



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting Minutes
Finch Elementary School
February 20, 2020**

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. Kirsten Angell and Victor Frazier not present. Karen Stratton (City Councilwoman), Jaime Pavlischak (NRO for West Central) and Tracy Ponto (COPS) present. Guest speakers noted below.

Secretary's Report: January membership meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Meeting minutes from previous months will be emailed to the mailing list before next meeting for review.

Membership Report: *Charles Robeson* reports 41 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 \$5148.

Guest speaker: *Carly Cortwright, My Spokane 311*, presented on reasons to call 311 about any city program (Street Department, Waste Management, Parks, Utilities, Code Enforcement, snow removal, etc). Think "One Call For City Hall". Can also call 509-755-CITY. 311 staff can help file complaints about code, parking violations, graffiti, potholes, permits, illegal camping. They can answer general questions and connect you to the correct departments. They will ask for your name, but illegal camping or code complaints can be reported confidentially. Can visit in person at City Hall from 8am-5pm M-F, online at City website, the mobile phone app or email My311@spokanecity.org. The 311 knowledge base is on the website.

City Council Report: *Karen Stratton, City Councilwoman*, reports Clean Green pickup starts March 2. City posted demographic info online for every neighborhood. Karen is working with STA and mayor to visit neighborhood councils starting in March. Karen is working with West Central regarding Centennial Trail connection.

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

Community Assembly/Community Development: Fran reported that the West Central Neighborhood's Centennial Trail controversy was brought up at Community Assembly, and may be delved into more next month. She asked City Council member Lori Kinnear (who is CC rep on the Parks Board) if the neighborhood councils will have input into the new 6-year Parks

plan. There was a previous agreement with Parks to not charge neighborhood councils for neighborhood events in city parks, but it appears they may be cancelling out on that agreement. CA committees plan to address it.

- Fran is working with Karen Kearney and the District 3 leadership group to decide how to spend CDBG funds. Most councils are leaning to the previously agreed upon priority to donate to Habitat for Humanity, which may be targeting West Central for housing rehabilitation. ADNC membership will vote to approve this direction at our March meeting.

Parks Report: 1) Kirsten Angell not present. Jeff reported on the pollinator garden project at Audubon Park along NW Blvd. Kirsten is applying for a grant from the Spokane Parks Foundation to help fund this project and is working with parks staff on the design and placement of the garden. 2) Jeff and Kirsten met with Downriver Golf Course staff to discuss resident complaints about dogs not being allowed on the course. The Spokane Municipal Code does allow dog walking on park property if they are on a leash and you pick up after them. Golf courses have separate policies that prohibit dogs from being on the course. Parks staff reports the turf is damaged by dogs running loose and dog waste left on the course. Jeff and Kirsten suggested a walking trail through the golf course that would avoid the fairways and greens. Parks staff agreed to consider this option. Jeff will post a message on the neighborhood Facebook page asking residents to follow golf course rules and keep pets off the course while discussions continue with parks staff.

Traffic: Jeff reports neighborhood council can submit two traffic calming project applications. Deadline is April 1st. Jeff is working on application for a crosswalk with safety island at NW Blvd by the stormwater tank because there are no crosswalks for 1 mile and people need to access the natural area along the bluff. Also applying for a HAWK light on Alberta between Longfellow and Wellesley near Glover and Shadle Center. Streets Dept will evaluate whether or not the project is needed. ADNC gets 3 mobile speed feedback signs to place in the neighborhood. Jeff will submit NW Blvd near Providence, Belt near Glover, and G Street between Garland and Wellesley.

Neighborhood Clean-up: Jeff reports we will do dump passes in Spring and Fall.

West Central Community Center: Victor not present.

COPS NW: Victor not present.

Open Forum:

- Parking Enforcement department is backlogged with 1200 cases. They will have a spring clean-up event soon.
- Senior Gathering Place added more social activities like dancing.
- Resident suggests creation of a bocce ball course
- Resident asked for update about removal of Joe Albi Stadium. What will replace it?
- Resident reports difficulty bringing complaints to school resource officer.
- Resident is concerned about lack of police presence in the neighborhood. Karen agreed to follow-up with SPD.

Next General Meeting: March 19, 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Meeting recorded by Andrea Kilgore.