



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Finch Elementary School  
November 21, 2019**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Jeff Stevens. Fran Papeleur (Vice Chair), Charles Robeson (Treasurer and Membership chair) and Andrea Kilgore (Secretary) present. Victor Frazier not present. Guest speakers noted below.

**Chair report:** Jeff asked attendees to take survey to give feedback on membership meetings.

**Secretary's Report:** September membership meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Membership Report:** *Charles Robeson* reports 35 active voting members. To qualify, a person must attend at least two meetings in a 12-month period. There were 23 voting members present. There was a quorum present.

**Social Media Report:** *Andrea Kilgore* reports 1017 members on facebook group.

**Treasurer's Report:** *Charles Robeson* reports the account balance is \$5248.58.

**Guest speaker:** Elysia Spencer, coordinator for Shadle Prevention and Wellness Coalition, presented on the statewide Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative to address youth substance use. Shadle Park is identified as having a high rate of vaping. They are implementing education programs to teach adults how to recognize signs of teen vape use. Two approaches to reducing substance use: interventions at the student level and prevention programs at the community level. Coalition is assessing neighborhood needs, strengths and protective factors in order to implement programs that prevent substance use or reduce risk factors.

**City Council Report:** *Karen Stratton, City Councilwoman*, not present.

**Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Report:** *Maren Murphy, ONS Liaison*, presented on snow plan. Snow season is Nov 15 to March 15. Park on odd side of the street. RVs, boats, trailers and basketball hoops need to be off street. Residents must keep sidewalks shoveled. Call 311 if you need help clearing the sidewalk.

**Community Assembly/Community Development:**

- Fran reports two representatives sponsored by the Innovia Foundation presented overview of the upcoming 2020 Census.
- Heather Trautman, long-time Director of Neighborhood Services, resigned last week. She accepted a new position in the community.
- Councilmember Breean Beggs is working with Gabby Ryan in ONS to develop a leadership series for neighborhood councils.

- Community Assembly meetings will be moving to the West Central Community Center in February. Fran is seeking a CA alternate for ADNC.
- A *Senior Gathering Place* at Morningstar Baptist Church is offering has coffee and other activities every Tuesday morning (8:30-11:30).

**Neighborhood Planning:** *Jeff* and Fran presented testimony in support of the Shadle Area Plan to City Council this week; and Council approved the plan. Document is available online. Goals include: improving connectivity into and around Shadle Center, walkability between locations, traffic calming, Shadle Park master plan, affordable housing, senior center or community center, etc.

**Parks Report:** *Jeff* introduced *Kirsten Angell* as the new Parks committee chair. Masters in Urban Planning. Kirsten submitted a letter of intent to City for a drought tolerant pollinator garden in Audubon Park. Interested in improving the trail on the bluff. Resident suggested partnering with Master Gardener program on the pollinator garden.

**Traffic:** Jeff reports speed feedback signs on NW BLVD are in operation. Residents report they are working to slow traffic. Resident requests more police presence to enforce speed limit. Jeff reports some traffic calming funds were approved to fund additional traffic patrol officers. Resident in River Ridge area reports speeding by Joe Albi and residents want to apply for traffic calming funds due to increased traffic flow from the new school. Resident reports volunteers used to help with traffic on game nights but no one does it now. Another resident reports they cannot get out of their driveway sometimes due to heavy traffic and noise pollution due to honking.

**West Central Community Center:** Victor not present.

**COPS NW:** Victor not present. Keith Cler, NRO, was scheduled to present but not available. Fran reports Neighborhood Observation Program (NOP) drives around the neighborhood to call in parking code violations and homeless camps. Officer Traci Ponto is retiring at the end of the month, but will work at West Central COPS as a Crime Victim Advocate.

**Transitions:** *Amanda, Transitions case manager*, present. ADNC members donated socks and underwear for Home Yard Cottages residents.

**Next General Meeting:** *January 16, 2020 at 7pm.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Meeting recorded by Andrea Kilgore.