



Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council
Membership Meeting
Shadle Park Library, Event Room
Sept 21, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Interim Chair Fran Papenleur. Welcome and Introductions were made.

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

Guests: Christopher Savage (Balboa/South Indian Trail Neighborhood Council)

Administrative Reports:

Secretary: April minutes provided by email. Motion to approve passed. No meeting in May due to scheduling conflict with District 3 Traffic Calming workshop.

Treasurer: Victor reports current balance is \$4182.56.

Membership: Eric reported 34 voting members total; 11 in attendance tonight. (11 needed for a quorum.). Several board positions will be up for vote in November. Victor has been an officer for the NC for twenty years, and will not run again.

West Central Community Center Liaison: Victor reported they received a large allocation of COVID funds, and established an endowment through the Innovia Foundation. They are considering purchase of a nearby house to expand services. The annual *Building Dreams* fundraiser is Saturday, September 23, and they are sold out.

Chair's Report:

- Fran conducted a *Year in Review*, using slides that Jeff Stevens presented to City Council Town Hall In June.
- Community Assembly - Fran reported that the CA has adopted a new Strategic Plan, and is working on restructuring its leadership to be more effective.
- Chris Wright reported on an ordinance being developed regarding changes to the Community Assembly and the Neighborhood Council system. In short, it will establish term limits for all neighborhood council officers, and require that NC decisions be documented and include meeting minutes.
- This year's Community Engagement grant is funding printing of updated brochures and magnets. Two new sandwich boards with signage are on order.



City Council Report: Council member Karen Stratton reports intense work on the budget, which needs to be passed by end of the year. City supports creation of the *Spokane Regional Collaborative on Homelessness*, but has slowed the process to work through details, especially funding. North Hill and Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Councils recently installed an art sculpture on North Monroe. This project was originally funded with CDBG funds, but delays took almost ten years to come to fruition. City has MOU with SCRAPS for animal control, but vets and other sources are reporting inappropriate euthanasia. They are now working with an advisory board about ethical treatment of animals.

Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS): Pollyanne Birge, ONS Liaison, announced a *Neighborhood Summit* event November 4th. This new, full-day program consists of a variety of training workshops and includes lunch, and optional tours of the Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility and the Upriver Dam. She encouraged neighborhood residents to attend. It's free but registration is required.

Public Safety

- **SPD report:** Captain Hendren is on medical leave. Karen reports working with SPD on crime prevention in Shadle Park through lighting, sound and environmental design.
- **COPS NW:**
 - *Shred Day* is Friday Sept 29th 11am-2pm. Donations accepted.
 - Funding for disposal passes has been depleted for the rest of the year.
 - *Neighbors Drive 25* signs are still available. They go on residential streets only.
 - There has been an increase in ID scams/theft by parties pretending to be IRS, Medicare, etc.
 - Victor said that COPS volunteers can email 311 on your behalf if you call to file a report.
 - Reminder that starting in November and through March, boats, RVs or trailers are not allowed to be parked on streets.
 - COPS always need volunteers!

Clean-Up: Pollyanne reminded the group about a Neighborhood Clean-up event September 22, and will focus on trash pick up and graffiti abatement around TJ Meenach and Downriver Drive. 13 volunteers have signed up.



There will be a *Roll-Off* event [for large items and clean green] at Glover Middle School parking lot on Saturday, October 21 at 9 am. A postcard with more information will be mailed out soon.

Traffic: Steve not present. TJ Meenach re-opened partially. Alberta/Cochran/Driscoll sidewalk infill project is in process. Garland was partially re-paved. Residents report traffic back-ups on Maple and too much confusion about which direction is closed. Resident is asking why City traffic website is not updated daily. Karen will look into it. Chris said that the City does not have capacity to do more than 6 traffic calming projects this year. The money is available, but not the contractors. There are concerns that some City departments will try to take funds from the large Traffic Calming fund to balance their budgets. However, Council does not support this, because neighborhoods frequently complain about traffic and speeding. Suggestion is to redirect some traffic calming funds to police patrols.

Other Announcements: League of Women Voters is hosting a Candidates Forum this fall. They are asking neighborhood councils to submit questions/issues for candidates to debate.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, October 19th, 6:30pm, Shadle Park Library, Event Room. It will be an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by ADNC Secretary Andrea Kilgore.