



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

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Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Chris Wright.

**Board members** present: Fran Papenleur (Vice-Chair), Jeff Stevens (Parks Coordinator), Andrea Kilgore (Secretary), and Steve Cox (Traffic Coordinator) present. Eric Swagerty (Membership) and Victor Frazier (Treasurer) not present.

**Guests:** Mary Croston and Kirstin Angell, Shadle Park Garden Group leaders; Christopher Savage (Balboa/South Indian Trail Neighborhood Council); Lt. Rich Meyer (SPD).

**Chair:** Introductions and orientation to neighborhood council. Chris announced he is resigning as Council Chair due to his new job with City of Spokane. Fran will serve at interim Chair until next officer election in Fall 2023.

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

**Treasurer:** Victor provided report via email. Current balance is \$4256.50.

**Membership:** Eric not present. More than 12 voting members present. Quorum present.

**Guest speaker:** Mary Croston, Shadle Park Garden Group, presented on the Shadle Community Garden project. Collaboration with *Growing Neighbors*, Shadle Park High School, Master Gardeners, ADNC, *Water Wise* and Spokane Parks Dept. Empty traffic circle is being converted to community garden space. They are currently preparing the site and designing the garden. Shadle Park HS shop students will build the raised beds. Design includes wheelchair accessibility, pollinator garden, native berry patch and vegetable gardens. Shadle Park students, CHAS, Salish Language School and various other community members plan to use the garden. They need volunteers and materials donated.

**Guest speaker:** SPD Lieutenant Rich Meyer, Mid-Shift Commander for Northwest precinct. Can contact him to request a ride along. Ride along would typically be 4-5 hours. Call 311 to report illegal camping so they can send Homeless Outreach team in

conjunction with Code Enforcement. They report traffic stop data are on track with last year data from Traffic Unit, so they are finding the new system responds to traffic issues as much as the Traffic Unit did.

**City Council Report:** Karen Stratton not able to attend; Chris provided the update. City Council passed landlord/tenant protections and financial incentives to build housing on parking lots downtown. Discussion of a regional homeless authority as a government entity to address homelessness. City proposed increased fees for developers. Developers are upset but the fees are similar to what is charged in other areas. Spokane has not increased rates in 20 years which contributed to perception that it is a high rate.

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

**Community Assembly:**

- Fran reports the Policy & Procedures committee is working to improve functioning of CA. They are preparing a code of conduct policy.
- ONS Director Patrick Striker has finalized a contract with Gonzaga to facilitate CA meetings.
- City Attorney Mike Piccolo met with the CA Admin Committee regarding the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). He noted that the CA is compliant.
- Council President Breean Beggs wants to form a “Neighborhood Committee,” consisting of stakeholders from the CA, City Council, and City Administration. Representation from neighborhood leaders to be decided by CA.
- New ONS Director Patrick Striker is attending neighborhood council meetings.
- Fran attended the Community Engagement Grant training. Each neighborhood council will receive \$850 this year for marketing, events, etc.

**Parks:** Jeff Stevens reports Parks Dept installed 2 pet waste bag dispensers on Riverview bluff this weekend. They do not supply bags so we need plastic bags donated. Jeff is willing to pick them up from you. Anyone can put bags into the dispensers. Can bring to the neighborhood meetings too. Jeff empties the trash can.

**Traffic:**

- Steve reported on the closure of TJ Meenach and detour route in place through August 2023. All of the storm water from Cochran Basin will be filtered before entering the river. Steve reports Flett Middle School is looking for outdoor service

projects from Friday April 21st between 10am to 1:30pm. They would like to know the address and what type of work is needed.

- Resident asked about pothole resurfacing. Fran reports City Council updated 6-Year Street Plan at recent City Council Study Session. We can research before next meeting.

**COPS NW report:**

- John Schwartz reports disposal passes will no longer be available at COPS locations or neighborhood council meetings. You can pick up an application form from COPS NW, then individual must mail it to the City, who will in turn mail the actual pass. City prefers you apply online for a digital pass [that you print]. You can apply for a pass every month. If you are unhappy about this, recommend that you contact the City. Also be aware that Waste Management will check for unsecured loads at the waste-to-energy plant and will ticket you if the load is not secure.
- Next *Shred Day* is last Friday in April (4/28/23) from 11-2 pm. Four concerts are scheduled for summer (3 in Shadle Park and 1 in Audubon Park) this summer. New director of COPS is Jeff Johnson.

**Other:** Thank you to Phyllis Thayer for bringing cookies.

**Next General Meeting:** April 20, 2023 at 6:30pm, Shadle Park Library, Event classroom. Social hour at 6:00pm. It will be an in-person/ Zoom hybrid meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26.

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Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.