



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting Minutes
Zoom virtual meeting 7:00 pm
April 15, 2021**

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) not present. Guest speakers noted below.

Chair report: Goal is to have at least one in-person meeting outside in June. May meeting will probably be via Zoom.

Secretary report: Meeting minutes were emailed to the membership list for review.

Treasurer report: Chris reports the current balance is \$5237.96. 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.

Guest Speaker: Trey George with City of Spokane Stormwater Management program, presented on strategies to reduce pollution of the river and aquifer. 1) Prevent pollutants (chemicals, oil/gas, sediment, dog feces, trash) from entering the water by disposing of it properly. Watch for "illicit" discharge when people dump pollutants into stormwater drains and report it to the city. Avoid washing your car with soap on pavement. Wash cars on the grass or go to a car wash. 2) Treat water before it goes to the river. Swales, Biofiltration cell and stormwater ponds are filtering strategies. Cochran/Downriver Stormwater Management Facilities project will pipe water to swales for filtering before water goes to the river. Spokanestormwater.org has videos and information about the project. Jeff presented a map of the project. A pipeline will be installed down Cleveland and through Downriver Golf Course to a new swales to be built at the disc golf course. They will make improvements to the golf course and the disc golf course. Residents on Cleveland Avenue will be affected by construction starting May 2021. Another swale will be built at TJ Meenach boat launch in 2022. TJ Meenach recreation area will be improved at that time. They will add a boardwalk, viewing platform and other improvements. Gregory Williams reports Cochran Basin receives water all the way from Northeast Spokane and is concerned pollutants accumulating in the Downriver swales. He feels it should be treated differently than with swales. Chris Wright reports the city considered adding a second wastewater treatment plant but decided on swales instead.

City Council report: Kandace Watkins, legislative assistant to CM Mumm, reported on pedestrian sidewalk connection projects. Parks Dept will open pools and classes on a modified

basis. Swimming classes are a funding priority. Fran requested more funding for open swim sessions for low income children. Kandace reports city council reps are addressing concerns about dump pass distribution. STA will offer free passes for children this summer. City expects \$84 million in federal funds for COVID relief. City will fund a new cold case unit with the police department. Kandace reports 8 traffic calming projects were approved. SPD will increase patrols around parks.

Neighborhood Services report: Annie Deasy, ONS liaison, reported on construction projects in our neighborhood. Members asked about construction signs on Garland. Annie reports an engineer will be assigned to the Cycle 10 traffic calming project applications for evaluation. Community Engagement project applications are due by May 14th. She recommends having a membership vote to show support for the project. Executive committee can vote by email. Report potholes to 311. They will ask for an address, width and depth of the pothole. Libraries started re-opening.

Community Engagement: Jeff reports each neighborhood council receives \$800 for community engagement projects. Board has discussed holding a tree planting event at Audubon Park in the fall. Details TBA. CE funds can be used as long as the event is tied to promoting the neighborhood council. Funds could not be used for the trees or food. It could be used for promotional materials, postcards, t-shirts, etc that promote council participation. Many neighborhoods have proposed murals and gateway projects.

Clean-Up program: Jeff presented on 2021 Clean Up Program changes. Dump passes will be distributed online this year starting May 1st. It requires a MySpokane account or City utility account. Passes will be \$25 and valid for 4 weeks this year. See tinyurl.com/2021DumpPass for more info. Many people are concerned about lack of internet access or tech skills. Council is working on a plan to help people who cannot apply online. Jeff recommends registering for a MySpokane account so you can report code infractions or other issues online instead of calling 311. Progress on resolving complaints can be tracked online if you have an account.

Traffic report: Jeff reports construction is starting on Garland between Ash and Alberta. Annie Deasy shared the link my.spokanecity.org/projects/northwest/. Jeff reports Wellesley speed limit near Shadle Center is currently 20mph due to being near a park, though it is not actually near the park. Jeff has advocated for changing it back to 30mph because it is an arterial that is not directly next to the park. Jeff invites feedback from residents. Fran reports representatives from Northwest/Balboa neighborhoods are present and congratulated them on a successful crosswalk project. Jeff reports a traffic calming project for a crosswalk near NW Blvd and Providence was submitted but we have not received feedback yet. Jeff reports there are no crosswalks between Wellesley Avenue and to Audubon Street for people who want to cross to the bluff.

Parks report: Kirsten reports new play structures will be installed at Audubon Park through the Jeff Roskelley Foundation. Planning a park reforestation event to replace trees lost at Audubon Park. Jeff noted the Parks Dept has an urban reforestation page on the website. They are

looking for volunteers to help plant trees and donations to purchase trees. Kirsten is setting up a volunteer clean-up event of the bluff on May 22nd 10am-12pm.

West Central Community Center: Victor not present

COPS/Public Safety: Victor reports COPS NW cop shop will host a Take Back Medicine Day on Saturday April 24 10am-2pm and Shred Day on April 30 from 10am-2pm.

Transitions report: Edie Rice-Sauer, Transitions director, reports on the Community Garden dedication event on May 3rd at 3pm at Fairview and Hemlock. The garden was moved to a new location when the cottages were built. New garden will be named for Adam England, the Eagle Scout who built the original garden and later died in an accident.

Open Forum: Fran introduced David Harris who used to coordinate a bicycle renovation project for kids. Introduced Christopher Savage and Karen Kearney, candidates running for Candace Mumm's position when her term ends next year.

Next General Meeting: May 20, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Meeting minutes record by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.
