

Victory Heights Community Council
Meeting Minutes January 17, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Ben Cober at 7:04 PM. Seventeen people attending via Zoom.

Ann Forrest did a presentation, “How Safe Are We In Victory Heights?” as a teaser to her free six week course on emergency preparedness starting Wednesday the 19th. It will be no surprise that the Seattle Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Analysis (SHIVA) of 18 hazards, number one is earthquakes (#2 is snow & ice). The city’s Seattle Hazard Explorer app

(<https://seattlecitygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=0489a95dad4e42148dbef571076f9b5b>) has maps broken down into various categories including liquefaction, landslides, unreinforced masonry buildings, and flooding (good news: we’re mainly in the clear here in Victory Heights for these). So Ann’s Call To Action is this: 1) Don’t bury your head in the sand—Learn! 2) Her upcoming classes are an easy (30 minutes per week) way to get informed 3) sign up at VH.EmergencyHub@gmail.com or SeattlePrepares@gmail.com.

Trying to restore the artwork that was destroyed last summer when a driver took out one of the utility art boxes, a neighbor in Pinehurst had offered their fence to recreate the mural. Alas, the artist declined, citing the inability to apply vinyl wraps to it, as it was designed for. So we keep looking for an alternate location.

Traffic safety/calming: Ben is trying to arrange a meeting with SDOT in order to find out how much it would cost to fund a traffic study in our neighborhood. We would attempt to get a matching grant or something, if it’s feasible.

The new Victory Heights website has launched: <http://victoryheights.cc> Josh Debner built and designed it, and we’re looking for testimonials to add from residents to put on the front page (send to the victoryheights.seattle@gmail.com address). There’s also a donation page if you are feeling generous and want to support the community council.

Winterfest on December 12th was a huge success despite it being a bit wet. There were luminarias, snacks and a food truck. Check out this highlight video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xbN2JjcVk>

The Green Seattle Partnership is doing work parties down in the Kingfisher Area of Thornton Creek, with invasive species removal on January 22nd, and new planting on the 29th. Sign up here: <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/calendar/>

The Victory Heights Seed Swap will be Sunday, January 30th from 3-4 PM in Ann’s garage at 10540 19th Avenue NE across from the park. Please wear a mask.

There was a report the fence on the west side of the park had been removed, but no confirmation at this time.

There will be a free walk-in, no appointment necessary Covid clinic held at the Idriss Mosque on Northgate Way on Sunday, January 23rd from 10 AM to 2 PM. All brands of vaccines will be available and you can get your 1st, 2nd, or booster shot there.

Ann would like to have us purchase a broom to be left in the park's playground for parents (presumably) to sweep up wood chips and sand when they get spread around.

The path around the park was unusable during the snow because it was packed down and slippery. Ann hoped next time someone could get down there and shovel it as soon as it snows to keep it passable. A number of folks volunteered to help, so watch for the word to go out to show up with your shovel the next time it snows on the usual social media sites (Next Door, Facebook, etc).

The next meeting is President's Day, Monday February 21st at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council