

Victory Heights Community Council Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Ben Cober at 7:04 PM. Fourteen people attending (via zoom) plus two guest speakers.

Gary Olson and John Lombard with the Thornton Creek Alliance did a presentation. Among the topics they discussed were: Noxious Weed Knockout Project (focused on knotweed); Natural Areas: NE 125<sup>th</sup> St Restoration; Advocacy: Development Concerns; Outreach and Education, the Citizen Science Program to study E. Coli levels; and Storm Water Efforts. The documentary about the restoration of the Kingfisher Natural Area is available for rent on Vimeo.

Forty houses participated in the community-wide Yard Sale last weekend with beautiful weather in what was otherwise a wet weekend. Talk about luck! Some places reported selling past 3 PM with a constant flow of customers.

The Victory Heights Neighborhood Survey got 70 responses and Ben is sifting through the data to see what direction we should go. "Safety" was the biggest concern, and there were many suggestions and improvement ideas put forth. A question about charging membership dues to the community council (something in the by-laws that's never been enforced in this iterations of the council) had at least 28% of respondents say they would be willing to pay \$100 a year in dues. There will be a meeting in two weeks to review the survey results in more detail.

Now that the hillside next to NE 106<sup>th</sup> Street just east of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE has been scraped clean of invasive plants, plans are afoot with what to replace it with. Replanting new (native) plants appears to be the best option at the moment.

Food Truck Friday continues, on June 18<sup>th</sup> it will be Zaytoona and Dreamy Drinks. The parks department (after much cajoling, particularly from Debora Juarez's office) finally installed a Sani-Can for use by the vendors as well as members of the public.

Mayor Mondays keeps adding more candidates which will take us up to the eve of Primary Day. 6 PM on Zoom each Monday with a new candidate. Lance Randall will be appearing on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Potluck/Ice Cream Social is tentatively scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM. At this moment officially the city isn't allowing groups larger than 50 to congregate but all that is set to change on June 30<sup>th</sup> when all pandemic restrictions are due to be lifted in King County. Ben has put in for a permit to close NE 106<sup>th</sup> Street next to the park and we'll be looking for volunteers to help make this event another success.

The Black Lives Matter Memorial: the parks department vetoed putting up a second notice board but might consider a Temporary Art Installation. Someone from the city is going to do a walkthrough with committee members on Friday to discuss suitable locations in the park.

The Lake City Farmers Market returns on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-7 PM each week next to the library. Alas, the parking garage is permanently closed. <http://seattlefarmersmarkets.org/lcfm>

A question was asked about residents mowing the lawn at Victory Heights Park if the city isn't willing or able to do it. Apparently this is okay as long as all the clippings are collected and removed from the park. So be prepared to do that extra work if you take it upon yourself to do it, and dispose of the clippings responsibly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by Ryan Johnson  
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