



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Zoom virtual meeting 7:00 pm  
October 21, 2021**

---

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Chris Wright. Board members present: Fran Pappenleur (Vice Chair/CA representative), Andrea Kilgore (Secretary) and Victor Frazier (Treasurer/WCCC/COPS NW liaison) and Jeff Stevens (immediate past Chair) present. Kirsten Angell (Parks coordinator) not present. Membership Chair vacant. Guest speakers noted below.

**Chair report:** September membership meeting minutes were sent with meeting invites. Approved the minutes.

**Secretary report:** September minutes approved.

**Treasurer report:** Victor reports the current balance is \$5,365.98. Paid \$163.50 to New Leaf Bakery for scones for the tree planting event. Coffee was donated by Roast House.

**Membership:** Quorum of voting members present today.

**Guest speaker:** *Raylene Gennett, Wastewater Director*, presented on CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) design and storm water management affecting our neighborhood. Polluted water was sent directly into the river prior to the CSO development. Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility had been expanded to prevent overflow. Membrane Facility was constructed after 10-year pilot to determine best system for sewage flow in our region. 16 membrane racks the size of a semi truck have 6900 membrane fibers each to filter the water. Equivalent of 55 acres of surface area to filter the water. Department of Ecology is pleased with the 98% effectiveness of removing phosphorus from treated water. All sewage pipes for the region converge at TJ Meenach for flow to the water treatment plant. Cochran Basin Stormwater Improvements will install swales and conveyance pipes near TJ Meenach to carry polluted stormwater to the treatment plant. This is the best point in the region to collect all the stormwater runoff because it naturally drains to this point. Conveyance stormline installation started at Downriver Golf Course in 2021 and will continue through Downriver Golf Course in 2022. Plan to install at the same time that the golf course is installing an irrigation system. Line from TJ Meenach to Downriver Golf Course will start in 2022-2023. Resident asked about increased odor from the sewage plant. Raylene requests that residents report data about what time of day they notice the odor so they can find the source. They may be able to request funding to address the source if they can locate it. Call Raylene at 509-625-7901 or Mike Coster 509-625-4640 or Mike Cannon 625-4642 to report odor.

**City Council report:** Candace Mumm, District 3 City Council representative, reports they are working on the council budget. Came through pandemic with adequate reserves while other cities have not. These extra reserves could help with future bond ratings. This is the first time the council has been in this position. Due to the improved financial position, they can apply for bonds for things like sewage treatment plant improvements. However, canceled events at the arena or other venues impact sales tax revenue. Property taxes are doing well, so the budget is OK for next year. Council has no plan to “defund police” or other departments, despite rumors. Plan is to fund more services that help people and divert from police interaction.

- City received \$80 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP or ARPA) dollars to distribute. Must be allocated within 2 years and spent over 4 years. Thought Exchange is collecting info from the community about how to spend it. Top suggestions include child care, which impacts parents (especially women) ability to return to work. Drop-in event to gather public feedback will be held at North Central High School next Tuesday (10/26) from 5-7pm. Go to City Spokane ARPA search bar to participate.
- Traffic Calming applications were received in the past for our neighborhood. \$5 million in red light funds are still available for distribution if neighborhoods apply for projects. Walkable Schools data has been gathered for ADNC. Candace will present the data and suggested areas for traffic calming projects. Candace recommended applying now even though the process says to wait for permission. Candace noticed the sidewalks by the new Glover school are not built to code for walkable school. Candace will follow up.
- Candace took City Administrator on a tour of Garland and Shadle business districts to show how neighborhoods came together to create a master plan, but the plan was not funded for implementation. Candace pointed out housing and other developments are part of the plan. She is advocating to use ARPA funds.
- Housing Action Plan was passed. ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units) can be built above garages, etc to increase rental inventory. Focus around business corridors near services, not single family residential areas. Builder would need to show plans first.
- Curt Fackler (former member of Indian Trail Neighborhood NC) recently worked as an RV as camp host at Riverside State Park. He suggested installing bike lanes along Aubrey L White Parkway, and consider making it a one way street between TJ Meenach to Riverside Park. Jeff recommended consulting the Downriver master plan. Jeff reports the Downriver master plan included an off-road bike path that we can revisit.
- Fran asked about a rumor of a pop-up shelter that might be in the Garland area again this winter. Candace reports there may be an “official” shelter going in on West Plains. She is not aware of one on Garland. City-funded shelters need city authorization, but private funded shelters do not. Emerson/Garfield NC has been dealing with the effects of the Salvation Army’s Bridge shelter on West Mission Avenue. City can address problems that affect neighborhoods.

**Community Assembly report:** Fran reports CA was approached by Parks board to send a neighborhood member to participate in a new Parks board committee. It is an important committee in which you would be a voting member. You do not need to be a neighborhood council board member to serve in the position.

**Office of Neighborhood Services:** Annie Deasy, ONS liaison, reminded the group that snow season is approaching, so it's time to move campers, trailers or boats off the street to avoid towing. There are disposal passes available until October 31, on-line or at COPS.

**Traffic:** Position vacant. Steve Cox volunteered for the position. Chris will contact him outside the meeting. Jeff reports ONS has hired a traffic consultant to work directly with neighborhood councils to identify traffic issues in their neighborhoods. ONS hopes to begin these sessions in early 2022. Annie Deasy reports traffic calming signs were ordered and available at COPS shops in 2 weeks.

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

- Tree planting event on Oct 9 had 68 volunteers and staff. 31 trees were provided and planted by Lands Council and Urban Forestry at Audubon Park. ADNC board members volunteered to help with watering during the Fall to establish the trees.
- Jeff met with Juan Juan at Shadle Public Library about the garden space that they asked ADNC to design and maintain. Design will be in conjunction with *Growing Neighbors*. Jeff toured the library and encouraged everyone to see it when it opens. Chris asked about art installations that might go into the same space without notifying ADNC. Fran heard footings for metal sculptures were already poured. Jeff did not see them. Chris will follow up with Garrett Jones at Parks.

**Concerts and Events:** Victor talked to Jennifer Bannon with Spokane Youth Symphony. They used to play at Audubon Park, but they felt parking was an issue for the number of families that attend. Victor suggested doing a concert at Shadle Park on the amphitheatre stage. He will pursue this idea.

**West Central Community Center:** Victor reported that the 24-hour library kiosk was damaged. Two young boys vandalized the screen with a rock. It is shut down indefinitely until repaired. The board has been meeting in person at the center since September.

**COPS/Public Safety:** Victor reports *Take Back Medicine* event is this Saturday, October 24 from 10-2. They will give away lock boxes and bags for medications. Victor reports dump passes are still available through the end of October. Victor reminded everyone to report all crimes to Crime Check 456-2233 no matter how small, so they can be tracked.

**Transitions:** Edie Rice-Sauer reports TLC is installing solar panels on Home Yard Cottages for the next 3 weeks. Credit unions hosted a clean-up day.

**Next General Meeting:** November 18, 2021 at 7 pm in person at Finch Elementary library. Guest speaker will be Johnnie Perkins, City Administrator. His assistant requested feedback about issues we want him to address.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm by Chris Wright

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.