



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Finch Elementary School  
January 16, 2020**

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

**Chair report:** Jeff announced ADNC is going green by printing smaller agendas and not printing minutes. Minutes are posted on the ADNC website.

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

**Membership Report:** *Charles Robeson* reports 44 active voting members. To qualify, a person must attend at least two meetings in a 12-month period. There were 15 voting members present. There was a quorum present.

**Social Media Report:** *Andrea Kilgore* reports 1029 members on Facebook group.

**Treasurer's Report:** *Charles Robeson* reports the account balance is \$5021.62. Board voted to donate \$100 to Guild School (JOYA) and \$100 to Our Place in December. Reimbursed Jeff \$27.22 for printing ADNC surveys.

**Guest speaker:** *Keith Cler, Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO)* covers north of NW Blvd and west of Ash. NROs help with neighborhood problems that patrol officers do not have time to address, such as parking issues, neighbor disputes, nuisance houses, etc.

- They gather info from neighbors regarding nuisance houses to build a case with the civil attorney. Successful cases result in sale of the home.
- NROs address transient camps on a rotating basis. NROs post 48 hour notice before cleaning an uninhabited camp. If campers are present, NRO can give notice to move same day. Police can arrest or search campers if they have cause (i.e. weapons, drugs). Unlawful campers are diverted from jail to Community Court.
- Parking Enforcement is responsible for motorhomes and abandoned vehicles. City has limited funding to tow abandoned motorhomes. Parking Services addresses cars that do not follow snow removal rules.

**City Council Report:** *Karen Stratton, City Councilwoman*, reports transition to new mayor's administration is going well. Mayor plans to visit ADNC meeting and Waffles Plus meetings with Karen. They plan to add more location and times for meetings this year.

- Notify 311 and Karen regarding snow removal problems so they can address it quickly. Karen is willing to mediate neighbor disputes regarding snow removal or parking. Call Karen at 509-625-6712.
- Shadle Library moved to temporary space at Northtown Mall for 2 years.

- Community Housing and Human Services Department will fund 50 more shelter beds for adult women at City Gate.
- Successful closure of “zombie homes” or nuisance homes in West Central. Keith Kelly’s nonprofit purchases the homes to create affordable boarding homes.
- Resident reports speeding through unofficial crossing at Cochran where people go to the bus stop. Resident suggests moving the bus stop to discourage crossing there or adding flashing lights. Jeff reports board voted to remove crossing flags in that location due to safety concerns and recommends people cross a block away. Karen will talk to Bob Turner.
- Charles reports traffic problems on Garland. Karen reports she receives many complaints about it and plans to address it.

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

**ADNC Survey:** Jeff gathered feedback on monthly membership meetings at the November meeting. Jeff is gathering data on where attendees live in the neighborhood so we can outreach areas that are underrepresented. Map currently shows a broad distribution across the neighborhood. Other feedback: 1) Increase socialization, introductions 2) more guest speakers on neighborhood issues or relevant/interesting topics 3) increase discussion 4) Use more audio/visual.

**Community Assembly/Community Development:** Fran not present. Jeff reports Community Engagement grant will provide \$500 to our neighborhood.

**Parks Report:** Jeff reports Kirsten Angell submitted a letter of inquiry to Spokane Parks Foundation to help fund a pollinator garden in Audubon Park. The SPF has agreed to accept a grant application for the project. Kirsten will prepare the application. Resident suggests partnering with Master Gardeners to assist with design and construction of the garden.

**Traffic:** Jeff reports the new speed feedback signs on NW BLVD are not working. There is a problem with the batteries holding the charge provided by the solar panels. The signs might need to be connected to a steady power source if the problem cannot be resolved. Jeff will attend the traffic calming meeting in late January to get details on the 2020 application process.

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

**COPS NW:** Victor not present.

**Open Forum:** Discussed COPS NW, STA project updates. Looking for volunteers and ideas for summer events. Council is considering an event in Audubon Park and an educational event in Drumheller Springs.

**Next General Meeting:** *February 20, 2020 at 7pm.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Meeting recorded by Andrea Kilgore.