



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting Minutes
Zoom virtual meeting 7:00 pm
May 20, 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. Karen Stratton and Edie Rice Sauer present. Karen Kearney and Christopher Savage, City Council District 3 candidates for Mumm's seat, present.

Chair report: Jeff introduced the board members.

Secretary report: Meeting minutes were emailed to the membership list for review. Andrea motioned to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

Treasurer report: Chris reports the current balance is \$5238. No activity this month.

Membership: Jeff reports 21 voting members as of May. To be a voting member, attend at least 2 meetings in a 12 month period. Membership records show many new attendees via Zoom that were not attending in-person meetings. ADNC hopes to do virtual/in-person hybrid meetings in future.

Sustainability Action Plan presentation: Kirsten Angell presented on the sustainability action plan that is out for public review. Kirsten volunteers for the Sustainable Action Subcommittee (SAS) created in 2018 to help the community plan for a sustainable future. Committee is made up of 40 representatives from various stakeholder entities. They prepared an 80 page document and executive summary for public review. Kirsten reviewed the SAS website. Documents and workshop dates are posted at <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/committees/public-infrastructure-environment-and-sustainability/sustainability-action-subcommittee/>

Community Engagement: Fran described the Community Assembly. She outlined the Community Engagement grant application that ADNC is submitting for 2021. ADNC is requesting funds for a neighborhood event in September, with the backup option of a special mailing if social gatherings are canceled due to COVID. Fran called for a vote. Grant application approved by majority vote.

City Council report: Karen Stratton, District 3 City Council rep, reports City received \$1.4 million in recovery funding. City Council members will meet with the mayor's office to decide how to spend the money. The Parks Dept requested money for bridge repairs. Small

businesses are asking for relief. Council may also consider neighborhood community centers and senior centers. Vaccination availability is available at HIDRB.com. Enter your phone number to find the nearest place to obtain a vaccine. City Council approved funding for fire personnel to provide shots in neighborhoods. ONS is working with the City about speeding issues. They are working on a campaign called "20 is Plenty" with signs people can put in their yards. Karen reports residents are upset about the new recycling policy because their bin is too full before the 2nd week of pick up. Karen reports you can request a bigger bin free of charge. Karen reports SPD Captain Mark Griffiths, NRO supervisor, is working to bring extra patrols into District 3 to address speeding. They will cover N Division, Washington, Maple/Ash, Monroe and NW Blvd from 7pm-midnight to address speed racing.

Office of Neighborhood Services: Annie Deasy, ONS liaison, reported on construction projects in our neighborhood.

Clean-Up program: Jeff presented the 2021 Clean Up Program. Dump pass distribution was delayed due to ongoing program changes. Passes are now called "Disposal Passes." Passes good for \$25 at the Waste to Energy Plant are now available online on the *MySpokane* website. Residents must set up an account to apply for a pass. You will either receive the pass by email or receive a link to download it. You can print it out and take it with you to the waste management facility. If you have difficulty setting up an account, contact ADNC for assistance. A limited number of paper passes will also be at the COP shop for people who cannot apply online. Call first to verify the office is open for assistance. Passes are valid for 4 weeks. Waste Management will offer a limited number of curbside pick-up or roll-off events this fall. Neighborhood Councils can work together to host an event.

Traffic report: Jeff is representing District 3 neighborhoods on the Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Awareness stakeholder group that is forming. Members reported concerns about street racing on Driscoll, NW Blvd and other streets. Karen said the racers are fairly organized and meet in groups at parking lots. Annie Deasy posted the traffic hotline number. SPD may respond to reports with increased patrols. A resident inquired about installing roundabouts at NW Blvd/Wellesley and Driscoll/Wellesley.

Parks report: Kirsten organized a Bluff clean-up event on May 22 from 10am-12pm (meet at C & Riverview intersection). Volunteers will clean the bluff area between Riverview Dr and the Spokane River This fall, new climbing structures will be installed at Audubon Park funded by grants from the Jess Roskelley Foundation and the Spokane Parks Foundation. Additional landscaping around the structures has been discussed but no funding is available for this additional work. The landscaping may be completed in stages and the council is working with the parks department on funding sources. ADNC is planning a park reforestation event in September at Audubon Park. Trees may not be planted until October, so the event activities might change. Chris Wright reports the new North Bank play area at Riverfront Park looks nice and is educational. This is the final project for the Riverfront update that started in 2014. Jeff reports a city-owned section of land south of Shadle Park High School could be used by

Growing Neighbors to create a garden to grow produce. The council is working with city staff to gain approval.

West Central Community Center: Victor not present. The Center and West Central Neighborhood Council are hosting an annual *Neighbor Day* event, scheduled for June 4 from 4-7pm at AM Cannon park.

COPS/Public Safety: Victor not present.

Transitions report: Edie Rice-Sauer, Transitions director, announced Home Yard Cottages community garden dedication event will be May 21 at 3pm. Garden is named for Adam England, Eagle Scout who built the original garden beds. ADNC gave CDBG financial support for infrastructure, and will have a plaque. Master Gardeners have helped. Plots may still be available. Contact arandal@help4women.org if you want a garden plot.

Open Forum: 1) Fran reports *Growing Neighbors* will have a booth at the Emerson-Garfield farmers market. 2) Edie reports they received funds to put solar roofs on the TLC building at Hemlock and the early learning center. There may be a lot of construction on the site. 3) Home Yard Cottages (HYC) will host a children's art show in June. Transitions is encouraging their HYC residents to build their strengths, interests and community involvement. Edie has invited them to attend ADNC meetings to increase civic engagement. 4) Karen Kearney confirmed that she is running for city council District 3 position. 5) Jeff reported on the installation of a CSO pipeline to be installed along Cleveland Ave from TJ Meenach to the disk golf course. He said it may be delayed and not completed this year. 6) Allison Lynn asked if splash pads could be re-opened. Karen Stratton reports they may open some splash pads with federal recovery funds. 7) Annie posted a link to the Housing Action Plan. 8) A resident asked about addressing the homeless camp at TJ Meenach. Jeff states it was reported to Code Enforcement, and thought it was addressed. Resident says the camp is still there. Jeff noted that the particular camp is technically in the West Central neighborhood. Jeff usually walks to the river and reports camps. He reports code enforcement usually remove the camp unless shelters are full. Karen Stratton added that RiverKeepers monitors these issues as well. Karen invites everyone to report camps to her if they are there more than 2 days so she can report it to Code Enforcement. Jeff indicated that you can report code enforcement complaints directly through your *MySpokane* account and track progress.

Next General Meeting: June 17, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. We may host an in-person meeting outside with a hybrid Zoom option.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.
