



Audubon-Downriver NC Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2019
Location: Finch Elementary Library

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Fran Papenleur with the room full of 36 people. She reported that Jeff Stevens was not able to attend the meeting, and because of that there would not be reports or discussion on Traffic, and Planning. She reported that the joint Shadle planning meeting was well attended by both councils last week at the library, and the plan was approved and sent forward for plan commission review in the process.

Reports

Secretary report: Reviewed and approved May general meeting minutes.

Membership report: Charles Robeson reports 35 voting members, and a quorum was easily attained.

Board Elections

Voting for the council officer positions was led by Victor Frazier, the current Treasurer.

- Nominated for Chair was Jeff Stevens, who has been with the council since 2005 and is the current Vice Chair. No other nominations were put forward, Victor closed nominations for chair and Jeff Stevens unanimously affirmed by all in attendance to that office.
- Voting followed in a similar manner for Vice Chair Fran Papenleur.
- For Treasurer, Victor has served two years, and according to our Bylaws, is termed out. Charles Robeson is willing to step into that role and was nominated and affirmed by the membership.
- For Secretary, Andrea Kilgore has served since February and has done a great job. She was confirmed by membership for her first one year term in that role.

Victor also reported that council committees are open for participation, and they include Traffic and Parks, led by Jeff Stevens. Concert & Events, where Victor said he is stepping down as the lead on that but is willing to help if someone would like to step up. Also, the same with Clean Up Coordinator. He mentioned that he will issue "Dump Passes" at the end of the meeting.

Social media report: Victor reported 975 Facebook members.

Treasurer report: Victor reported an account balance of \$5670.15.

Concerts report: Victor reported that we raised over \$500 in funds on this year's concerts and thanked the business and non-profit donors for their support. He acknowledged

Transitions Executive Director Edie Rice-Sauer, and COPs NW LaVette Carpenter for their organizations' donations as community non-profits that supported the concerts.

City Council Woman Karen Stratton Report

Karen reported that the homeless issue has been a big topic as of late. She reminded those in attendance that council does not set priorities or lead on actions for the city, the Mayor's office does that. Also, the council does not direct staff actions or tasks. On that note, the city has been seeking to purchase land and a central service facility for homeless populations. Due to resistance to a site on Sprague Avenue near Spokane Valley, it is now too late for a major purchase before cold weather sets in. The warming shelter model will probably be set up again like last winter. A member asked if Salem Lutheran church on Broadway would be used again. Due to issues there last winter, that does not look like it will happen. Neighbors around Salem Lutheran have had it with that happening there again. Concerns about the city owning and managing such a facility were brought up and discussed with Ms. Stratton. She understood that concern and express her own reservations about that.

Ms. Stratton then reported that she has been working with Associated General Contractors on a jobs training program for those seeking employable skills. She is working with AGC to set up a pre-apprenticeship program where the trainees would replace a side-walk on Wabash that is crumbling and the home owners can't afford to replace it. She will keep us informed on progress on that.

She also informed the membership that "Hawk lights" will be going in across Wellesley Avenue near the library for safer pedestrian crossing. This is funded by Radar Speed Camera dollars.

Community Assembly

Fran reports that Community Development Block Grant funds are now managed by a district model. We are in District 3, and have an allocation of \$100,000. Neighborhood council chairs have met and set the priorities: housing, child care, and senior services. These priorities will be submitted to the Community, Housing & Human Services Department (CHHS) by October 18 for review and approval. A project menu will be developed by CHHS, and applications will be submitted by April 2020.

The CA Liaison position to the Plan Commission is vacant. More information and applications were made available.

Parks - No report, one person expressed interest in joining this committee.

Traffic - No report.

COPs NW: Victor reported that Shred Day is next Friday September 27th, at Shadle Center from 11am - 2pm. There is no limit to what can be turned in, and donations graciously accepted.

He also reported that Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) Traci Ponto will be recognized by the YWCA as a community leader along with ten other local women. Fran added that Traci started up the COPs Horse Patrol.

Victor reported that COPs NW has 26 volunteers. The shop hours are M-F 9:00am – 5:00pm, with a morning shift till 1pm, and then an afternoon shift from 1pm -5pm. The shop can always use more volunteers, and a great way to learn more about what is going on in the city and neighborhood.

West Central Community Center Report: Victor reported that the center has a new administrative assistant, Shayna Sexton, and a new developmental disabilities program director Eric Moede.

Other Announcements:

- A new social gathering place for seniors, located at the Morning Star Baptist Church (3909 W Rowan Ave), will hold their grand opening on Tuesday, September 24, 2:00 pm.
- Edie-Rice Sauer introduced the Home Yard Cottages new Lead Case Manager, Amanda Randall. Fran suggested the neighborhood council hold a “sock & underwear” drive for their clients in October and November. More information will be coming.
- Melissa Huggins, Executive Director of *Spokane Arts*, announced the *Spokane Arts Awards*, an annual celebration of arts, culture and creativity in Spokane, will be held Saturday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Lucky You Lounge on Sunset Boulevard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm and 17 dump passes were issued out.

Recorded by Victor Frazier