**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council** 

**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Finch Elementary School**

**November 15, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Fran Papenleur. Guest speakers noted below.

**Secretary’s Report:**  October membership meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Membership Report:**  Victor Frazier reported we have 39 voting members. To qualify, a person must attend at least two meetings in a 12-month period. 24 members present. There was a quorum present. Membership Chair is open for nominations. Contact board if interested.

**Volunteer recognition:** Victor presented neighborhood tee shirt to David Harris for representing our neighborhood at Infill Housing meetings.

**Social Media Report:** Victor Frazier reports Facebook membership is currently 806. Members are actively posting. Please answer the application questions to join the page so we can verify you are a resident and not soliciting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Victor Frazier reports the account balance is $4893. Last expenditures were for the PO box and ADNC magnets. Magnets distributed at this meeting.

**City Council Report:** *Councilwoman Karen Stratton* reports City Council wants a serious community discussion about a public safety bond to provide stable, long-term funding for a full force (32 officers and 38 fire fighters). Force is currently understaffed and funding depends on annual budget negotiations and grants that expire. Ben Stuckart will seek feedback from neighborhood councils in 2019. Karen is concerned about increased numbers of homeless people in Spokane. Karen is directing residents and business owners to a website of housing resources you can give to people who need it. Call 311 if you identify a situation for Homeless Outreach Team to provide resources. City Council is hosting 4 public meetings for landlords, tenants and residents frustrated about housing issues.

**Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Report:** *Maren Murphy, ONS Liaison*, presented snow removal plan active 11/15/18 through 3/15/2019. Current plan is proactive, meaning plows will be out any time it snows regardless of amount. Park on odd side of the street. RV’s and boats must be moved off streets. Contact code enforcement to report RVs and boats on streets.

**Neighborhood Planning:** Jeff Stevens reports Shadle Planning group wants to create a 20 year plan for how residents want the Shadle area to be. City Planner is seeking planning consultants through a Request for Proposals. Top 3 candidates will be interviewed.

**Parks:** Jeff Stevens reports mutt mittens are still available in Audubon Park dispenser. Webster Park currently has a bin for plastic bags on a “take one, bring one” system. Please bring plastic bags to Jeff at the next meeting to put in the bin.

**Traffic:** Jeff Stevens reports the following:

* Pedestrian crossing project at Audubon/Alice/NW Blvd intersection completed.
* Resident reports serious accidents at G street & Garland at least once a week due to unsafe parking. People also block emergency vehicle parking. Jeff recommends calling 311 to talk to Code Enforcement and COP shop.
* Resident reports parked cars on Garland are frequently hit by drivers who treat Garland like a 4 lane street and pass on the right. Fran reported it to the street department.

**Community Assembly/Community Development:** Fran announced this is the last year our neighborhood will receive $10,000 to distribute for projects. Will move to a district model next year. Fran distributed project menu for members to choose top 3 projects at this meeting. Members will vote for top choice in February 2019. Speakers will present at the January meeting. Only voting members can participate in the final vote.

**COPS NW:** Ellen Ebaugh not available to report due to injury. Victor reports COP shop always needs volunteers. Residents have been reporting package thefts and car break-ins. Neighbors are complaining about Transitions. Treat the residents like you would treat any neighbor. If you see a crime in progress, call 911 like you would for any safety concern.

**Transitions report:** Amy Manning, housing director, reports they will meet with neighbors to problem solve concerns because they want to be good neighbors. 24 homeless families recently moved into cottages. Mission is to end homelessness for women and children in Spokane.

**West Central Community Center:** *Madison Leonard, WCCC board member and neighborhood resident,* reported on the 24 hour library kiosk funded by CCBG.

**Guest speaker:** *Mona Griffin, ESD 101 and neighborhood resident*, reports Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative coalition meets in West Central. Shadle Park has been identified as a CPWI community starting in January 2019. They will do community organizing to address drug and alcohol use among minors.

**Announcements:** Cleanup Coordinator position is available. Position is responsible for distributing dump passes. Guest speakers at January meeting will be Ben Stuckart to present about city budget and Traci Ponto from SPD. Dump passes were issued.

***Next General Meeting:*** *January 17, 2019 at 7pm.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.