



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting Minutes
Zoom virtual meeting 7:00 pm
January 20, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Chris Wright. Board members present: Fran Papenleur (Vice Chair/CA representative), Andrea Kilgore (Secretary), Jeff Stevens (Past Chair, interim Parks Chair) present. Victor Frazier (Treasurer/WCCC/COPS NW liaison) not present. Kirsten Angell (Parks coordinator) resigned In October. Membership Chair vacant. Guest speakers noted below. Annie Deasey, Charles Robeson (former membership chair) and Edie Rice Sauer (Transitions), Chris Savage (Indian Trail neighborhood)

Chair report: Returned to virtual Zoom meeting this month due to increased COVID.

Secretary report: November minutes approved.

Treasurer report: Victor reports the starting balance in December was \$5,582. Spent \$108.99 on Zoom equipment for hybrid meetings and earned modest interest. Ending balance is \$5473. Victor completed IRS federal filing for non-profit status for 2022. Still need to do the state filing.

Membership: 16 people in attendance. 9 voting members present. Quorum of voting members present.

City Council report: Zac Zappone, new City Council member for District 3. This is his first ADNC meeting. Zac lives in our neighborhood, grew up in Indian Trail and teaches at North Central High School. Zac sits on Traffic Calming, American Rescue Plan Workgroup, STA, Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Human Rights, Urban Experience and other committees. Working on first stage distribution of American Rescue Plan funds for affordable housing, home ownership and parks. Second stage will focus on Council projects such as youth initiatives and homelessness. They are accepting applications for project funding through June 30th, 2022. Emergency warming shelter for freezing temps has been an issue recently due to damages to the Convention Center. Zac is focusing on a plan to place small shelters throughout the community, including our district, instead of crowding everyone at the Convention Center. What was the cause of damages at the Convention Center? Low staffing, poor

planning. Zac observed 6 staff total to manage 350 homeless individuals and sleeping on the floor damaged carpets. Advance preparation is preferred for next year.

Community Assembly report: Fran reports CA discussed shelter issue. CA is asking for Good Neighbor agreements for neighborhood shelters that start-up. Fran recommends planning and coordination with neighborhood councils. Fran is concerned about Code Enforcement issues if a shelter is located in our neighborhood due to problems with trash and camping along Downriver Drive. 2 community liaisons were appointed to the Parks Board committee.

Office of Neighborhood Services: Annie Deasy, ONS liaison reported on city updates regarding hiring director positions. 3 hired, then will focus on hiring housing and neighborhood services director. Yard signs for traffic calming are still available. Chris informed Annie that ADNC received many emails from Carly Cortwright asking ADNC to review bylaws and nonprofit status. We plan to review them and volunteers are welcome. Allison Lynn and Amy Sleeth volunteered.

Traffic: New liaison Steve Cox introduced. He was not able to attend today. Annie Deasey reports the proposed designs are being reviewed and not finalized yet. Annie reports the feedback we already provided will help the process when it goes to workshop stage.

Parks: 1) Jeff and Riverkeeper organized a river cleanup that used a raft to remove trash and homeless camp from an island in the middle of the river. It was visible from the river overlook in our neighborhood and polluting the river. The island was considered DNR land, not state park or city property. DNR said they were aware but could not do anything about it. Concerned about trash and feces in the river due to the camp. Riverkeeper and Jeff addressed it, then showed results to DNR. Now DNR wants to collaborate with Riverkeeper. 2) Jeff reported on the community feedback for the Parks Master Plan. Identified priorities such as park restrooms and amenities that everyone uses, instead of niche uses. Jeff and Chris contacted Parks staff to ask about a Shadle Park master plan. They want to finish the City-wide master plan before focusing on Shadle park. Fran asked Zac Zappone to consider the Shadle Center master plan as well.

Concerts and Events: Victor invited Spokane Youth Symphony to play a concert at Shadle Park performance stage in August, date TBA. Concert would cost about \$250 due to sound engineer. Victor has organized concerts since 2006 and would like to recruit new helpers for planning and fundraising the concerts.

West Central Community Center: Victor reports they have a new board member. Bloomsday selected WCCC as the designated charity to support this year. Volunteers will wave on Doomsday Hill.

COPS/Public Safety: Victor reports COPS NW has a new NRO, Tim Schwering. Call COPS NW to speak with him. He is spending a lot of time in the neighborhood to address code enforcement issues and take an active approach. Email is tschwering@spokanepolice.org. COPS is always looking for volunteers. Paws on Patrol, block watches and park watches are an opportunity. May form a park watch for Drumheller Springs Park.

Transitions report: Edie Rice Sauer reports they installed solar panels and will have a ribbon cutting on 1/29/22 at 1pm. Fran proposes a sock drive in memory of Lavette Carpenter.

Next General Meeting: February 17, 2022 location TBA. We can continue to meet at Finch or can consider Shadle Library. Pros and cons of running Zoom meetings at Finch where there is no wifi. Library has wi-fi but closes earlier than our meeting time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm by Chris Wright.

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.