

Admiral Neighborhood Association General Meeting March 14, 2023 Minutes

Officers & Executive Committee Members in attendance:

Joanie Jacobs, President
Stephanie Jordan, Vice President
Carrie McCann, Secretary
Bridgett Markillies, Treasurer
Dan Jacobs, Media Coordinator
Phil Frick, Neighborhood Coordinator

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

1. Approval of the January General Meeting minutes
2. Treasurer Report
3. Lt. Kim – SPD (miscommunication, planned but will not be here)
4. ANA Membership
5. ANA Business Memberships
6. Neighborhood teams
 - Concert Series – Stephanie Jordan
 - Membership
 - Adopt-a-Street
 - 4th of July Kids' Parade booth
 - General Meeting Support: speakers, giveaways, setup
7. Upcoming events
 - Anne – Admiral Church
 - Joanie – Paint & Sip WSG
 - April Art Walk includes Muse Fest 04/13

1. Approval of the January General Meeting minutes – unanimously approved by voice vote
2. Treasurer Report
 - New account set up after fraudulent check for \$5,500 (felony level) resolved and money credited back
 - Art Walk over \$200
 - Concert Series \$3,600
 - General Fund \$6,000+

Q: Did insurance pay? The funds were credited back by the bank(s), insurance unknown. The fraudulent check was cashed through a Chase account. Umpqua's fraud department, to which the incident was originally reported, has not reached out with any specific information. Q: physical or online check? Counter check with an older check number sequence, however counter checks can repeat numbers so that is not helpful. ANA will order and use a standard check book. Account is restricted so no counter checks can be printed in the future. Also, online banking reinstated for real-time monitoring. Q: Are you registered as a 501(c)(3)? Yes. Q: Signatories? Only three: president, secretary and treasurer. Bank did not check the signature cards (maybe that's why got money back so quickly).

3. Lt. Kim – SPD. Plan was to have SPD attend but due to a miscommunication they will not be here.
4. ANA Membership is \$25 per year for individual/family
5. ANA Business Memberships are \$50 per year. Businesses get a window sticker to show they support ANA. Web site has been totally redesigned, including a map of the ANA area with all businesses and links to each business web site. Cool way to understand businesses in area. Invite businesses to plan things, for example Mission and Admiral Pub are jointly working on this year's one-day Admiral Junction street event, picking up from the original West Seattle Chamber of Commerce-organized "Funktion in the Junktion" event last year. WS Chamber of Commerce is peninsula-wide and made it clear the first year was a one-time effort to seed a potential annual event that could be organized by Admiral businesses and community organizations in future.

Feel free to take business package with information, pen, and sign up for outreach to a business (so we do not continually bug shop owners). Audience volunteer: will do BeBop Waffle Shop.

6. Neighborhood teams-not "committees" but opportunity for community members to come forward and work on a neighborhood issue or event that interests them.

Concert Series – Stephanie Jordan

Previously a six-week event but Hiawatha has been closed four years due to COVID and (lack of) construction. Will do something this year but Hiawatha still not available this summer and may not be next summer, given the bids are not awarded and construction is expected to take 18 months.

Stephanie: six events is nice when we have an established series with known venue and funding, but this year must build from ground up. Researching alternatives but each has issues, including high costs. Two ideas on table: big one-day event at Hamilton with multiple bands, food trucks etc. or more community-oriented event(s) at Lafayette closer to the Hiawatha model. Lafayette is a large open space, near traditional Hiawatha venue, with access to local business district. Parks may be able to help due to long-standing agreement with SPS that Parks has priority on unused facilities. Hamilton is further out of the area and parking is an issue.

Either way, Hiawatha was free and provided the stage and electricity. Hamilton needs soundstage with generator power, portapotties; Lafayette TBD.

Q: What about triangle pocket park near Admiral UCC Church? Pastor Conley-Holcomb offers church for power. Q: Would that impact the fire station? No, they use Walker not Hill. Comment: more neighborhood oriented, "cozy factor." Q: Perhaps split venues, for example Lafayette and Admiral Church? Issue: cannot split up locations with a grant. Need a decision because can't apply for grant without a guaranteed venue.

Lafayette is open to the idea but says to reach out to SPS Central Administration. Comment: No alcohol will be allowed on school property. Comment: Good Society help? They had closed the street for an event. Volunteer will raise with Nick of Good

Society. Comment: Hiawatha had multiple areas, Lafayette is similar in that regard. Q: Alki Beach? Prefer to keep in Admiral neighborhood, our charter is for this area and Alki has its own neighborhood association. Pastor Conley-Holcomb: Could do Admiral Church but Lafayette would probably lots more fun—kids really got down to Not-Its (kid-oriented rock band performed at a previous Hiawatha series). Lafayette could be free (no venue rent) with Parks help. Joanie: Parks owes us, should give us free access. Q: Multiple concerts at Lafayette? There are production costs to each event that we did not face at Hiawatha.

Also possibility of film series, or rather one film, done by the Parks department at their expense at Admiral Church.

