

Admiral Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

Officers and Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Joanie Jacobs, President

Bridgett Markille, Treasurer

Meagan Loftin, Secretary

Dan Jacobs, Communications

Megan Erb, 4th of July Kids Parade

Phil Frick, Member-at-Large

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Our Purpose
 - b. Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of May General Meeting Minutes
3. SPD Update: Officer Barreto
4. Department of Neighborhoods: Rosa Garcia
5. Treasurer Report: Bridgett Markille
6. ANA Summer Event Recap
 - a. 4th of July Kids Parade: Megan Erb
 - b. Admiral Music in the Parks: Meagan Loftin and Dan Jacobs
 - c. Admiral Funktion Block Party: Joanie Jacobs
7. Fall/Winter Events and Happenings
 - a. Admiral Trick or Treat
 - b. Winter Wonderland
 - c. Dine Out at Mioposto
 - d. Brief Statement about Lafayette
8. Seattle Emergency Communication Hub: Cindi Barker
9. Raffle Drawing
10. Meeting Adjourned

Welcome, Joanie Jacobs

Thank you all for being here and thank you to the Admiral Congregational UCC for hosting us.
Introduction of officers present.

Our Purpose

“The Admiral Neighborhood Association is comprised of residents, businesses, and others who care about the diverse environmental, economic, and social sustainability of our Admiral Neighborhood. We believe in maintaining quality of life for everyone and exist to inclusively serve our neighbors and our community; the place where we all live and breathe and have our being.”

Land Acknowledgement

“The Admiral Neighborhood Association acknowledges that we are meeting here today on the traditional lands of the first people of Seattle, the dx̣ẉḍəẉʔaḅš (Duwamish) people, past and present. As we strive to serve our neighbors, our community, and the place we call home we honor with gratitude the land itself and the dx̣ẉḍəẉʔaḅš (Duwamish) people who have stewarded it since time immemorial. “

Approval of March General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve May General Meeting Minutes by Bridgett Markille, seconded by Dan Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.

SPD Update: Officer Barretto

- Most crime year-to-date is down in North Admiral except for aggravated assaults and burglary.
- In the last month, the two significant incidents were cases of shots fired on Alki and Harbor Ave.

Q: Is shots fired driving up the aggravated assault rate?

A: No, those would be classes as two different designations. Assault includes things like broken arms or fights.

Q: Do you keep statistics re: whether perpetrators are from West Seattle or outside our neighborhood?

A: No, all of SPD’s stats come from the 911 calls.

Q: Are car thefts down because of increased awareness?

A: Yes, car thefts were mostly driven by Kia thefts (via a trend on TikTok) and SPD also gave out clubs at events throughout the summer.

Q: How is officer recruitment going?

A: Officer Barretto doesn’t have stats on that but SPD is working with the Mayor’s office. However this is a difficult job and not as many people are interested in it as they used to be.

Q: Is CARE affecting policing?

A: So far, CARE has been operating downtown, but the plan is for that to roll out to other neighborhoods at some point. In the meantime, Community Service Officers continue to make an impact with SPD.

Q: What can we do?

A: If you see something, say something. Always call 911, not the non-emergency line. If you feel it’s not an emergency, you can report online or use the Find It/Fix It app. Remember SPD is data-driven and their stats are based on 911 calls, so if you don’t report it, SPD can’t

know it's happening. Always make sure you get an event/case #. If you want to be contacted by an officer for follow-up, know they can also call you rather than come by your house.

Comment: Thank you for everything you do in our community.

Department of Neighborhoods: Rosa Garcia

- Rosa Garcia, Community Engagement Coordinator for West Seattle and South Park
- Dept. of Neighborhoods is focused on Equity and Community—What does each community need to thrive?
- Right now, the department is going through a transition, with increased focus on reaching out to neighborhoods and building a bridge between community groups and the city.
- The focus of the department is currently split between Community Partnerships and Investment Partnerships.
 - This can include things like P-Patches, named so after the Picardo Garden (c. 1927) which was community-grown and donated food to the community at Pike. There are more than 90 P-patches around Seattle producing more than 2 tons of produce for local food banks.
 - The department also manages a Neighborhood Matching Fund. This includes small grants (\$5,000) for groups to get together and organize an event as well as larger (\$50,000) grants for year-long projects. The funds matching required by community groups can come from fundraising as well as volunteer hours (\$35/hr).
 - Every grantee is assigned a Project Manager to help them navigate the process and connect with other city departments.
 - 501(c)(3)s can apply for Spark grants on a three-year cycle.

Q: What is an example of a larger (\$50k) grant?

A: A new mural in Southpark, as well as the Highland Park Improvement Club renovation. The smaller (\$5k) Spark Grants include things like a Día de los Muertos event in South Park last year. Both AMP in 2024 and the Funktion in 2023 also both received a Spark Grant.

Comment: Revitalizing Nantes Park also came in part from the Dept. of Neighborhoods.

- The department also runs PACE: Public Academy for Civic Engagement and houses civic commissions and boards including the Seattle Youth Commission.
- The department also supports a generational wealth program working beyond material wealth; it includes things like historic preservation.
- You can connect with the Department of Neighborhoods here:
 - Web: <https://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods> where you can also sign up for the newsletter
 - On their blog: <https://frontporch.seattle.gov/>
 - And directly with Rosa: rosa.garcia@seattle.gov

Treasurer Report: Bridgett Markille

- Thanks to your donations/memberships as well as the support of our business community, we were able to put on three amazing community events this year.
 - 4th of July Parade: ~\$2,700
 - AMP: ~\$7,500

- Admiral Funktion Block Party: ~\$9,000

ANA Summer Events

- We had a great summer in Admiral, thanks to our community's support and to the dedicated work of our board and all of our volunteers.

