



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Shadle Park Library, Studio Room  
November 17, 2022**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Chris Wright. **Board members** present: Fran Papeleur (Vice Chair), Eric Swagerty (Membership), Jeff Stevens (Parks Coordinator), Andrea Kilgore (Secretary), Victor Frazier (Treasurer, WCCC/COPS NW liaison), and Steve Cox (Traffic Coordinator) present. **Guests:** Edie Rice-Sauer (Transitions), Christopher Savage (Balboa/South Indian Trail Neighborhood Council), Selene Lheureaux, NW Blvd Business Association (and owner of *fofolles*, a dress shop). Guest speakers noted below.

**Chair:** Introductions and orientation to neighborhood council. Council is preparing an annual report to present in January.

**Secretary:** October minutes provided by email. Motion to approve passed.

**Treasurer:** Victor reports current balance is \$5326.87. \$1034 will be transferred to *Jess Roskelley Foundation* for the climbing sculpture. Ending balance of the year is \$4292.

**Membership:** Eric reports 20 people in attendance (17 voting members), with a quorum present. Eric called for board election nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Invitation extended for volunteers to serve on committees.

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

**Board officer Elections:** All officers have offered to serve another term. These positions are open for election if anyone is interested. Call for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. No nominations. Called for a vote to confirm incumbents. Current slate of officers approved for 2023.

**Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy (SNLA):** Jeff Stevens presented an opportunity to learn leadership skills in preparation for neighborhood leadership roles. Participants are asked to commit to a neighborhood leadership role. Application period ends November 30th.

**City Council:** Council Member Zac Zappone not present. Council member Karen Stratton emailed a report, which Chris presented. Public testimony scheduled for proposed budget. American Indian Community Center is looking for underutilized park land to provide a permanent home for American Indian Community Center. Currently considering Highbridge Park area. Skate Ribbon opens soon.

**Traffic:** Rich Proszek, engineer with City of Spokane Streets Dept, presented on the Alberta/Driscoll & Gordon Intersection Changes proposed after gathering traffic, accident data and resident feedback. Sidewalks will be added in 2023 as part of the *Safe Walks To Schools* project, which may bring increased pedestrian traffic to this risky intersection. The intersection was identified as a priority during the Traffic Calming Workshops in 2022. West Gordon is also identified on the Master Plan as a designated bike route, so bike lanes will be added.

- Option 1: add islands that cause drivers to slow down and pay attention. Would not eliminate the risky turns and crossings. Might be more risky for pedestrians.
- Option 2: Add a long island on Alberta that limits turns and some improved pedestrian safety.

Discussion and feedback. Plan is to prepare the design over the next 2 months and complete the project in July. Project will cost \$2 million, which is the largest sidewalk project the City has ever budgeted. Call 509-625-6907 or email [rproszek@spokanecity.org](mailto:rproszek@spokanecity.org) with feedback.

**Social Media:** Andrea reported on a plan to improve social media communication through Facebook and website. Members report they do not use facebook and would prefer the website updates. ADNC will begin working on a new website next year.

### **Community Assembly:**

- Fran reported on the recent CA retreat, and November CA meeting. CA is working toward rebuilding and strengthening the relationship between City Council, Administration, and neighborhood councils. Council President Beggs proposed a joint strategic planning committee for this initiative.
- Using remaining Community Engagement Grant program funds, a special mailing will go out to 4-5 neighborhood councils that are inactive, in order to solicit new leadership.
- Neighborhood, Housing and Human Services (NHHS) has hired a new director, Kim McCollim, who has extensive experience in HUD policy. George Dahl, Community Development Manager in the Community Housing & Human Services (CHHS) department, is leaving the city for a similar role as an administrator with the County.

**Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS):** Program Coordinator and liaison Amber Groe not present. Her report for District 3 was shared to membership via email. Fran said that the vacant ONS Director position should be filled by the first of the year.

**Parks:** Jeff Stevens reports a significant number of trees have died in Audubon Park and the Downriver area from a pine bark beetle infestation. Our extremely dry summers create ideal conditions for the beetle infestation. Dead trees will be removed in Audubon Park and the Downriver area over the winter. The trees need to be removed to prevent larvae from hatching in the spring. New pines are not affected by the beetle, as they prefer mature trees. In November, Urban Forestry staff and volunteers from The Lands Council and the neighborhood planted 20 new trees along Park Blvd. More trees will be planted along Park Blvd. next fall.

**Concerts:** Victor is meeting with volunteers who will learn how to organize concerts for 2023. COPS will host a concert at Shadle Park on June 29 for Summer Safety Kick-off. Plan is to host 2 additional concerts.

**COPS NW:** Victor reports that Messiah Lutheran Church discovered a fire next to their building, started by indigent criminals. Victor requested that everyone watch out for transients camping on church properties and report it to Crime Check. He stated the Northwest shop hours M-F 10-2, Saturday's 10-1, and Wednesday evenings 4-7. He requested more people volunteer so that the shop could be open till 4:00pm when Shadle and Glover schools are letting out.

**West Central Community Center:** Victor reported WCCC is naming their Head Start play area in honor of Candy Rogers a 1955 child murder victim from West Central neighborhood.

**Open Forum:**

- *Transitions* Executive Director Edie Rice-Sauer present via Zoom. ADNC presented basket of childrens' socks and underwear collected from the November sock drive. Donations can also be dropped off at COPS NW (Mon-Sat 10am-2pm) until December 7.
- Chris reported that 2024 is the 50th anniversary of *Expo '74*. Celebrations and an art installation honoring founder King Cole are planned.

**Next General Meeting:** January 19, 2023 at 6:30pm, Shadle Park Library, Classroom. It will be an in-person/ Zoom hybrid meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

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Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.