



**Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting
Shadle Park Library, Event Room
Thursday, March 20, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Jeff Stevens. Welcome and Introductions were made.

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

Guests: SPD Captain Tom Hendron; SPD NRO Tyler Heiman; Pollyanne Birge (ONS Liaison); Chris Savage (Balboa/South Indian Trail NC).

Administrative Reports:

Chair: Introductions, decorum reminder and agenda approval.

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

Treasurer: Steve reports current balance is \$4275.15 total; \$2000 in a 11-month CD maturing 4/14/2025. One withdrawal \$8.99 for refreshments at the previous meeting.

Membership: Meeting attendance is 32, with 30 voting members present. Gayle reports a quorum is present.

Fundraising for ADNC: Steve presented a plan to solicit sponsorships from neighborhood businesses to raise funds for ADNC improvement projects. Tiers would be: Bronze \$250, Silver \$500, Gold \$750 and Platinum above \$1000. Participants would receive recognition at ADNC events. Focus will be on business located within the neighborhood boundaries unless we need a certain skill set that is not located within our boundaries. Annual sponsorships would begin in April.

SPD Report:

Cpt. Hendron introduced Tyler Heiman, new NRO for District 3. Tyler is stationed at the Public Safety Building. Report nuisance properties to Crime Check so Tyler can track



complaints. Nuisance house determination requires multiple complainants that are not anonymous.

- Crime is down this month compared to March 2024. Garage burglaries and vehicle prowling continue to be a problem. Recommend not leaving property in vehicles.
- Vacant houses under renovation are being targeted citywide. Don't leave tools out at job sites. Engrave your information on tools.
- Burglaries are often tied to 1 or 2 key individuals that do most of the crime. Rates go down when the perpetrators are arrested. Continue to contact Crime Check. Even if they do not answer, your call is still documented. Call 911 for crimes in progress.

Community Engagement Grant Application: Each neighborhood council is allocated \$850 for neighborhood engagement activities. ADNC is applying for funds to produce a new banner that can be displayed at ADNC events. Funds will also be used to print fliers that promote ADNC events and include promotional ads for businesses that have signed on as sponsors. Any remaining funds will be used to print additional ADNC brochures. Jeff called for a motion to approve the grant application. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Neighborhood Questionnaire: Jeff presented results from 39 responses received. Questionnaire was sent to 99 email addresses and so far we have received about 30% response rate. Everyone is still encouraged to respond by March 31st. Anyone who expresses interest in committees will be contacted.

City Council:

- CM Zack Zappone reports grind and overlay on Belt is scheduled this summer. Residents report parking on Belt Street is mostly during games at the Shadle High School ballpark.
- Homelessness issues continue to be a priority citywide. Neighborhoods are asking for Good Neighbor agreements, notification of placing shelter in a neighborhood, and enforcing sit-and-lie ordinance. Report concerns or violations to the City so they can either address the problem or not renew the contract.



Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS):

Pollyanne Birge reported on changes in ONS staffing. Annie Deasy received a promotion and transferred to another department, so Pollyanne will take on the asphalt art projects. Traffic calming responsibilities to be determined, but for now will go to the general email box. Other updates: Spring disposal pass applications are available online now or in person at City Hall. When they are gone, more will be available in fall. Waterwise workshops are every Wednesday in March and April at South Hill library. Water policy during summer is more strict, so the city offers incentives to install low water landscapes. Waste Management tours on April 9th and 10th open to the public. ONS is releasing a civic engagement “zine” (kick-off is April 17). 2025 Neighborhood Summit scheduled on October 25. Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy is in session; ADNC has two cohorts this year (Eric DeGaston and Tessa Vlaar). Spring Learning series: next training on April 19th to learn how to use event equipment for neighborhood events.

Community Assembly:

- Fran reports on CDBG funding. \$400,000 available that 12 neighborhood councils applied for. This year focused on park improvements in low-income neighborhoods. Northwest quadrant not eligible due to not meeting economic census data.
- Empire Health is contracted to run the scattered site shelter system. Fran is advocating to not have more shelters located in District 3 due to perception there are too many already.
- Neighborhood Safety committee meets at the Hive monthly. March 26th at 6:00pm at the Hive will focus on homeless and safety issues. Anyone interested can attend.

Traffic:

Steve reported on *Safe Streets for All* which is the new name for Traffic Calming.

- New flashing beacon crossing will be installed on NW Blvd and F Street.
- Speed “humps” will be installed this year in another neighborhood.
- Chip seal on Wellesley between Maple to Division scheduled for this summer.
- Driscoll between Providence and Gordon will have lane closures.
- Everyone should call 311 for potholes to be filled. Can report via 311.
- ADNC to request 3 locations for mobile feedback signs. Locations proposed include on Wellesley Avenue at Assembly/Driscoll, and on Cochran Street between Courtland and Liberty.



- Marked crosswalks on Cochran Street between Alberta at Liberty are needed. Multiple residents report witnessing accidents and pedestrian safety concerns at this location.

Asphalt Art Program:

Erin Mensing reports an artist, Danielle Davis, has been selected to design our project. Can google her and other artists' portfolios. She will attend our April membership meeting to present 3 designs for approval. Location will be on Audubon and Providence by Finch Elementary. Erin reports the city obtained a better paint which should last longer. If city funds are not available to repaint it in future, ADNC could apply for community engagement funds and recruit volunteers to maintain it. Can choose a simple design that neighborhood volunteers can maintain.

Ash Place Development: Dennis Flynn reported that the Drumheller Springs resident group filed an appeal regarding the city's DNS. The hearing is rescheduled for April 16th.

Parks:

Jeff reported on the *Rock Scramble* project at Audubon Park. Some structures have been installed. Project was postponed until we could raise \$12,000. The new estimate is \$15,000. Jeff secured a Parks Foundation grant for \$5,000. Roskelley Foundation and City Parks Dept have pledged more funds. Parks will present a design soon and construction is scheduled for this spring.

Concerts and Events: Alex John is our new event coordinator and wants to increase regular events.

- Summer concerts every Thursday in July except July 4th.
- First event in May will be a neighborhood clean-up project.
- Second event will be a neighborhood BBQ/potluck in June.
- Fall Clean-up Event in October.
- A resident suggested a *Night Out Against Crime* event.
- Event promotion ideas: social media, and neighborhood businesses or sponsors to put announcements on their marquees, or school and church marquees.



COPS NW:

John Schwartz reports the City has delayed a decision about the RFP until the end of March. Waiting to learn if COPS will be selected. COPS NW office is still open 6 days a week. Shred Day will be April 25th even if COPS is no longer in business.

Next General Meeting: Next membership meeting is Thursday, April 17, 6:30pm, Shadle Park Library, Event Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.