



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Zoom virtual meeting 7:00 pm  
March 18, 2021**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Jeff Stevens. Board members present: Chris Wright (Vice Chair, Treasurer), Fran Papenleur (CA representative), Kirsten Angell (Parks coordinator) and Andrea Kilgore (secretary), Victor Frazier (WCCC/COPS NW liaison). Guest speakers noted below.

**Chair report:** Board introductions

**Secretary report:** Reviewed and approved February meeting minutes.

**Treasurer report:** Chris reports the current balance is \$5237.88. No activity this month.

**Membership:** Membership list updated for March, 2021. People who attend the previous meeting will receive an invite to the next meeting. Edie Rice-Sauer volunteered to help members learn Zoom in order to attend meetings.

**Guest Speaker:** Ryan Torpie with Councilwoman Mumm's office presented on the District 3 Walkability project for Finch School. Project will focus on conditions near schools in District 3. ADNC can decide which criteria to prioritize for future construction projects, including but not limited to missing or damaged sidewalks, lack of ADA ramps, crosswalks, and accessibility, etc. Consider areas that do not currently house children, but may in the future as families move in or new housing is built. Consider connectivity along direct routes to schools instead of small streets. Shane O'Doherty, Finch principal, provided feedback that all students walk, bike or get rides to school due to no busses. Driscoll and Alberta Streets have large gaps in sidewalks. Vegetation/snow forces pedestrians to walk into the street with traffic. Victor asked if Audubon school south of Transitions counts as a school for this project. Edie confirmed the property is split between Audubon and Finch school boundaries. Ryan states Emerson-Garfield neighborhood will focus on Northwest Blvd, so ADNC can partner with them about projects on this street. Fran asked if St Charles and Glover schools are included in the study. Ryan states we can choose to consider those projects though the City chooses to focus on Finch Elementary now. Ryan reports Glover School is new construction and probably has already addressed walkability during construction. Ryan provided a tool we can use to score project locations. Integrated Capital Management (ICM) will review the score sheets. This will be a 4 year project list. She recommends submitting a comprehensive list of projects to start conversations with the City about what is possible.

**City Council report:** Candace Mumm, City Councilwoman, reports fire at St Charles school caused serious damage. Arson is suspected and ATF is investigating. They will probably put out an alert to all churches. It may be related to St Patrick's Day. A police officer happened to notice the fire and was able to respond quickly. Mumm and Stratton are talking about strategies to help the students who will not be able to return to school there. Other churches may be a target so be vigilant for suspicious activity. Albi Stadium may have a concert event in August with 20,000 people expected, and a film project. Mumm met with organizers to suggest who that locals will be hired. Stadium location issue has been raised again. Public comment is invited on the Spokane Schools website. They will probably not do another advisory vote. Last vote was overwhelmingly in favor of keeping it at Albi. New information may change opinion about moving it downtown. STA has more revenue than anticipated. They are 17% above projection. Council is working on a pilot project to waive fares for youth this summer. Victor expressed disappointment that the SPS did not consider the stadium option when the PFD offered to build the football field inside the Sportsplex in January 2019, but is now considering the same option two years later. (Podium)

**Neighborhood Services report:** Annie Deasy, ONS representative

**Clean-Up program:** Jeff reports neighborhood councils are provided funds for clean-up projects every year. Usually ADNC provides dump passes for use at the Waste-to-Energy plant. Last year, dump passes were distributed differently due to COVID. Jeff reports ONS will probably continue to focus on dump passes this year because it is considered safer during COVID. We could consider a curbside pick-up project in the future. Jeff will attend a training meeting next week to learn about the 2021 program.

**Traffic report:** Jeff reports a Driscoll/Alberta/Cochran reconstruction is planned for 2022 and additional funding has been approved for sidewalk infill. Jeff will find out more info. Mumm believes this may be related to Stadium school construction north of Wellesley. We may need to focus our Walkability project on Driscoll/Alberta/Cochran south of Wellesley. Jeff reports traffic calming applications will not be accepted this year. Mumm reports we can still bring ideas to Council members who will take on the project in order to reduce pressure on neighborhood councils to come up with a project design before submitting a project idea. Jeff reports the mobile speed feedback trailers will be placed on Northwest Blvd at Audubon Park, on Wellesley near the library, and on NW Blvd in the Riverridge area. The trailers will alert oncoming motorists of their speed and gather data on traffic conditions. ADNC has recommended removing the 20 mph speed limit on Wellesley, but has not received any response from the city.

**Parks report:** Kirsten reports Audubon Park lost a number of trees this year due to weather and disease. Jeff and Kirsten met with Urban Forestry staff to discuss replanting options and will organize an event at the park after the planting. Resident Justin Croteau has started a Facebook group to work on improving the volleyball courts at Audubon Park. Parks does not have funds to help with the project. They may need to do fundraising to purchase new sand. Kirsten is organizing a cleanup along the river bluff. Tentatively scheduled for May 8th 10am-12pm. Kirsten and Jeff met with John Edmonson of *Growing Neighbors* about a

landscape project near Shadle High School. John has received support from SPS. Jeff will also follow up with the city about liability coverage. John's organization may be able to cover the liability. City would need to give permission to access water. Melissa Huggins and Kirsten report a community teaching garden is being planned next to Shadle Library. Kirsten reports swimming pools will open this summer, but splash pads will not open due to COVID. Jeff attended a presentation about a stormwater construction project that will begin this summer adding stormwater swales in the Downriver disc golf course and a pipeline through Downriver Golf Course. Jeff reports the original plan was to improve the parking areas near the disk golf course, but only if funds are available. The pipeline will run along Cleveland Street and residents are concerned about the impact of the construction. The Downriver master plan calls for a bike path along Downriver Drive. The pipeline project will not be built near Downriver Drive so the bike path will need to be constructed as a separate project. Greg Williams encouraged the ADNC to continue to advocate for the bike path.

**West Central Community Center:** Victor reports their accounting manager of five years was hired away by an accounting firm.

**COPS/Public Safety:** Victor reports COPS NW office is now open six days a week, and continues to seek volunteers.

**Transitions report:** Edie Rice-Sauer, Transitions director, reports their community garden has spaces available for residents interested in a plot. Edie reports David Carlson, Transitions board member, is present tonight. Transitions is having a children's art show in which they display their work on old election yard signs. Cottage residents are encouraged to attend council meetings.

**Open Forum:** Candace Mumm suggested that a public right of way could present an opportunity for access from the Emerson-Garfield neighborhood to Drumheller Springs Park. The right of way is currently undeveloped, but could accommodate a stairway or improved path. Mumm also mentioned that several empty lots on W Dalton could be incorporated into the park. Mumm is concerned that someone may try to develop the privately owned lots in the future. This could help expand the natural area and Native American history. The Parks department has an agreement to defer oversight of this area to the tribal members. ADNC could approach tribal members about this idea. Councilpersons Stratton and Mumm have worked on renaming projects with the Tribe and may approach about renaming Drumheller. Resident Angie Kieffer is a tribe member and offered to help with these proposals.

**Next General Meeting:** April 15, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Meeting minutes record by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.

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