

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Ben Cober. Seventeen people on zoom call including our guest, plus Diagora Toyama, President of Pinehurst Seattle.

Dean Allsopp, the District Director for city councilperson Debora Juarez gave us a recap of the 2021 Budget Cycle. Normally a budget would be set for two years at a time but this year, due to Covid, just a single year was budgeted which passed on November 23<sup>rd</sup> on a 8-1 vote. He had graphics showing the income and projected expenditures and specifically what Ms Juarez had been able to add to it that would directly impact us here in District 5 (the Aurora Commons, human trafficking intervention, homelessness, children and preschool programming). Dean can be reached directly at [dean.allsopp@seattle.gov](mailto:dean.allsopp@seattle.gov) and is happy to answer questions.

Ben updated us as he has been ramping up to be an effective Victory Heights President. He has held many zoom meetings over the past few weeks.

Brad Cummings said the recent meeting of the Lake City Neighborhood Alliance had Debora Juarez appearing via zoom for over an hour.

Signal Box Art Project update: Four of eight pieces are done! Ben is hosting a weekly Monday Q&A with each artist over zoom where they reveal what each piece will look like. He's expecting us to install the wraps on the boxes in late March or early April once we are able to clean the boxes first.

Ann Forrest said the next Teen Feed that Victory Heights will contribute to will be Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. It will include Teriyaki Chicken, rice, and brownies. Directions and the menu are listed here: <https://signup.com/go/QAHSdqB>

Jim Horrigan organized a thank you to our previous president Ann Forrest for all her hard work the past four years by asking us to donate to her favorite charity, North Helpline. You can find them here: [www.northhelpline.org](http://www.northhelpline.org)

Next month's meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, via zoom, and will feature speakers from the Green Seattle Partnership who do such great work around Thornton Creek.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:00 PM but Ben continued to do a segment on community listening. He had three specific questions for everyone: 1) When you look at Victory Heights, what issues are top of mind that concern you? (Responses included someone living homeless underneath the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge (on the ground adjacent the creek itself, not in the bridge structure). We feel reporting it on the Find It, Fix It app is the best way to get the city involved). 2) What do you hope to see in Victory Heights in 2021? (A return of the ice cream social potluck in July, caroling, engagement, a garden tour, scavenger hunt, a traffic circle beautification contest. 3) How can we build community?

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