

Admiral Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

Officers and Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Joanie Jacobs, President

Bridgett Markille, Treasurer

Meagan Loftin, Secretary

Dan Jacobs, Communications

Phil Frick, Member-at-Large

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Our Purpose
 - b. Land Acknowledgement
2. Seattle City Attorney: Ann Davison
3. Approval of May General Meeting Minutes
4. SPD Update: Officer Barreto
5. Treasurer Report: Bridgett Markille
6. MonkeyPod
7. ANA Executive Officer Elections
8. Upcoming ANA Needs
 - a. 4th of July Kids Parade
 - b. Admiral Music in the Parks
9. Patrick Sand: ANA Advocate Reward
10. Events
 - a. Thank you to Volunteers
 - b. Admiral Church Christmas Market 11.23.24
 - c. Kiro 7 Toy Drive Drop off at West Seattle Grounds through 12.09.24
 - d. Admiral Winter Wonderland 12.14.24
11. 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 dx^wdəwʔabš (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 dx^wdəwʔabš (Duwamish) people who have stewarded it since time immemorial. “

Seattle City Attorney: Ann Davison

- Ann Davison is returning again this year. Wants to meet people where they are and discuss the issues that affect their neighborhood. For West Seattle, this includes the following work last year:
 - Street racing along Harbor Ave and Alki Ave
 - The new SODA zones across the city focusing on getting people into treatment but also protecting public places
 - Lifting Booking restrictions at King County Jail

Q: RE: Rob Saka’s plan to eliminate the divider on a section of Delridge Way, can you sue to block the removal?

A: As Davison works for the city, she can’t sue a council member. People who are upset with the plan can advocate for the policy you want to see.

Q: RE: SODA Zones, do you see that people being moved out of those areas are just picking up and relocating to other neighborhoods?

A: No data currently but it’s unlikely that very entrenched open-air drug markets will pick up and move immediately.

Q: How many spaces in King County Jail opened up?

A: 135 beds which can now be booked for misdemeanor charges.

Q: Is the number based on what is needed or what is available?

A: Can’t speak to that as it was negotiated through the Mayor’s office/

Q: What is the status of revising the 911 system?

A: Not sure, possibly you are referring to the CARE dept. Officer Barreto may be able to speak to that.

Q: At Springline Apts, one resident has been fighting to get the public parking spots back from the dumpsters being parked right outside. Has faced issues of harassment and threats of violence from the owners and has been told nothing can be done until someone gets hurt.

A: Davison’s office does have public liaison officers but not one currently for West Seattle. She is happy to provide her office’s contact and Officer Barreto is happy to follow-up as well.

Approval of September General Meeting Minutes

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

SPD Update: Officer Barretto

- Most crime year-to-date is down in North Admiral except for aggravated assaults and burglary.
- West Seattle-wide all stats are down year-to-date.

Q: Are those statistics online?

A: Yes

Q: Any update on the 911 system?

A: Now it belongs to CARE and Officer Barreto can provide an email to contact that office directly.

Q: Are you seeing any difference in the system?

A: Not much, there have been some hiccups with civilians taking the calls, but the CARE team seems to be working through those.

Q: How is the staffing now?

A: The SW Precinct just added 2 new officers but Officer Barreto doesn't have city-wide data.

Q: Currently we are seeing more patrols—has there been a change there?

A: Officer Barreto can't speak to that, but it would be something the precinct captain does.

Q: Are you seeing more recruits now?

A: Yes, seeing more prospective recruits at things like workshops.

Q: How is morale?

A: Seems to be improving working with the new City Council.

Q: How is traffic enforcement going?

A: Can't speak to that but we have 2 new traffic enforcement cars city-wide. Also hoping to get more motorcycle officers.

Q: Also seeing more bicycle officers, is that training?

A: Yes, the department is trying to train more bicycle officers.

Q: Would more traffic control be revenue positive?

A: Possibly, but officers are hesitant to pull over people as they are not required to stop and so a traffic incident can turn into a much larger and more dangerous situation if pursued.

Q: Seeing copy-cats of the Belltown Hellcat. Is speeding a moving violation?

A: Depends, technically they can also be cited for noise ordinance, and reckless driving but both can be difficult to build cases.

Q: Has there been a change in driver's ed re: reckless driving?

A: Can't speak to that and SPD doesn't know what happens after an arrest; whether people or given required classes, etc.

Q: RE: Traffic, can officers do something if they see something

A: Yes, but its an assessment of risk v. reward. Officers don't want to risk injury to others by pursuing traffic violations.

Q: IS that related to the removal of Qualified Immunity in 2018?

