**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council** 

 **Membership Meeting Minutes**

 **Finch Elementary School**

 **March 15, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Fran Papenleur. Guests: Jason Ruffing, ONS & Code Enforcement, John Champion, Community Frameworks, and Shane O’Doherty, Finch Elementary principal. Speakers noted below.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes from the February general membership meeting were reviewed and approved. Andrea Kilgore confirmed as new Secretary by member vote.

**Membership Report:**  Diana Frazier reported we have 35 voting members. To qualify, a person must attend at least two meetings in a 12-month period. There was a quorum present.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The account balance as of March 15 is $6,567.33. Money budgeted for a bulletin board in Audubon Park this summer.

 **Concerts:**

 Three concerts are scheduled for summer, 2018:

July 12th – Lilac City Band at Shadle Park

July 19th – Nicole Lewis at Audubon Park

July 26th – Ken Davis Band at Shadle Park

SCRAPS offered to host a booth, as well as COPS NW

**Community Engagement Grant:** Community Engagement Grant funds are available from the CA ($550 per NC) for promoting neighborhood involvement in activities. Motion to pay $500 to Nicole Lewis Band and remaining $50 for promotional items like brochures or magnets. Motion seconded and approved by vote.

**Community Assembly/** **Community Development:**

1. Fran announced a training and orientation for Community Assembly to be held Tuesday March 20th , 6 p.m, West Central Community Center.

2. The CA Liaison position to the Plan Commission is vacant; applications available on the city website.

3. City plans to receive federal money from HUD this year. Each neighborhood allocation will be proportionate to income. Next year we will move to a district-wide model. We are in District 3. Each neighborhood council will send leadership to the District. Our district might receive approximately $100,000 for community projects.

**Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS):**

Jason Ruffing, ONS & Code Enforcement was present to provide information and answer questions. He can be contacted at jruffing@spokanecity.org

1. Rod Minarik, Office of Neighborhood Services, is retiring at the end of March. He has served 22 years as a program coordinator, and a strong advocate for the council system and neighborhoods. He will be missed.
2. Urban Forestry is giving away free trees to the public. Information will be available at next meeting. Contact is Angel Spann at aspann@spokanecity.org.
3. The Monroe Street renovation project scheduled for April-October, and construction will take place in stages.
4. *Spokane Matters 2.0* launch is March 29th 2-4 pm, at West Central Community Center. This is a collaborative model for problem-solving issues directly with stakeholders and city departments.

**Neighborhood Planning:**

Jeff Stevens is recruiting stakeholders to participate in a two year planning process focusing on the Shadle Center. Contact Jeff if interested. First meeting TBA.

**Traffic / Safety:**

Jeff reported on severalTraffic Calming projects:

1. *Illegal left turn at TJ Meenach:* Project postponed due to construction, and deadline to apply for funds passed.
2. *“Safe Routes to School”* proposal for sidewalks on Nettleton from Northwest Boulevard to Garland. There is no deadline to submit applications. Jeff is gathering data for the application to submit this summer.
3. *Speeding on Belt:* Resident reports submitting complaint on the City phone line about speeding and accidents on Belt between Garland and Wellesley. States he did not receive a response. Suggestion is to call 311 or Streets Department Communication Number (509) 625-7733.
* Northwest Neighborhood Association proposed a 20 mph year round speed limit on Belt in 2009. Proposal to the City resulted in only a summer time 20mph speed limit.
* The Pedestrian, Traffic & Transportation Committee (PeTT) is conducting a “summit” on Tuesday March 27th to discuss a proposal to implement 20 mph speed limits near all public parks year round. Jeff may attend.
* Victor Frazier asked for a “straw vote” of those in attendance regarding support for a year round speed limit of 20 mph near parks. It was widely supported by those in attendance, with only one person opposed.

**Transitions’ Cottage Project Update:**

*Guest speaker:* John Chapman from Community Frameworks discussed the Transitions Cottage Housing development; they are the property development company.

* This 24 unit cottage style low-income housing project is located at Fairview and Hemlock The units will be owned by Transitions and managed by Spokane Housing Authority.
* Project timeline: Framing will start this month, staggered certificates of occupancy this summer, project completed this summer and ready for occupancy in September. He noted that 15 units are “net zero energy” with solar power and energy efficient features.
* The existing community garden will be moved to a new location on the property. An Eagle Scout is organizing it. ADNC allocated CDBG money to the project.

**Public Safety**

Lavette Carpenter, past president (and current volunteer) of COPS NW announced the following:

1. Dump passes from Audubon Downriver Neighborhood Council and the Northwest Neighborhood Council will be distributed in April, June, September and October.
2. Shred Day at COPS NW on April 27th from 11am-2pm
3. *Night Out Against Crime*: encourages each neighborhood to have a block party on August 7th. Official party will be at Shadle Park on August 11th.

*Patty Jones, resident*, spoke about a bullying incident that was reported on Facebook. Incident occurred at Finch Elementary outside of school hours. Stacy Boyd, school resource officer, met the boys. Neighborhood Council discussed recommendations of COPS and Finch Elementary staff for managing future incidents. *If you see a bullying incident or a crime in progress:* call the police or 911 immediately. If it has already happened, call Crime check, 456-2233. Write down the incident number. Take pictures, and tell the troublemakers to stop, if you feel safe doing this. Keep a safe distance and stay calm. Follow up by calling the Shadle COP Shop, 625-3336. Talk to Neighborhood Resource Officer Doug Strosahl and give him any incident numbers on previous calls you've completed. Doug will build a case file for every perpetrator. Contact school resource officers if incident occurs on school property, but always call 911 or Crime Check as well. The Finch SRO is Stacy Boyd, and the Shadle HS SRO is Doug Clark.

*Next Board Meeting: April 12th*

*Next General Meeting: April 19th*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.