



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting Minutes
Finch Elementary/Zoom virtual meeting 7:00 pm
February 17, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair Chris Wright. Board members present: Fran Papenleur (Vice Chair/CA representative), Steve Cox (Traffic Chair), Andrea Kilgore (Secretary), Jeff Stevens (interim Parks Chair), Victor Frazier (Treasurer/WCCC/COPS NW liaison) present. Membership Chair and Clean-Up Coordinator positions vacant. Guests: Mary from Growing Neighbors. Guest speakers noted below.

Chair report: Planning to change meeting location from Finch Elementary to Shadle Library due to new facilities with tech we can use for presentations.

Secretary report: minutes provided by email. Motion to approve. Minutes approved.

Treasurer report: Victor reports current balance is \$5453 after paying \$20 fee on state non-profit status filing. Federal tax status filed for 2022.

Membership: 20 people in attendance. 17 voting members present. Quorum of voting members present.

City Council report: Councilmember Karen Stratton introduced Scotty Nichols, new legislative aid in her office. 1) Council continues to work with the Mayor regarding homelessness issues. Possible shelter location on Trent in an industrial area that would hold 200 people and wrap-around resources. Will collect data to find out what will help them. 2) Anyone who needs emergency assistance due to COVID can apply on the City website for Emergency Rescue funds. More funds will be allocated soon. 3) City awarded a grant by Dept of Commerce for affordable housing development. 4) Please report potholes on 311 by phone or use MySpokane311 app. Notify council members if it is not addressed. 5) The Fire Dept will promote a ballot measure vote on April 26th to renew EMS for 5 years. No change in cost. 6) Collecting Public suggestions for how to use \$80 million in Rescue Funds. \$40 million allocated for housing, employment, COVID costs for small businesses, administrative support for the City finance department to manage the new grants. \$40 million set aside for business and community building projects, such as Shadle Wellness that wants to fund a youth center in our neighborhood. Needs to be fully allocated by 2024. 7) Fran asked about a 6 year

street plan. ADNC members feel Garland is a priority. Karen reports Garland repaving project is on the list, but not selected this year due to “scoring low”. ADNC will write a letter of support.

Office of Neighborhood Services: Scotty Nichols, aid for Karen Stratton, presented ONS report. Scotty reports the Clean-up Coordinator meeting on March 2nd requires attendance by the neighborhood clean-up coordinator. Several open positions at City for various departments. Officer Tim Schwering is the new Neighborhood Resource Officer for our neighborhood. Shortage of police officers and several current officers are eligible for retirement. City will provide hiring bonuses. Traffic unit has been reinstated.

Community Assembly report: Fran gave CA report. Main projects are Traffic Calming, Community Engagement grant and Neighborhood Clean-up. Changes to the Clean-up program include year-round digital clean-up pass (dump pass). ADNC is seeking a Cleaning Coordinator. ADNC can consider curbside pick-up or roll-off events which require registration and volunteer work. CA grant provides \$25,000 per year. Each neighborhood receives \$850 per year for promoting neighborhood council activities. GU Leadership Academy started. Jeff and 2 ADNC members are participating. Fran will attend a Comprehensive Plan meeting about city planning.

Traffic: Steve will attend PeT committee meetings and traffic calming project meetings. Will pick 3 locations for neighborhood speed signs for 2022. Reviewed existing speed camera locations and portable speed sign locations for the past 2 years. Steve suggests placing signs at NW Blvd north of Flying Goat, Driscoll and Alberta. Asked members for alternative locations. No suggestions received. Fran asked Karen if the 20 MPH sign on Wellesley will be removed. Jeff reports he advocated for it several times with no response. Karen agreed to check into it.

Parks: Jeff reported on the Shadle Library Garden project by ADNC, Master Gardeners, Growing Neighbors, Waterwise Spokane, Desert Jewels Nursery. Planting is scheduled for mid-March with an open house in April. Garden will provide information on drought tolerant plants and how to reduce water usage. Jeff reported on the Great Spokane Parks Challenge. Spokane City Credit Union will donate \$150 to Parks Foundation for every person who visits 24 parks in 12 months or \$70 for people who visit 12 parks. Registration information can be found on the credit union’s website.

Concerts and Events: Victor invited the Spokane Youth Symphony for August in the Shadle Park performance stage. Lilac City Band is also interested. Both groups play for free and ADNC will pay \$200 sound fees. ADNC collects donations from the

audience. Victor has been event coordinator since 2006 and is ready to train someone to take over the role. Requires filling out event applications, scheduling groups, etc.

West Central Community Center: Victor reports they have a new board member. Several programs available for our neighborhood. 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 or email tschwering@spokanepolice.org to speak with him. He is actively addressing code enforcement issues such as abandoned cars/properties. Crime Victim Advocates help victims of crime navigate the criminal justice system. For example, obtaining restraining orders, reporting fraud to credit agencies, etc. Shred Day April 29th from 11-2pm at COPS NW. Heather from Shadle Wellness Coalition now has an office inside COP Shop. Eric Swaggerty suggested we invite her as a guest speaker. Expired medication drop-off April 30th.

By-Laws Committee: City asked ADNC to review and update neighborhood council by-laws. Committee is made up of board members and residents. Plan to submit a draft to the board in March for review by membership. Members will vote at the April meeting.

Social Media report: Jeff updated the ADNC website. Board decided to focus social media accounts on ADNC business and links to the website. Andrea will reorganize the Facebook page to focus on neighborhood issues.

Other business: Allison Lynn mentioned people turning off NW Blvd onto Garland turn very fast. Jeff spoke about GU Leadership Academy which he is helping to facilitate. ADNC has two participants in this first class.

Next General Meeting: March 17th, 2022 at Shadle Public Library "Studio Room" with Zoom option. Guest speakers: Tracy Ponto, Crime Victim Advocate and the NRO for West Central/ADNC neighborhood

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm by Chris Wright.

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.