



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Shadle Park Library Studio Room/Zoom hybrid  
May 19, 2022**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Chris Wright. **Board members** present: Fran Papeleur (Vice Chair), Steve Cox (Traffic Coordinator), Jeff Stevens (Parks Coordinator), Andrea Kilgore (Secretary), and Victor Frazier (Treasurer, WCCC/COPS NW liaison) present. Clean-Up Coordinator position is vacant. **Guests:** Karen Stratton (City Council), Annie Deasy (ONS), Edie Rice-Sauer (Transitions CEO), Larry Peck, Northwest NC, Christopher Savage, Balboa/South Indian Trail NC. Guest speakers noted below.

**Chair:** Introductions and orientation to neighborhood council.

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

**Treasurer:** Victor reports current balance is \$5,453. Reimbursed Chris Wright \$30.80 for annual website domain registration for *ADNC.info*. New balance is \$5,421.39.

**Membership:** Coordinator Eric Swagerty not present. Victor reports 19 people in attendance, with a quorum present. Three new attendees.

**Draft Bylaws Revisions:** Ad hoc committee drafted revisions of ADNC bylaws in Feb/March. Draft provided by email to membership for review; first step approval conducted in April. Motioned to vote for final approval. Unanimous approval.

**City Council:** Council Member Karen Stratton reports the following:

- City continues to work on a new homeless shelter plan. Council is scheduled to receive an update from City administration on June 6th, to include costs, lease agreement, and other specifics.
- City of Spokane received \$5 million ARPA funds for rental assistance. Citizens can apply through a portal on the City website. Council is directing ARPA funds to be used for nonprofits that suffered losses from COVID, small businesses, and cultural/arts events.
- Council is working with SPD to do more emphasis patrols in the evening on Division, Northwest Boulevard, and other busy arterials to address street racing.

River Ridge residents asked Karen to address street racing on Driscoll/Wellesley; they report street racers are also going down side streets due to closure on Wellesley.

- Ralph Bean brought up the grading issue on West Wellesley [to the new middle school] where large puddles drain into driveways. Residents are also concerned that the City only paved one side of the street, leaving them without a road and sidewalks for their properties. River Ridge residents claim they were not notified of the new school development until it was too late, or about the road paving plan. A sewer line broke which is diverting traffic. Steve Cox is advocating for the residents on that street who are inconvenienced. Karen said NWNC complained to City engineers at their recent NC meeting about the same problem. Karen promised to follow-up, and may convene a meeting of all parties involved (citizens, street department, etc.).
- Victor asked about construction on TJ Meenach that was supposed to divert traffic beginning on May 9th, however, the arterial is still open. Karen believes there has been a delay due to difficulty obtaining construction materials.

**Community Assembly:** Fran reported that Mayor Woodward was at the meeting. Mayor promised that she or someone from her cabinet will start attending the neighborhood council meetings. New Planning Director Spencer Gardner also attended, and promised increased community outreach. CA now has two liaisons to Park Board Committees: Volunteer & Development (Julie Biggerstaff, Browne's Addition NC), and Citizen Advisory (Lindsey Shaw, Logan NC).

**CA Good Neighbor Award:** Jeff Stevens presented award to Kirsten Angell [past ADNC Parks Coordinator] for coordinating the planting of 30 new trees at Audubon Park, and a bluff clean-up in 2021. She also fills the dog poop bag dispensers in Audubon Park. Member of Spokane's Food Policy Council.

**Community Engagement Grant Program:** Fran is proposing we order new magnets that indicate our meeting location is now Shadle Park library (instead of Finch Elementary). Chris is recommending we apply for funding to purchase an "OWL 360 camera," which is a device for Zoom meetings. However, they cost \$1,000. The grant only provides NCs \$850 annually, and cannot be used for equipment. He will submit a request anyway due to the importance of making meetings accessible via Zoom.

**Office of Neighborhood Services:** ONS Liaison Annie Deasy provided a comprehensive report that was emailed to membership. Of note:

- Traffic hotline for speeders is 509-625-4510, please identify the street and time of day. Residents said they called and were disappointed there was no police response. Annie announced changes to the Traffic Calming program in which residents identify issues for engineers to propose solutions. Kick-Off Event for District 3 is May 31st, West Central Community Center, and individual NC workshops will begin in July. ADNC/NWNC workshop is scheduled for July 13, Shadle Library. Follow-up workshops will be scheduled at a later date to review proposed solutions from the engineers. Projects will be grouped by priority level over a 4-year cycle. They will do fewer projects but will involve more input from residents. Residents can also email concerns to Steve Cox for him to present at the workshops.
- Annie reports construction projects in our neighborhood include Maple/Ash chip seal, NW Boulevard to Rowan, crosswalk and luminaries at Lacrosse and Northwest Blvd, and RRFB at Alberta/Longfellow. Latest construction notices will be posted today or tomorrow. She noted that the TJ Meenach project was not listed.

**Parks:** Jeff is working with Parks and Urban Forestry staff to develop a plan for watering the new trees in Audubon Park (one has been lost already). ADNC has agreed to water the trees until their roots are firmly established. Jeff will meet with department staff next week to learn how to access water from the irrigation system. A new layer of bark chips also needs to be distributed to each tree. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the bark. Will send out a request for volunteers via Facebook. Jeff reports ADNC and *Growing Neighbors* have been working on adding a community garden on city property near Shadle Park High School at Longfellow & Oak. Will need volunteers to take care of the plot. A long term goal is to have raised beds with ADA accessibility for anyone who wants to plant and harvest vegetables. Edie suggested finding Boy Scout volunteers, as they helped with the Transitions Home Yard Cottages' community garden.

**Traffic:** Steve Cox participated in the River Ridge area discussion [above] and will bring concerns to the *Streets for All* event. Steve will also work with Karen on the special meeting with ADNC, NWNC, and street engineers to address problems on Wellesley near the cemetery and new middle school.

**West Central Community Center:** Victor reported the annual *Neighbor Days* celebration at AM Cannon Park is Friday, June 3rd from 4-7pm. Nonprofits and other organizations will have tables, and there will be free hamburgers, hot dogs, and popcorn.

**Concerts & Events:** Victor worked with COPS to schedule a concert at Shadle Park stage on June 30th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm with Lilac City Community Band. It will be a safety themed event with tables hosted by COPS and other organizations.

**COPS/Public Safety:** Victor reports COPS is now responsible for moving and placing the mobile street feedback signs throughout the city, and several volunteers were recently trained. COPS can choose where to place them when open slots are available. They are trying to expand hours beginning in June. NRO Tim Schwering was recognized as SPD First Responder of the Year. He has been promoted to detective, so we will get a new NRO soon.

**Clean-Up:** Victor reports disposal passes are now available online year-round. COPS also has paper passes available to pick up, one per household per month.

**Transitions:** Edie Rice-Sauer reports community garden plots are available at Transitions Home Yard Cottages.

**ADNC Board:** Chris announced that there will not be a membership meeting in June, therefore the next membership meeting will be September 15, 2022. However, the board will be meeting in June to discuss a social media plan.

**Next General Meeting:** Sept 15, 2022 at 7pm, Shadle Park Library, Studio room. It will be an in-person/ Zoom hybrid meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm by Chris Wright.

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.