4th of July Kids Parade: Megan Erb

- There was a big turnout for the parade this year. The blog estimated that it was one of the biggest they've recorded. Estimated around 2,000 people made it down to Hamilton for activities after.
- While the parade is located in Admiral, this is a peninsula-wide event; drawing families from all over West Seattle and the city at large as this the only children's event on the 4th.
- We had several new food trucks this year thanks to connections made with Whitney Moore.
- We also had three new sponsors this year and we're happy to continue bringing in our small business partners in our events.
- Megan Erb has been running the parade for the last 10 years. It just came under the umbrella of the ANA in 2024 which helped to streamline some processes and costs.
- Megan will be stepping down as the coordinator for the parade and we are looking for someone to lead that event next year. Megan has left it in a good place in terms of funding and organizing and is willing to mentor the next coordinator.

Admiral Music in the Parks: Meagan Loftin and Dan Jacobs

- This was a very successful year for AMP as well. Formerly known as the Concerts at Hiawatha, this year we took them on the road to 3 different parks in the neighborhood and rebranded the series as Admiral Music in the Parks.
- We were also able to secure a Sparks Grant from the Department of Neighborhoods for AMP this year.
- We had 200+ attendees at both Belvedere Park and California Place Park and 500+ at Hamilton Viewpoint Park.
- At each event, we were able to reach residents in our community, many of whom have never been to one of our events before.
- This is now a proven model with organizational systems in place and with a bedrock of sponsor support from local businesses. We won't have Hiawatha again next year, so we'll continue to host at these three parks.
- Next year Meagan will stay on, but we need to bring on an additional coordinator who has experience in fundraising and is interested in our local music scene.

Admiral Funktion Block Party: Joanie Jacobs

- As in previous years, we closed off California Ave between Admiral and College this year for the Admiral Funktion Block Party on August 24th.
- The organizing committee for the Block Party consists of Joanie and Dan Jacobs as well as Ben from Mission Cantina and Rebecca from Arthur's.
- Despite the rain we had a great turnout, and restaurants, vendors and attendees responded well to the new layout as well as the hyper local focus on our Admiral and West Seattle businesses.

- As with all of our events, if you are interested in joining our team of volunteers please reach out to us at www.connecttoadmiral.org. We couldn't do this without your help, thank you!

Fall/Winter Events and Happenings

- The annual Admiral Trick or Treat will be October 25th, 4-7PM, this year. We are working with Alex at Admiral Pub to organize a Pub Crawl the following night. We're also working with the Admiral Theater to run some fun Halloween movies that weekend as well. We will need crossing guards at the event so if you're interested, please reach out.
- We are also currently working on a Holiday event in December, Admiral Winter Wonderland. This will be December 14th and will include food, crafts and photo-ops for the whole family. Stay tuned for more information.
- Our 2nd annual Dine Out event at Mioposto will be October 1st from 4-9PM. @0% of all proceeds from food and beverage ordered directly from Mioposto either for dine in or take out will be donated to the ANA. This brought in \$1,200 last year helping to fund our many events.
- Finally, we are aware of the proposed closure of Lafayette Elementary in Option 1 of the School Board's plan to close schools to address their budget deficit. This would result in an unoccupied building filling nearly 2/3 block central to our business district which would have a harmful effect on our neighborhood. We are currently working on a response to the plan which we will post on our website when ready.

Q: How can those of us without kids at Lafayette respond to the School Board's plan?

A: You can go to <https://www.alltogetherforseattleschools.org/> to learn more about the city-wide organizing currently in place to reject the board's plan and focus on long-term solutions to the deficit.

Seattle Emergency Communications Hub: Cindi Barker

- After the Nisqually earthquake and the power outage from windstorms nearly 20 years ago, the community was alerted to the gap in response that would result in an emergency situation. First responders will be dealing with city-wide issues for days to weeks after an event and the community needs to organize resources themselves to help neighbors. This is how the Hub came to be.
- Phil Frick has been the Admiral Hub Captain for many years but is now stepping down and we need a new volunteer. Phil is willing to mentor the next captain.
- The Hub is about neighbors helping neighbors and building community resilience.
- It is located near the baseball field at Hiawatha.
- The time requirements are small: 1 exercise per year, 1 meeting per month, and about 1 email a week.
- Julie McVey stepped up to volunteer as the next captain and Cindi notes that she had 8 volunteers offer up help at the Admiral Block Party.

Raffle Drawing

- Businesses generously donate items to be raffled off at our meetings. Please go out and support our local businesses. This month's items were donated by Antico Sopranos and by MonkeyPod.

Meeting Adjourned

- Our next general meeting will be November 12th. This will include our election of officers so if you are interested in a position please reach out to us.
- We will also be reaching out to all of you to organize a volunteer meeting this fall and in the spring to prepare for upcoming events.
- We also have two business notes
 - We are in the early stages of working with the owners of the Dry Cleaning space on California/Admiral to put some photographs of our neighborhood up in the windows to beautify that space as they search for a new tenant.
 - As posted on the WS Blog today, the Wells Fargo lot on the opposite corner of that intersection has now sold and the owner has indicated that they currently have no plans for re-development and are currently looking for a new tenant.
- You Can keep up-to-date with all our goings-on at www.connecttoadmiral.org, through our newsletter, or on socials (Instagram and Facebook) @admiralneighborhood.
- Thank you for being with us today and please join us at our future events this fall and beyond!