



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2016**

Chair Fran Papenleur called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 16th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Victor Frazier reported our account balance was at \$7074.81. He also reported that this summer's concert series in Audubon Park, in conjunction with the Northwest Neighborhood Council's concerts in Shadle Park, was very successful. We had our most expensive and best bands ever, and despite spending \$2,350 on the musicians, the concerts still made money for our neighborhood council. The profit would not have been possible without reimbursements from the City of Spokane, our generous business sponsors who purchased ads in the concert brochure, and a generous donation of \$250 from City Councilmember Karen Stratton's campaign fund. Karen was recognized in attendance at the meeting.

Membership Report: In Diana Frazier's absence, Victor reported that the council has 56 members and that it was election night. He reported we had a quorum with 16 voting members in the room and 20 in the audience. The board met the previous Thursday and recommended the following slate of officers:

President/Chair - Victor Frazier
Vice Pres/Chair - Fran Papenleur
Secretary - Charles Robeson
Treasurer - Jeff Stevens

A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers. There was no further discussion, and the slate was approved unanimously. (Seven additional people, including three members, arrived after the voting, including Charles Robeson. His nomination as secretary was briefly discussed later in the meeting. He accepted the nomination, and agreed with the new slate of officers.)

Guest Speaker: Mike Taylor, Engineer, City of Spokane

Mr. Taylor showed slides and discussed improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. The new silo digester and filtration systems use *transmembrane filtration*, similar to the REI water filters that you can use when camping. He noted that phosphate discharge levels have been reduced 90% since the new digesters went in and are down to 18 ppm. The system also removes 98% of all PCB's. The two egg-shaped digesters cost \$42 million dollars; the new Silo digester (made of concrete) cost \$13 million dollars. The average daily flow of wastewater to the plant is 34 million gallons. A severe rain event can push the flow up to 270 million gallons. The new CSO tanks being installed throughout the city will moderate that amount. Mr. Taylor explained that the contractor, Paul Corporation, is installing the whole system. The City has combined the many operations meetings of the operators, engineers, contractors etc., which has saved \$11 million dollars.

Heather Trautman, Director, Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), was recognized by the chair. She explained how Spokane's Neighborhood Council program is unique, compared to other cities. Neighborhood Councils have a seat at the table to advise on policy, program, and budget governance items. She stated the motto of ONS is, "You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood." There are now 29 neighborhood councils, with Nevada Lidgerwood recently splitting into Shilo Hills NC, and Nevada Heights NC.

City Council Member Karen Stratton was recognized by the chair and asked if she would like to give an update to the neighborhood. She briefly described the Monroe Street Advisory Council, which meets regularly to discuss the construction and changes on North Monroe between Indiana and Garland Avenues. She also reported that the Spokane Police Department was notified about the neighborhood's concerns regarding traffic speeding on Northwest Boulevard.

Park Board President Christopher Wright was recognized and reported briefly on the renovation progress occurring in Riverfront Park.

Other Announcements

- Shred Day will be at the COPS Northwest on September 30th
- Dump passes for both the Northwest and Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Councils will be issued at 9:00 am on September 24th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Dump passes were issued to approximately ten interested attendees.