



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Zoom virtual meeting 7:00 pm  
September 16, 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), Andrea Kilgore (secretary) and Victor Frazier (WCCC/COPS NW liaison) present. Kirsten Angell (Parks coordinator) not present. Guest speakers noted below.

**Chair report:** The council has booked the library at Finch Elementary from October to June in case we return to in-person meetings. Meetings will be via Zoom due to COVID until further notice.

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

**Treasurer report:** Chris reports the current balance is \$5529. Concerts raised \$300 after expenses were paid. Fall postcard mailing to neighborhood residents cost more money than expected. Community Engagement fund covered \$800; remaining balance must come out of our treasury.

**Membership:** Jeff reports 24 voting members on record. 11 people attended today. Quorum of 8 voting members present.

**Board Election:** ADNC board elections are held every September. Several positions are at the end of term. A quorum of 8 voting members were present. Presented the slate of board position nominees and called for additional nominations. No new nominations received. Motioned to approve the proposed slate of board members. The following board positions were approved. Chris Wright as Chair, Fran Papenleur as Vice-Chair, Andrea Kilgore as secretary, Victor Frazier as Treasurer.

**City Council report:** Candace Mumm, District 3 City Council representative, not available to attend. Karen Stratton reports the following:

- Ceremony celebrated renaming of Fort Wright Drive to Whistalks Way. Tribe is planning to install art and interpretive signs to tell the story.
- Mayor put together an American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) group that received \$80 million from the federal government. Half was given to the City to spend on community recovery projects. Priorities are neighborhoods, small businesses, corridors, etc. Go to City website to obtain info about the process and suggest where you want funds spent.

- Increased staffing for Code Enforcement and Parking enforcement. Code enforcement staff already removed 30 cars from neighborhoods that had been reported a long time ago.
- Homeless plan has been in the news and Karen wants to correct misinformation. The Council forwarded a plan to the administration but cannot direct city employees to implement the plan. It is the mayor's responsibility to direct staff. Council wanted to address gap in shelters for extreme weather, smoke, etc. They also set provisions for shelter organizations to provide security and clean-up instead of relying on city staff.
- Affordable Housing committee continues to look at funding for affordable housing and creative solutions, such as cottages.
- No date set for neighborhood traffic calming meeting at this time.
- New 78-unit housing development is planned for North Monroe. The intent is to build walkable neighborhoods along corridors. A percentage of units will be affordable.
- Church at Monroe and Cora is planning to build senior cottages on Cora.

**Office of Neighborhood Services:** Annie Deasy, ONS liaison, reports the following:

- Traffic enforcement officers are being moved temporarily into patrol. She announced the traffic hotline will be on hold [but later corrected that it will remain open].
- Residents asked for yard signs for traffic calming. Signs are being printed. Notify Annie if you want a sign.
- You can register for the Parks Master Plan workshop, scheduled for September 22 at 6pm by following this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtfu2gpz0jHtLAC69cJbHdm-X6-8hSnO0G>
- Large neighborhoods had difficulty affording postage for neighborhood postcards this year. Neighborhoods receive discounted postage rate but some still could not afford it with current Community Engagement funds allocation. They are aware of the issue.

**Clean-Up program:** Jeff mentioned that dump passes were still available online and he hasn't received any recent complaints about the online process. COPS NW has paper passes available that will expire at the end of September. Andrea will announce it on Facebook. Jeff reports City Administrator Johnnie Perkins wants to focus on code enforcement issues. Jeff recently communicated with Perkins about campsites near the TJ Meenach bridge and the camps were cleaned up a few days later. Businesses along NW Boulevard have reported problems with people camping behind them.

**Traffic report:** Jeff reports ONS is working with a consulting company that will provide facilitators to work with councils to identify traffic issues in their neighborhoods. The new process will focus on gathering data about priority traffic concerns which will be addressed by engineers, rather than asking neighborhood councils to identify specific projects and solutions that were often not approved. The Public Safety and Traffic Awareness Committee has wrapped up their meetings and made some suggestions to address speeding concerns on neighborhood streets.

**Parks report:** Kirsten not present. Jeff reports the following:

- Tree planting event at Audubon Park on Oct 9 from 10am-1pm needs volunteers to plant trees. The Lands Council and Urban Forestry will provide 40 trees.. The Parks and Urban Forestry Departments will determine the locations. Our neighborhood mailer that went out this week will provide details on how to register as a volunteer.
- Spokane River Cleanup is this Saturday. Volunteers that want to help pick up trash along the river between the TJ Meenach Bridge and the disk golf course should meet at the parking area below the bridge at 10:00 am.

**Concert report:** Victor reports 2 concerts were well attended and ADNC made approximately \$300 profit from donations after expenses were paid.

**West Central Community Center:** Victor reports they had the first in-person board meeting since COVID started. Two new board members were elected. *Building Dreams* fundraiser is this Saturday (September 18) via Zoom. Auction items will be available.

**COPS/Public Safety:** Victor reports COVID heavily affected volunteers. Many volunteers were seniors who retired when COPS re-opened and new technology was introduced. Many volunteers are new. Shred Day is Friday Sept 24 from 11-2pm. Future date will be in April 2022. Block Watches are growing.

**Open Forum:** Resident brought up a problem with loud ATV riders on his street. He reports police will not address it because they feel it is a traffic enforcement problem, but residents feel it is a nuisance or noise violation problem. Other residents report hearing the same loud noise from ATV's or racing cars throughout the neighborhood.

**Next General Meeting:** October 21, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom due to COVID. Guest speaker will be a Waste Management staff person. Johnnie Perkins, City Administrator, will attend our November membership meeting. His assistant requested feedback about issues we want him to address.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.