



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council  
Membership Meeting  
Shadle Park Library, Event Room  
April 20, 2023**

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Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Interim Chair Fran Papenleur.

**Board members** present: Jeff Stevens (Parks Coordinator), Victor Frazier (Treasurer), Eric Swagerty (Membership), Andrea Kilgore (Secretary), Steve Cox (Traffic Coordinator), and past Chair Chris Wright (handling Zoom) present.

**Guests:** Christopher Savage (Balboa/South Indian Trail Neighborhood Council); Gail Cropper and Bob Turner (Northwest Neighborhood Council).

**Chair:** Welcome and Introductions to neighborhood council meeting.

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

**Treasurer:** Victor reports current balance is \$4256.50.

**Membership:** Eric reports 34 voting members total. 16 in attendance tonight. (11 needed for a quorum.)

**Guest Speaker:** SPD report from Sargent Steve Perry. Increased coverage of northside compared to last year. Noticed slight uptick in property crimes in Downriver which may be related to closure of TJ Meenach pushing traffic into our neighborhood. Three attempted burglaries at night of occupied residences, which is unusual. Neighbors should watch for unusual activity and call police. They may not respond right away but can target hot spots.

**COPS NW:**

- John Schwartz reports disposal passes will be available at City Hall front desk. Bike registration can be accomplished at COPS or via City website. Disposal passes are now available once a month, throughout the year, until funds run out.
- 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 program is Jeff Johnson.

**Guest Speaker:** Abbey Martin, City Council Manager of Community Connectivity. Position coordinates between city council, engineering, streets, planning and other departments to address traffic, walkability, bike lanes, transportation, etc. District 3 workshop is May 18th at 5:30pm at downtown library. (Note: Abbey will discuss with ONS about our suggestion to move Dist 3 to Shadle Library.) Engineers will share proposed solutions to top 5 problems presented at the workshop last year, plus prioritization of each project over a 4 year plan. Projects may be prioritized based on available funding, what other neighborhoods prioritized and how they may interconnect.

**Traffic:** Steve reported on the following:

- Cycle 10 Projects - awarding crosswalk and luminaries installation 2023-2024
- Alberta/Cochran/Driscoll sidewalk infill project will start July and end Sept. Residents are being notified about impacts.
- Traffic modifications at NW Blvd at Audubon Park. Reducing lanes, adding bus stop, safety island and flashing lights.
- Gordon between Driscoll and Alberta will be closed to vehicles.
- Traffic Calming Project presentation May 18th 5:30pm about District 3 priorities and residents can vote on proposed solutions.
- Requested fixed speed camera at NW Blvd bluff, Audubon Park and Belt.
- Mobile speed feedback trailer locations approved
- Call traffic hotline to report speeding
- Chip seal, roadway replacement on sections of NW Blvd in 2023
- Grind/overlay on section of Garland (Driscoll to D Street)
- Report potholes to 311

**City Council Report:** Council member Zack Zappone reports on new drug use ordinance making it illegal to use drugs in open spaces. State legislature decision pending. Determined police are able to confiscate drugs or paraphernalia but are not enforcing it. Whether or not officer observes the usage can determine whether or not they enforce it. The new ordinance would require police to confiscate, but police recommend against it because it can be confrontational and escalate a situation. Mayor and police chief are responsible for enforcing laws that are passed by council or legislators. Council is investigating SPD focus on prioritizing downtown businesses over other areas.

**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.

**Parks:** Jeff Stevens is working with SPD, Code Enforcement, and Parks regarding illegal transient camps, fires and dumping in Downriver Park area. Jeff is patrolling and reporting camps. Graffiti is an increasing problem around TJ Meenach and Downriver. Jeff is working with Code Enforcement to remove the graffiti on the bridge before Bloomsday. Code Enforcement is providing paint to ADNC to help with removing any new graffiti after the initial clean-up. Bob Turner suggests buying a hot water sprayer that removes paint. Report graffiti to 311. Requesting dumpster at spot that illegal dumping occurs and block pullout spots where people either camp or dump garbage. Collecting plastic bags for pet waste dispensers on the bluff.

**West Central Community Center:** Victor described all the programs and services at WCCC, including Head Start for preschool kids, gym, meeting rooms and other resources. Third annual *First Responders* Luncheon is May 17th 11:30am-1pm. Tickets \$25.

**Other Announcements:** Gail Cropper, NWNC, said that Urban Forestry Department is offering free trees at 4901 N Regal this Saturday. Free concert at Garland Theater honoring vets.

Thank you to Phyllis Thayer for providing cookies.

**Next General Meeting:** May 18, 2023 at 6:30pm, Shadle Park Library, Event classroom. Social hour at 6:15pm. It will be an in-person/ Zoom hybrid meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.