A: Not sure, but what Officer Barreto is worried about is the risk to other civilians in pursuing traffic violations, for example civilians being injured or killed in pursuit of a driver who did donuts in an intersection. The training SPD receives re: traffic is focused on educating the public about the dangers of reckless driving.

Q: Is parking enforcement under SPD?

A: Yes, but under a different supervisor.

Q: Can they do more than parking, for example ticket for missing plates?

A: No.

Q: Re: Parking, should we call 911 or use Find it/Fix it?

A: Use Find it/Fix it app. It may seem like reports take time to resolve but that's because reports are coming in city-wide and they have to respond to them in the order received.

Q: Is there a specific timeframe that aggravated assaults happen?

A: We don't have that data.

Treasurer Report: Bridgett Markille

- Thanks to your donations/memberships as well as the support of our business community for helping us put on all of our events this summer. Thank you also to our community and to the dedicated work of our board and our volunteers.
 - The general fund balance is \$5,979.15

MonkeyPod

- MonkeyPod was one of our main sponsors this year for the Block Party, thanks in part to Whitney Moore who helped us fundraise for the event.
- MonkeyPod makes software for non-profits which they will be donating to the ANA.
 - Having a consistent system will be very useful to us as people transition on and off the board.
 - The software works holistically, which will streamline a lot of our processes.
 - If you are a member/have donated/ receive our newsletter, you will now be seeing that changeover to MonkeyPod.
- Also if you run or know of a local non-profit, please reach out to MonkeyPod. We are happy to provide contacts.

Election of Officers

- We have a slate of 4 officers to elect to the Executive Committee: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - To vote, you must be a current member in good standing. To be nominated, you must have attended two meetings in the current calendar year.
 - Other board positions outside of the Executive Committee will be nominated by the board at our December meeting and announced at our general meeting in January.
- No nominations from the floor. The slate of nominees was elected with 13 votes for and none against.
 - President: Joanie Jacobs
 - Vice-President: Cheryl Lea
 - Treasurer: Bridgett Markille
 - Secretary: Meagan Loftin

Upcoming ANA Needs

- Team Leader for the 4th of July Parade

- Megan Erb who has been running the parade for the last decade is stepping down. We need someone to take over as the current board does not have the capacity to keep the parade going without a team lead.
- Team Leader for AMP
 - The Board put on the event last year and it was very successful moving the concerts around to different parks in Admiral. That will be the same plan next year.
- For both events, the team lead must be from Admiral to fall under our 501(c)3.
- Contact info@connecttoadmiral.org if you are interested in either position.

Patrick Sand: ANA Advocate Award

- As many of you know, Patrick Sand, one of the founders of the West Seattle Blog, passed away unexpectedly last month. Patrick was a pillar of our community and a constant presence at all of our events as well as being a personal friend of Joanie and Dan's.
- All of the neighborhood groups have been planning ways to honor Patrick's legacy. In speaking with Patrick's wife, Tracy Record, also of the blog, the ANA will be instituting the Advocate Award.
 - This will be a yearly award, nominated by our community awarded at one of our summer events.
 - We will have a committee to choose the honoree.
 - More details will be hammered out at our December board meeting.
 - Be on the lookout for those details and consider if you would like to be on the selection committee.

Events

- A big Thank You to all of our volunteers who supported our annual Admiral Halloween Trick or Treat.
 - This was the first year with crossing guards and we received a ton of great feedback about that addition.
- On November 23rd from 10AM-4PM, Admiral Church will be hosting their annual Christmas Market. It's a German-style market with food and vendors.
- West Seattle Grounds is a drop-off location for the Kiro 7 toy drive for Toys for Tots through December 9th. Bring new unwrapped toys to West Seattle Grounds.
- This year the ANA is also organizing a holiday event, called Winter Wonderland on December 14th from 10AM-2PM.
 - 9 businesses throughout Admiral will be offering things like festive foods (at Circa, Arthur's and Mission Cantina), winter crafts (at West Seattle Grounds, Seattle Yarn, and Wicked Rae's) and holiday photo-ops (at Hoste, Mudbay, and West Seattle Realty). We will also have carolers from the Admiral Church Choir.
 - You can find more information on our website, connecttoadmiral.org, and on our socials @admiralneighborhood.
 - Come out and support our Admiral businesses while having a great time with the whole family.

Meeting Adjourned

- Raffle drawing with gift cards from Wend and Admiral Theater.

- Thank you to our local businesses for supporting us!
- Also we want to welcome one of our newest business members: Lily and the Bee, a wonderful floral shop located between Hanford and Hines.
- Our next meeting will be January 14th.
- Thank you for being with us today!