



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting Minutes
Shadle Park Library, Studio Room
October 20, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice Chair Fran Papenleur. **Board members** present: Jeff Stevens (Parks Coordinator), Andrea Kilgore (Secretary), and Victor Frazier (Treasurer, WCCC/COPS NW liaison) present. and Eric Swagerty (Membership Chair). Chair Chris Wright and Steve Cox (Traffic Coordinator) not present. **Guests:** Zac Zappone (City Council), Selene Lheureaux, NW Blvd Business Association (and owner of *fofolles*, a dress shop), Larry Peck, NWNC, and Ami Manning (Transitions). Guest speakers noted below.

Chair: Introductions and orientation to neighborhood council.

Secretary: September minutes provided by email. Andrea gave an overview. Motion to approve passed.

Treasurer: Victor reports current balance is \$4292. Paid \$166 for PO box at Garland Post Office. Victor is presenting an annual expense report in November.

Membership: Eric reports 22 people in attendance (13 voting members), with a quorum present (several people came at 7pm). Eric called for board election nominations and volunteers to serve on committees.

Concerts: Victor is willing to train new volunteers to put on neighborhood concerts. Concerts are a fundraiser for ADNC. Plan to do 2 in Shadle and 1 small concert in Audubon in 2023.

Neighborhood Leadership Academy: Jeff Stevens presented on partnership between City and Gonzaga School of Leadership to support people who want to take leadership roles in neighborhoods. Academy participants visited neighborhood councils, met with leaders and learned leadership skills. Some moved into leadership positions afterward. Requirement is to attend 6 sessions and agree to serve in a neighborhood role afterward.

City Council: Council Member Zack Zappone reports the Housing subcommittee brings tenants and landlords together to work on housing solutions. Projects include a landlord

mitigation fund and a policy requiring landlords to use a universal rental screening so people do not have to pay multiple times. Working to support restaurants who are impacted by delivery fees. Delivery services will be required to charge customers more money rather than charging the restaurant a fee. City budget is not balanced and they will freeze hiring across the board by 10% in 2023 due to higher expenditures on shelters, fire, police, labor unions, etc. The Garland Avenue repaving project is on the construction project for 2023 or 2024. Selene asked if ARPA small business applications will open soon. Zack reports it may be open by end of the year. Ralph and other residents by VA/Flett Middle School report cars parking in no parking areas, blocking traffic, etc., as signs are posted incorrectly. Zack requested that people email him with concerns.

Traffic: Steve Cox not present. Jeff reports on the Driscoll/Alberta/Cochran Sidewalk Infill project in 2023. Sidewalks and code compliant wheelchair access will be installed. An RRFB flashing beacon and crossing island will be installed at Milton and NW Blvd for safer school crossing. Merging lane on NW Blvd by Audubon Park will be moved. Lanes will be reduced to 2 with a left turn lane. Engineers will notify homeowners along the route to move their landscaping back 5 ft or the city will remove it. A resident asked about the crosswalk that was removed at W Courtland. It was removed due to safety concerns. Residents are encouraged to cross at other locations. ADNC can bring up the possibility of adding a marked crosswalk.

Parks: Jeff Stevens reports 5 trees are being removed at Audubon Park due to beetle infestation. City is hiring an entomologist to see if anything can be done to save the trees. Warmer temperatures are increasing the problem. ADNC and Lands Council collaborated on planting 27 trees last year. 3 did not survive so they will be replaced. Lands Council and Urban Forestry are planting trees 11:30-3pm next Wednesday near Downriver. They are calling for volunteers. Residents expressed interest in planting fruit trees in yards, public places and parks.

COPS NW: Victor reports 25 mph signs are available for pick-up. Disposal pass program is out of funds for 2022. They expect more to be issued in 2023. Victor reports restructuring of the police department from 9 precincts into 4 sectors will cause Neighborhood Resource Officers to be reassigned from COP shops to patrol positions. Intent is that each sector will have increased concentration of officers in a smaller area instead of driving from precincts across town. COPS volunteers will still take reports on code enforcement issues, non-emergency issues, abandoned cars, etc. Can also report issues to 311. A Resident reported abandoned cars are not being towed because tow lots are full. COPS is always looking for volunteers so they can expand hours. Medication Take-Back Day will be October 29th from 10am to 2pm.

West Central Community Center: Victor reported on the Building Dreams Fundraiser in September.

Community Assembly: Fran summarized October CA meeting, and recent CA retreat, facilitated by GU Leadership Program.

Office of Neighborhood Services: ONS Liaison not present this month, as they are scheduled quarterly. Our liaison is Amber Groe.

Transitions Report: Director Edie Rice-Sauer not present and will retire in February. Sarah Lickfold will replace her as director. Ami Manning attended. ADNC will host a sock drive for Home Yard Cottages families at the November meeting. They always need socks and underwear for children and families. A child was recently hit at NW Blvd and Grace, near Transitions Homeyard Cottages.

Next General Meeting: November 17, 2022 at 6:30pm, Shadle Park Library, Studio room. It will be an in-person/ Zoom hybrid meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.