



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting Minutes
Finch Elementary School
October 17, 2019**

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), and Victor Frazier present. Guest speakers noted below.

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

Membership Report: *Charles Robeson reports 37 active voting members. To qualify, a person must attend at least two meetings in a 12-month period. There were 27 voting members present. There was a quorum present.*

Treasurer's Report: *Charles Robeson reports the account balance is \$5253.15. Fee for postal box was paid. Victor Frazier reports \$325 was paid to NWNC per the proceeds-sharing agreement for the 2019 Summer Concert Series.*

City Council Report: *Karen Stratton, City Councilwoman*

- Plans to attend new Senior Gathering Place periodically (see below).
- Plan Commission held public hearing on Shadle Area Plan, and recommended the draft going forward. Will be presented to City Council in November. See website for the full plan.
- Updated resource list for homeless services available.

Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Report: *Maren Murphy, ONS Liaison, not present.*

Community Assembly/Community Development:

- Fran reports District 3 will have \$100,000 for Community Development Funds. District 3 neighborhood council leadership identified Housing, Child care, and Senior Services as priorities. Project menu will be announced by end of the year. Final application due in April.
- New Senior Gathering Place at 3909 W Rowan (and Driscoll), sponsored by Morning Star Baptist Church, and Balboa/South Indian Trail NC chair Karen Kearney. Coffee social hour every Tuesday morning from 8:30-11:30 available for all seniors in our area. No membership required. They plan to have occasional presentations.

Neighborhood Planning: *Jeff Stevens reports public comments were favorable about the plan. One woman had concerns about adding multifamily housing changing the character of the neighborhood. Plan Commission had several good questions. Apparently, the area is already zoned for multifamily housing so the plan is not seeking zone changes.*

Parks Report: *Jeff Stevens* reports a volunteer is interested in chairing the parks committee for ADNC. Shadle Plan calls for a master plan for Shadle Park. Downriver Park is another option. Karen, Fran, and Victor reports that they all have received complaints about the vegetation on the CSO tank at NW Blvd & Meenach. Upon examination, the vegetation are actually native plants and grasses. Karen Stratton has received requests to put a dog park there. Jeff would like to see dog waste containers on the bluff walking path.

Traffic: Jeff reports speed feedback signs will be installed on NW Blvd between C and D Streets for outgoing traffic, and at H Street for incoming traffic. Footings for posts were poured. Also poured footings for HAWK light between Belt and Ash. Victor reports COP shop received concern that South side of Wellesley will have curbing when the new school is built. Residents without curbing have problems with drainage and flooding. Resident on Belt is upset about lack of traffic calming projects. He feels unheard by ADNC and the city due to lack of action. Jeff states traffic calming proposal on Garland between Ash and Alberta was denied due to lack of traffic data. Jeff reports traffic counts on Garland drop significantly west of Belt, which indicates people are turning right onto Belt. Resident reports safety concern about lack of sidewalks on Alberta between schools and shopping. Karen states she will check if this area is eligible for the *Safe Routes to Schools* program.

West Central Community Center: Victor reports Higgins Point was dedicated today in honor of Don Higgins, former director of WCCC and founder of COPS program.

COPS NW: Victor reports Morning Star Baptist Church was recently targeted by racist pamphlets promoting genocide. Victor added their location to the Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOPs).

Transitions: *Edie Rice Sauer, Transitions Executive Director*, thanked the council for holding sock/underwear donations for residents of the Home Yard Cottages. (ADNC is collecting these items at October and November meetings.) Edie reports successful outcomes at the Cottages. Edie invites everyone to tour Women's Hearth and eat lunch at New Leaf Bakery the first Wednesday of each month.

Announcements: Dump passes were issued at the end of this meeting. Dump passes will be available at COPS NW on Saturday, October 19, starting at 9 a.m.

Next General Meeting: *Nov 21, 2019 at 7pm.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Meeting recorded by Andrea Kilgore.