



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting Minutes
Finch Elementary 7:00 pm
April 21, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice Chair Fran Papenleur. Board members present: Andrea Kilgore (Secretary), Eric Swagerty (Membership chair) and Victor Frazier (Treasurer/WCCC/COPS NW liaison) present. Chris Wright (Chair), Jeff Stevens (Interim Parks Coordinator) and Steve Cox (Traffic Coordinator) not present. Clean-Up Coordinator position is vacant. Guests: Zack Zappone (City Council), SPD Officer Tim Schwering, and Amy Manning, Transitions Director of Housing programs).

Chair: Introductions and orientation to neighborhood council.

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

Treasurer report: Victor reports current balance is \$5453.

Membership Report: Eric reports 7 voting members and 10 community members present. Quorum of voting members present. Eric encourages everyone to invite someone new to attend next meeting. Eric hosted first *Newcombers Welcome Club* April 18, which 15 people attended.

Draft Bylaws Revisions: Revisions since last membership meeting, and was emailed to membership for review. Will vote to adopt at May membership meeting. Victor provided synopsis of the changes. Approved motion to vote to approve the latest draft.

City Council report: Council Member Zappone reported on new Traffic Calming Program. Orientations to be held in May; District 3 Traffic Calming kick-off is May 31 from 5:30-7pm at WCCC. Smaller workshops scheduled during the summer for public input to identify traffic calming projects for next 6 years, and share issues between neighborhood councils. Continue reporting complaints about speeding/drag racing so hot spots can be targeted. City Council will discuss the \$6 million budget for the project cycle going to bid for construction next year. Garland re-paving project is on the list.

CC to hold Study Session about the proposed homeless shelter, what it should look like, where to locate it, cost, bathrooms, etc. Will vote on next week about guidelines for what a shelter should look like and operate before calling for proposals.

Guest speaker: Officer Tim Schwering, Neighborhood Resource Officer at COPS NW, presented on the Calls for Service approach to addressing neighborhood issues. NRO focuses on problem properties, code enforcement, abandoned vehicles, etc. ADNC properties appear to be doing well compared to other parts of the city. Shadle Center businesses have most of the issues in our neighborhood. Questions: What is done about trash dumped along the river? Tim reports homeless camps can be reported to city for police to address, and illegal trash dumping can be reported to Riverkeeper so they can try to keep trash out of the river. What is being done about the homeless? Tim says homeless are often criminals that are bused here from other communities and should be in jail. He believes they are attracted to Spokane by homeless services. Amy Manning from Transitions and Andrea Kilgore from Pathways work in homeless services and do not agree with this statement that is often presented by police officers in public meetings. Criminal population is a small part of the homeless population that does not represent the entire homeless population that benefits from services. [Note: Andrea Kilgore met with Tim Schwering after the meeting. He explained jails and prisons from other parts of Washington do bus ex-inmates to Spokane to live in housing funded and operated by Department of Corrections for housing felons. This is not the same as “homeless services” funded and operated by HUD, Department of Commerce and various charities that are not involved in the criminal justice system. This is why police and homeless service providers do not share the same perspective about solutions to the homeless problem.]

Community Assembly report: Fran reported on \$25K Community Engagement grant program for neighborhood councils. \$850 for each NC is available. Deadline to apply is June 17th. ADNC plans to order magnets, support the concert, etc.

Traffic: Steve not present. Victor reports on TJ Meenach closure from NW Blvd to the bridge starting May 9th. Petit Drive or Downriver are the detours. Ralph Bean brought complaint about paving problem at Wellesley due to construction at Albi/Middle School site. City is aware of the problem.

Concerts & Events: Victor reports ADNC will host a concert at Shadle Park stage on June 30th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm with Lilac City Community Band. COPS and other organizations will have tables at the event.

Clean-Up: Disposal passes are now available online year-round. COPS also has paper passes.

COPS/Public Safety: Victor introduced volunteers John Schwartz and Ron Hardin. *Shred Day* is April 29th at COPS NW at 2pm. *Take Back Medicine* event is April 30, in partnership with Shadle Wellness Coalition. *Neighbors Drive 25 yard* signs are available for residential streets, those and disposal passes were available at the meeting.

Transitions: Edie Rice-Sauer is retiring; Amy Manning will attend ADNC meetings. She reports *Spring Fling* is tomorrow 1-4pm at Home Yard Cottages, and community garden space is available.

Next General Meeting: May 19, 2022 at 7pm at Shadle Park Library, Studio room. It will be Zoom hybrid meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm by Fran Papenleur.

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.