



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting
Shadle Park Library, Event Room
Thursday, June 20, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by Chair Jeff Stevens. Welcome and Introductions were made.

Board members present: Jeff Stevens (Chair); Fran Papenleur (Treasurer); Gayle Swagerty (Membership); Andrea Kilgore (Secretary). Not present: Steve Cox (Vice Chair & Traffic); Victor Frazier (WCCC & COPS NW liaison).

Guests: SPD Sgt. Bryan Tafoya; Pollyanne Birge, ONS Liaison.

Administrative Reports:

Secretary: May membership meeting minutes provided earlier by email. Majority vote approved minutes.

Treasurer: Changed bank account from Umpqua to Global Credit Union. Fran reports current balance is \$4018.38 total; \$2018.38 in checking account and \$2000 in a 11 month CD.

Membership: Gayle reports 41 total voting members. 14 voting members present, quorum is 12. Quorum met.

City Council Member: not present.

SPD report: Sgt. Tafoya reported on illegal camping enforcement. The Downriver area has been a priority lately. SPD has noticed improvement this year with fewer camping in parks. Parks security has been patrolling parks. Park security were notified about vehicles parking on grass. Residents asked questions about approaches to neighborhood policing and tracking criminals. Police cannot arrest a reckless driver based on a citizen witness account alone. Report reckless driving so an officer in the area might witness it. Otherwise the info is added to Hot Spot data to identify problem area. Staffing is a primary problem for SPD right now. Public safety levy might address the problem but it is not guaranteed to pass. Police department staffing has not kept up with population growth over the past 30 years. Continue to report crimes in progress to 911. Report crimes no longer in progress to Crime Check so they can collect data.



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Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Pollyanne Birge, ONS Liaison:

National Neighbor Day on Sept 28: neighborhoods can do a clean-up event. Waste Management offering up to \$1K to NCs for events. City is seeking suggestions for locations for neighborhood beautification projects. A resident asked if clean-up funds can be used to clean up the Garland Post Office parking lot and grounds, even though it is a federal site. Paper disposal passes are being printed for NC distribution, available August 1. Board will decide how to distribute them, e.g., via COPS NW office or upcoming concerts in Audubon Park.

Community Assembly:

- Fran reports recent CA meeting was focused on a new proposed Transportation Commission, which City Council will vote to approve on June 24. This Commission will unite several different transportation related boards and committees that have all operated independently and suffered from poor participation.
- Patrick Striker has resigned as ONS director. City Council President Betsy Wilkerson stated that the position will remain vacant for several months before a replacement is hired.
- Concerns about how \$1.8 million of Traffic Calming funds were borrowed to pay for 4 traffic officers, but SPD has not added the traffic officers due to staffing needs on patrol. Funds may be added back to the Traffic Calming program budget.

Traffic: Steve not present. Jeff reports the SPD recently recommended a number of sites for placement of photo speed cameras based on the number of collisions at the recommended locations. SPD recommended Belt Street between Wellesley and Longfellow - there have been 18 collisions in the area. ADNC earlier recommended locations along NW Blvd. A resident asked if a stop sign or blind corner warning sign can be put on a street where visibility is limited. A resident also reported a property that had large bushes and shrubs that limited visibility at an intersection. She said the City responded quickly to have the bushes trimmed back.

Parks:

- Jeff reports volunteers have added a number of improvements to the Community Garden at Longfellow and Oak. Volunteers from the Master Gardeners program, Shadle High School and the Salish school, and *Growing Neighbors* staff have added



a rock pathway, a compost bin, a tool shed and an additional raised bed. When the garden starts producing, it is open to the public to harvest.

- The city is providing neighborhood councils up to \$1000 for beautification projects. The ADNC is asking for recommendations on projects in the neighborhood. A clean-up project in the neighborhood parks was suggested. Other suggestions should be sent to audubondownriver@gmail.com. One resident identified a house on Longfellow that needs clean-up. Pollyanne reports funds could be used to improve private property if the homeowner requests and approves it.
- Audubon Park boulder project: Project is still on hold. Parks staff are not responding to requests for updates on progress. Jeff will continue to discuss the project with Parks Dept and Roskelley Foundation, which is also providing funding.

Clean-up: Neighborhood Roll-Off event will be Saturday, October 19th at Glover Middle School parking lot. City will provide dumpsters for clean green and household trash. In September, residents will receive a postcard mailer with more details about the event.

Ash Place Development: Jeff reports the geo-technical study and drainage study have been completed. Applicant has asked for a 30-day extension to review data and respond to the planning department's questions. Ash Place residents in attendance had no additional information.

COPS NW: Victor Frazier not present. COPS NW is hosting three concerts in Audubon Park on July 11, 18 and 25. Pollyanne reports National *Night Out Against Crime* is being promoted for the first week in August.

Next General Meeting: No meetings in July or August. Next meeting: Thursday, Sept 19, 6:30pm, Shadle Park Library, Event Room. ADNC board members will still be available as needed this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.