



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting  
Shadle Park Library, Event Room  
February 16, 2023**

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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), and Steve Cox (Traffic Coordinator) present. Treasurer Victor Frazier not present. **Guests:** Megan Curran (*Transitions*), Christopher Savage (Balboa/South Indian Trail Neighborhood Council), Lt. Rich Meyer (SPD). Guest speakers noted below.

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

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

**Treasurer:** Victor gave report via email. Received a donation check from *Paypal* for \$38.32. The IRS filing fee: \$10. The State non-profit filing fee: \$40.00. Eric reimbursed \$21.80 for coffee provided at the January membership meeting. Current balance: \$4184.16.

**Membership:** Eric confirmed 20+ people in attendance; 15 voting members. Quorum present.

**Guest speaker:** Sarah Nuss, Director of Emergency Management for City of Spokane, presented on emergency preparedness information for Spokane. What is the difference between a Disaster and an Emergency? Emergencies are familiar issues that do not usually overwhelm services or resources (house fire, car wrecks), while disasters are unusual events that overwhelm normal services delivery, resources and infrastructure (flood, earthquake, passenger train crash). Disaster planning addresses natural disasters, tech disasters (dam failures, HazMat incidents, Cyber failures), or Man-made/Intentional disasters like terrorism. All residents should have a disaster kit (and Go bags) to take care of yourself for 3 days or more. Services will prioritize infrastructure (hospitals, schools, etc) before they respond to individuals at home. Families should have a household plan for where to meet, evacuation route, etc. Recommend making a plan with trusted people outside your region in case local supports are not available. This region should prepare for wildfires, earthquakes,

landslides, winter storms, floods, etc. Prepare for poor air quality (N95 mask), wild animal contact, water, shelter, electricity loss (crank radio), etc. Follow directions regarding shelter in place vs evacuation. Spokane has history of small earthquakes and future risk is unknown. Landslides/mudslides on slopes. Check your property location to learn what risks to prepare for. Check on neighbors and seniors.

**Guest speaker:** SPD Lieutenant Rich Meyer, Mid-Shift Commander for Northwest precinct. North Central HS alum with ties to our neighborhood. Officers plan to attend neighborhood council meetings every month. Reports reorganization by neighborhood sectors resulted in faster response time to calls and reduced speeding/traffic fatalities in Indian Trail. Uptick in burglaries compared to last year. Report any suspicious activity so they can track it. Sometimes they can link burglaries in one area to a suspect caught in another area. City Council approved 10 mobile radar devices to continue traffic enforcement and mobile security camera in high crime areas.

**City Council:** Jeff Gunn, legislative assistant to Council Member Zappone, reports on votes regarding police equipment discussed above and incentives to build affordable housing. Patrick Striker, former COPS director, is now director of ONS.

**Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS):** Amber Groe, ONS Liaison, not present. Amber shared District 3 report via email, which was forwarded to membership email list.

**Community Assembly:** Fran reports ONS and NCs are busy due to program cycles starting in spring. Fran and Jeff will attend Clean-Up Coordinator meeting in preparation for joint clean-up event this year with Northwest Neighborhood Council. Community Engagement Grant program training scheduled for March 13. Police Reform Task Force ended and report will be made at next CA meeting.

**Parks:** Jeff Stevens reports Roskelley Foundation playground project at Audubon Park is fully funded and waiting for a final design. A preliminary plan has been completed for the community garden at Oak and Longfellow. Staff from Shadle High School have agreed to get students involved in the construction of the garden. Some of the raised beds and garden area will be ADA accessible for people in wheelchairs/walkers/strollers. A grant application has been submitted to the Innovia Foundation for funding to purchase materials. Volunteers will be needed to help with construction in the Spring.

**Traffic:** Steve reported on the Driscoll Boulevard/Cochran/Alberta sidewalk infill project. Steve spoke with Director of Streets Clint Harris about the No Parking signs along on the north side of Wellesley, west of Assembly. City plans to remove them. He

is reviewing resident requests to remove the 20mph sign on Wellesley that is not enforced. Director said a traffic study is needed first. Another resident report Belt was changed from 20mph to 30mph with flashing beacon for school zone without NC notification. Chronic speeding problem on Belt, so Steve is requesting to change it back to 20mph due to number of pedestrians from park, school, library and shopping center.

**COPS NW report:** John Schwartz reports disposal passes may be available in April. *Neighbors Drive 25* signs are still available. Next Shred Day is last Friday in April from 11-2 pm. Four concerts are scheduled for summer (3 in Shadle Park and 1 in Audubon Park).

**Transitions:** Megan Curran is program director for permanent supportive housing, including Home Yard Cottages in our neighborhood. Transitions wants to be good stewards to the neighborhood and work closely with neighbors about any concerns or suggestions. They have been open about five years and the retention rate is higher than many similar programs. The location and design is conducive to maintaining stable housing.

**Other:** 1) Thank you to Pam Lehinger for bringing cookies. 2) Ralph asked if more ADNC magnets are available. Fran plans to order more with CE grant money this year, along with brochures and cards.

**Next General Meeting:** March 16, 2023 at 6:30pm, Shadle Park Library, Event 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.