able to deliver to new residents in the neighborhood (either home buyers or renters) that would let them know what is going on (i.e. us, resources, etc). In earlier days, this would have been called The Welcome Wagon. This will require some work to determine what to put together and organize people to be aware of new neighbors on their street and distribute them.

Upcoming events:

- Jan 20th: Lunar Eclipse at 10:30 PM
- Jan 27th: Seed Swap #1, 3 PM @ the preschool (bring your seed catalogs, organize with others, and order)
- Feb 9th: Hands-on Skills Fair @ Meadowbrook (2 PM – 5 PM). We will be giving away 100 emergency toilets to the first 100 people—paid for by a grant.
- Feb 10th: Seed Swap #2, 3 PM @ the preschool (split up the seed packets amongst everyone)
- Apr 2nd: “Stop The Bleed”, 7 PM – 8:30 PM @ the preschool. Learn basic first aid.
- May 4th: In Shoreline there will be a series of “TEDtalk”-like lectures about earthquakes in this area
- “Summer Splash” – we will be organizing an effort to buy new swimsuits for the Ryther kids

Jim told us about the King County Conservation Commission, a chartered group that every parcel pays \$9.43 to via their property taxes each year. They have asked if he would like to be a board member to represent urban homeowners and he needs 25 signatures to be nominated, and a petition was passed around.

We got to meet two “canine companions,” service dogs that have been specially trained. A family goes through orientation and then is paired up with a two-month-old puppy that they then train and raise in their house until it is 20-months-old and then “graduates” and is donated free of charge to someone in need. We got to meet Jupiter who is close to graduation, as well as a distant relative who already serves a resident of Victory Heights (the dogs hit it off magnificently). You can learn more at www.cci.org.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
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