

Admiral Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Officers and Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Joanie Jacobs, President

Cheryl Lea, Vice-President

Bridgett Markille, Treasurer

Meagan Loftin, Secretary

Dan Jacobs, Communications

Phil Frick, Member-at-Large

Mike Adams, Fundraising/Programming

Ryan Crompton, Place-Making

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
 - b. Our Purpose
2. Approval of November General Meeting Minutes
3. SPD Update: Officer Barreto
4. West Seattle Food Bank: Joe Everett
5. Treasurer Report: Bridgett Markille
6. Introduction of the 2025 ANA Board
7. Thank Yous
8. 2025 ANA Events Calendar and Volunteer Opportunities
9. Memberships: Dan Jacobs
10. Patrick Sands Award
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Welcome, Joanie Jacobs

Thank you all for being here and Happy New Year!

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. “

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.”

Approval of September General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the November General Meeting Minutes by Cheryl Lea, seconded by Dan Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.

SPD Update: Officer Barreto

- Most crime from end of year 2023 to end of year 2024 is down in North Admiral except for aggravated assaults and burglary.
- Usually Officer Barreto has 30-day statistics but those were unavailable this month.

Q: What is the format of those metrics?

A: Year over year statistics are in percentages. So Aggravated Assaults are up 55% since 2023, and Burglary is up 17%. Meanwhile Motor Vehicle Thefts are down 11%.

Q: Re: the copper wire thefts from a volunteer with A Cleaner Alki: a lot of the copper stripping is happening under the bridge and the monetary incentive seems to be selling it at WS recycling nearby. What can be done?

A: This isn't the first time Officer Barreto has heard this complaint. Unfortunately, its hard to prove the wire is stolen unless someone is caught in the act. Because SPD is still short-staffed and copper theft isn't a high priority, officers can't usually make it out to a scene while the theft is in progress.

Comment: But the thefts are affecting locals' utilities including internet.

A: Usually this happens during first watch but again, officers have to see the theft happening. Luckily when people sell the copper they do have to provide ID so if a company like Comcast would want to pursue the issue, there is a trail.

Q: Re: People living outside, what can we do as far as SPD is concerned? Is drug use a justified reason to call 911?

A: Yes. And if you feel that you are not getting the service you want from 911, if you have to call twice to resolve an issue, email care_info@seattle.gov. Make sure you always get a case number and if you do call a second time, ask to speak to a supervisor. If you have an issue with not getting a response re: a specific case number you can also email Officer Barreto at german.barreto@seattle.gov. Note though that SPD can't remove someone from a public space unless a crime is being committed (ex. Open drug use). The 911 call center is civilian-run now, not under SPD and so it's a learning process for the new operators.

Q: Follow-up: Does that mean we should call again if we don't see SPD show up to an incident?

A: Yes. Most importantly get a case number and you can request that an officer call you back.

West Seattle Food Bank: Joe Everett

- Joe was Vice President of the West Seattle Helpline board when it merged with the Food Bank in 2020. Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, he has lived with his wife and two children in West Seattle since 2013. Joe has worked as an attorney in the public sector since 2007, and an Assistant City Attorney with the Seattle City Attorney's Office since 2013.
- The West Seattle Food Bank is located at 3419 SW Morgan St. The Food Bank's goal is to meet people where they are at now, providing accessibility to everyone in the community who is currently in need. They are funded by community support.
- A reminder to everyone that behind the statics are real people—your neighbors—and the Food Bank is a vehicle for neighbors to help each other. Their new motto is Nourish and Flourish. There are three main prongs to their approach:
 - Food Support: They have provided 2 million pounds of food to 25,000 neighbors. The West Seattle Food Bank serves some of the most vulnerable areas of the state including High Point and Delridge which are both classified as food deserts. In addition to the location on Morgan, the Food Bank also runs 8 mobile trucks, delivers to 400 homes, and delivers 9,000 weekend packs a year to 13 schools.
 - Clothing Support: Clothing is not just essential for survival it's also essential to help people thrive. This has been a growing need along with food. They've seen a 65% jump in food need while clothing need has doubled.
 - Financial Support: The Food Bank also provided over \$1 million last year to help those in need pay rent and utilities. Evidence bears out that its much easier and more cost-effective to keep people in their homes than it is to get them back into housing if they've lost it.
- What can you do?
 - The most urgent need is financial. You can support the Food Bank by mailing in a donation or donating on their website. You can also donate at their fundraising gala, Nourish and Flourish, on May 3rd. They also can use sponsorships and auction items for that gala. Joe would even love to see neighborhood groups like the ANA sponsor a table.
 - Clothing donations (particularly warm winter clothing right now) can be dropped off at the Clothesline at 4425 41st Ave SW Tues, Thurs, and Sat 10am-1pm.
 - Food donations can be dropped off at the food bank on Morgan Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.
- Thank you to everyone for their support. The West Seattle Food Bank is needed more now than ever. Historically Washington has seen that 1 in 5 or 1 in 6 families rely on food assistance, but in 2024 that number jumped for the first time to 1 in 4.

Q: Do you take household goods?

A: Its mostly clothing but we do also have need for pet supplies.

Q: What about children's books?

A: Note sure, but Joe will find out.

Q: Do you get assistance from the grocery stores? What does that look like?

A: Yes, they do food assistance drives every week to local stores to pick up donations.

Q: Can you tell us some of your sponsors so that we can support them?

A: Nucor, Thriftway, Met Market and many others. You can find them on our website.

Q: Is it the case that financial support is more impactful than grocery donation? Can you negotiate lower prices buying in bulk with say \$20, then we can get at the grocery store for the same amount?