Joanie: Consensus for Lafayette? General agreement is Yes. Need to reach out to Good Society about closing street. Q: Do production costs stay the same each time regardless of number of events (1 week, 2 weeks, etc.)? Yes. Also actual cost for each depends on the complexity of the setup. Do not have bands set up yet but do not expect difficulty. Concern is budget. Haven't done a concert in four years so perhaps start back with one event, multiple bands. It would be more like a festival, and there is a Admiral Junction street event in planning for this summer. Q: When ANA concert? Usually Thursdays so does not conflict with others, but multiple-band event needs a weekend day. Timing may be complicated due to short summer with school not out until early July plus the Seafair summer weekends are busy with various scheduled events. Production \$1,500 per show plus portapotties about \$200 each per night standard and \$300 for one ADA-compliant. If did series, would leave portapotties for the series term. Q: How many people expected? Max was 1,500 for Caspar Babypants (retired, not an option), several hundred for other bands. Next steps: get school and Parks on board and volunteer reaches out to Good Society. Hiawatha next year? Can't bank on it, 18 months construction. Q: What are they doing? Community center various including seismic plus track plus play area. Q: Can Hiawatha get lighting improvements and keep lights on like Steve Cox Park, lights are on and times set aside for general community use (note that is a King County not Seattle park).

Consensus: Lafayette, one to three events.

Membership (covered earlier)

Adopt-a-Street – tentative May 20

4th of July Kids' Parade booth

General Meeting support: propose/line up speakers (SPD, Department of Neighborhoods, other); giveaways for general meeting raffle-not this month due to needing someone to approach businesses, up until now ANA President has been contacting businesses; set up chairs etc.

7. Upcoming events

Parks-run film at Admiral Church

Anne – Admiral Church event. Applying for Small Sparks grants to use Admiral Church for wellness event: free yoga/mindfulness/meditation classes over 10 weeks for both adults and

children. In conjunction, events such as one-day Zumba with BBQ or other. If get grant, looking for volunteers for team. This is the first event. Considering others, such as puppets. One more thing: application is for a matching grant, requires in-kind donations and volunteers.

Joanie – Paint & Sip WSG. Watercolor.

April Art Walk – Muse Fest 04/13. Second annual Muse Fest in parallel with West Seattle Art Walk. Art of Music is each month June through December; Muse Fest partners with AoM group, theme is The Power of Women's Voices. Alaska Junction five acts, Admiral will have four acts: West Seattle Realty, Soprano's Antico, West Seattle Grounds, Otter on the Rocks. Art Walk is every month, some venues have the artwork displayed all month, on Art Walk night artists may be there.

Follow ANA on Instagram, Facebook, web site.

West Seattle Blog (WSB) candidate forum information. ANA can have a table near entrance. Patrick from WSB suggests a banner, pictures of previous Hiawatha concerts, idea is to bring a presence to bolster engagement. Candidates are getting individual videos on WSB so far. Event will be sometime in first two weeks of June. May 19 is filing deadline, wait until then for formal slate to be set and set event after Memorial Day holiday. Six are filed for District 1 so far. Host at-large candidates? There are no open at-large seats this cycle. May or may not do King County Council candidate event.

Update on Admiral Way traffic especially near the viewpoint on Admiral Hill. SDOT: priority based on experience, not enough dreadful incidents. Neighbors and ANA engaging City Council members. From 41st to Olga if you're a pedestrian, there are no crosswalks for a residential area with school kids. Traffic study showed average speed 41.2 mph in 25-mph zone. 1,000 each day >50 mph. 100 >60 mph and at least 1 per day >80 mph. Q: Going up or down the hill? Don't know, likely both. Do not want to wait for the inevitable tragedy. Admiral does meet threshold to take action but budget is limited, so priority is the worst areas. Dan: Would like to see at least one crosswalk with flasher at an intersection. SDOT says has no money for anything, but hoping to get something that would help. Maybe set existing Olga traffic light to change regularly, currently only when pedestrian triggers it. Will be opportunity to engage again. No intention to let this drop. Is one lane an option to slow down? Probably not, a lot of constraints make that difficult. WS Realty: Seattle City Councilmember Pedersen sent email asking for community engagement on SDOT bridge budget, need speakers and letter writers to use available money for bridge work. Working with City can be complicated; West Seattle Bridge Now originally formed to help SDOT with politicians, ended up that politicians came to WSBN for help with SDOT. Dan: please send CM Pedersen's mail to info@admiralneighborhoodassociation.org for ANA followup.

Police staffing issues means there is nobody to write tickets. WS Realty: meeting on safety around Genesee school. SDOT agenda item: had money for cameras on bus to capture car interactions but no SPD resources to review camera. Officer shortage will only get worse with events, including Mariners this summer and World Cup in a few years. Hundreds of officer positions vacant.

Regarding Admiral Hill, street zones 25 mph was set knowing people will go 30. But what about the number of people going 60? Street murals have money, that helps slowing. People on Admiral Hill had four times last year with cars into yards. People also do not like the idea of the Olga light cycling due to inconvenience but need to be mindful of pedestrians and fellow neighbors. All streets in West Seattle please be mindful of how speed makes a difference. Bike commuter: four blocks are the most dangerous in West Seattle to UW commute.

Pastor Conley-Holcomb: Tibbetts is doing a drag tea. Drag is not illegal but hate is a sin. Sunrise prayer. West Seattle Pride is June. Will send dates and information.

President's wrapup: Thank you for being here, next meeting is Tuesday, May 9. Board meets in between at WSG, welcome to show up or let us know if there is a topic that Board should discuss.