A: Yes. You can also support the Food Bank with regular monthly donations that allow them to plan ahead.

Q: What can a small business do to help?

A: Reach out to Robin Peterson. She can help you with some ideas.

Treasurer Report: Bridgett Markille

- In 2024 our revenue increased through membership and sponsorships.
 - Currently, the general fund balance is \$4, 844.15

Introduction of the 2025 ANA Board

- The Executive Committee slate was approved at our November General Election. They are as follows (each member will also say one thing they love about Admiral)
 - President: Joanie Jacobs (Operations Manager at West Seattle Grounds), loves our connected community
 - Vice-President: Cheryl Lea (co-owner of Seattle Yarn), loves the neighborhood feeling and foot traffic
 - Treasurer: Bridgett Markille (resident), loves the mix of businesses and greenspaces
 - Secretary: Meagan Loftin (resident), loves the many greenspaces
- We also have 2 new appointed members, Ryan Crompton (Place-Making) and Mike Adams (Fundraising/Programming), who are joining the board this year. They are as follows (each member will also say one thing they love about Admiral)
 - Communications: Dan Jacobs (resident), loves how Admiral shows up for a party
 - Member-at-Large: Phil Frick (resident), loves Joanie and Dan
 - Place-Making: Ryan Crompton (resident), walkability
 - Fundraising/Programming: Mike Adams (General Manager at Mission Cantina), excited for the business district's potential.

Thank Yous

- Ryan Crompton
 - Ryan and his wife donated holiday lights to Admiral businesses and also offered to be the elves who set them up. Thank you Ryan for taking the lead!
- Meagan Loftin
 - Ran our revamped Winter Wonderland Event in 2024. Thank you also to Bridgett Markille for keeping Meagan from floating away in the wind.
- Admiral Church
 - Thank you for letting us use your space for our meeting and also thank you to the choir members who caroled at Winter Wonderland.

2025 ANA Events Calendar and Volunteer Opportunities

- Adopt-a-Street Cleanup for Seattle One Day of Service: May 17th. Ryan will lead the event.
- 4th of July Kids' Parade: July 4th. We still need a lead for this event if you are interested.

- Admiral Music in the Parks (AMP): July 17th, 24th and 31st. We look forward to another great year of community concerts.
- Admiral Block Party: August 23rd. This has gotten bigger every year and we're excited to continue growing in 2025.
- Admiral Business Trick or Treat: October 24th.
- Winter Wonderland: December 13th.
- Be on the lookout for information about how you can volunteer with all of these events. Sign-up sheets are available at meetings or you can contact us at info@connecttoadmiral.org, on our website, connecttoadmiral.org, or on our socials @admiralneighborhood.

Memberships, Dan Jacobs

- We have a new emphasis on membership this year. We saw amazing growth in 2024 and we want to keep it up. Our fees have not increased in several years. This year we're introducing membership levels so that you can support the ANA in a variety of ways.
- Household Membership levels are:
 - **Neighbor (\$40):** aids us in our mission.
 - **Booster (\$100):** ensures that we have the ability to regularly engage with our community and meet their needs.
 - **Benefactor (\$200):** helps us bring our community events like Trick or Treat, Admiral Music in the Parks and the Block Party to life every year.
 - **Visionary (\$500):** sees the future potential of the Admiral Neighborhood and wants to support the ANA as we grow our community engagement.
- Business Membership levels are:
 - **Member (\$100):** Membership window decal, initial spotlight in the newsletter and on the website, cross-promotion of business events/activities.
 - **Collaborator (\$250):** Everything above plus 2 dedicated spotlight posts about the business on socials every year.
 - **Partner (\$500):** All of the above, plus your logo is added to the sidebar or the footer of our website and our monthly e-news.
 - **Leader (\$1000):** All of the above plus a discount on a booth at the block party/any of our events that have vendors.
 - **Champion (\$1500):** This includes all of the above as well as being added as a sponsor to all of our events including your logo on all media/posters/flyers.
- The generosity of the community is amazing, and we are so thankful. The ANA board is all volunteer and our events are powered by volunteers, that means that every dollar you donate and your entire membership fee goes directly into helping your community and aiding us in the work we do. Thank you!

Patrick Sands Award

- As many of you know, Patrick Sands, one of the founders of the West Seattle Blog, passed away unexpectedly last year. Starting this year, we at the ANA want to honor Patrick's legacy and his devotion to the West Seattle community with an annual Patrick Sands Award.

- We're still working on the details, but we want to recognize someone who exhibits heart, love, and care for our community.
- Dan will be leading the committee that chooses the honoree. Once we've narrowed it down, Tracy Record will also be involved. We hope to have an announcement at one of our summer events. Dan is looking for three more people to join: Phil Frick, Mike Adams, and Stu Hennesey volunteer.

Meeting Adjourned

- Announcement from Cindi Barker, with Seattle's Emergency Hubs. Julie McVey is the new captain for Admiral. Next steps are convening a group and doing exercises. The Admiral Hub is located at Hiawatha Playfield and the purpose is to connect neighbors with information and with each other to address immediate needs following a natural disaster. If the ANA is interested, Cindi can also host a family safety discussion.
- Thank you also to everyone who came out to Alki's Holiday lights event this year.
- Raffle drawing with gift cards from West Seattle Grounds and Admiral Theater.
 - Thank you to our local businesses for supporting us!
- Our next board meeting will be February 11th.
- Our next general meeting will be March 11th.
- Thank you for being with us today!