

Admiral Neighborhood Association General Meeting May 9, 2023 Minutes

Officers & Executive Committee Members in attendance:

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

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
 2. Kim Baldwin, Deputy Director Seattle Parks and Recreation
 3. Lt. Shopay – SPD
 4. Approval of the March General Meeting minutes
 5. Treasurer's Report
 6. D1CN Candidate Forum
 7. Neighborhood teams
 8. Neighborhood updates & events
 - Summer of Wellness – Anne
 - Concert Series – Stephanie Jordan
 - Admiral Junktion Funktion August 26
 - Adopt-a-Street
 - 4th of July Kids' Parade booth
 - Outdoor movie possibility
 9. Dan – Social media
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1. Introduction of officers
House rules: reminder to be kind to guests
 2. Kim Baldwin – Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) Planning Capital Branch for long-term projects. Hiawatha projects include synthetic turf replacement. Turf on a life cycle of 10-12 years. Turf and track with striping for soccer, baseball, softball with replacement of batting cage. First round bids rejected, awaiting execution of contract from second bidding round expected this month, project completed August. Head baseball coach at West Seattle High Q: When kicked off? A: Sometime this month. Q: Any chance to reuse turf on smaller field to expand capacity? A: Not that easy, need drainage and safety pad plus at end of useful life. Typically try to recycle, for example in batting cage. If need specific scheduling information contact her directly. Gary Tupper, was coach when first work done. Q: Problems included incorrect cage, needs to be 70 feet so suitable for pitching and batting practice. Cannot use cage for pitchers pony league and up. If new batting cage the same that is a miss. Light pole in center field only 318 feet off home plate, well within range of a hit ball for 15/16+ year old players. Should be moved or someone will get hurt resulting in a lawsuit, padding alone won't help. Also mounds are dirt, can they be turf like at Garfield and others baseball grounds? When weather is bad can't use them. With all turf, in cage one turf mound (don't need the current two). If not going to do that a waste of money. A: Thank you for sharing and can connect coach to the project manager if provide contact information. Has the original drawings; this was the only

sports park designed by Olmstead brothers. Participant note: SPR kicks off baseball teams at 5:30 when school ends at 3:45. Used to be able to finish at 6:30-7:00 as needed. Little League would wait. There's no place else to go. Soccer teams never get to play on the field, reached out on why can't get some times but never received a favorable response. It's a sports park, not just a park. Joanie: Qill connect coaches with SPR. Q: Any guesses on when classes will come back to the community center? A: SPR representative is in a different area than the programming department but can provide connection.

Participant comment: With all the issues, a direct connection on regular basis would help. A: Yes, can work on that.

Community center seismic retrofit, veneer, roof, restroom, relocate teen center. FEMA grant received that will help support full funding. Going out to bid spring this year, late summer begin on 9-12 month project. Kelly Gould PM can respond to questions. Q: FEMA grant amount and total funding? About \$500K FEMA, \$3 million total. Link on connecttoadmiral.org community updates section for information.

Playground area is third project. Old area under trees decommissioned and redone as natural play area, with new playground south of wading pool. Swing set, accessibility, benches, picnic tables and basketball hoop. Project delayed, still waiting for permit due to stormwater issues; bidding fall 2023 and construction into 2024 with summer 2024. Q: Will current stay open? A: Will be closed for demolition. Note: That is hard on children with so few good summer months and wading pool hasn't been open since COVID. Q: Anything happening with softball field next to play area? A: Nothing planned there. Q: Reason not doing anything? A: Not funded, out of scope (of other projects). Can check to see where it falls on the asset management plan. Q: Live in area, field not used at all due to poor condition. Nothing but dog walkers. Should be included in plans since useless. Comment: many years ago was a PeeWee field, but long abandoned. Feels like SPR doesn't care. A: Have to say, we care. Q: Coach of West Seattle High softball, have to commute to a rival field; cannot have a JV due to limitations. Suggest to SPR for youth softball. A: will be striped for baseball and softball. Q: So many questions, does the Hiawatha web site have the information available as this seems inefficient. A: Yes, all information online and able to send comments. Q: I sent a comment, never heard back. Comment: Park is for all community members not just high schools.

Thank you. Appreciate the thoughts and questions.

3. Lt. Shopay SPD. 3rd watch for SW precinct. Big thing is car thefts are up although other crime statistics are down. Emphasis on closing time at parks, more on beach, but events pull officers on days off making overtime staffing a challenge. There have been changes such as pursuit changes. Previous no pursuit, now need training for high-level pursuit as allowed. In general, not a lot of questions about beach lately. Usual angle parking, Don Armeni, officers move people along and then they return to party—but no officer available to help absent criminal action. Have a gun and beach emphasis. Any questions? If have specific concern, can reach out to Lt. Shopay who can research if person is involved. Q: Walk through process on nuisance property? Owner can't be reached, squatters in residence. A: Unless there is a crime, even if person with child that is perhaps poor parenting but not criminal. Q: SPD is aware of the specific house and Lt. Kim is working with City to see what can be done. Q: was curious because idea is to involve every possible agency. A: Also complicates the issue because no

owner means no victim, drug use won't get much attention. If not on radar will jot down. Q: As noted, SPD is aware (address provided).

Q: any suggestions about keeping car from being stolen? Many factors impact theft including type of car, where parked. Used to recommend club (steering wheel lock) but if someone wants a car they can get it. Keep everything out of car. Do not leave anything visible that would tempt a thief. Park in lighted area if possible. Some people disconnect battery. Older cars can be retrofitted with kill switch, could look into that. Q: Heard in NY they give out air tags. A: If there is an air tag and find car, if it is empty can get car however if someone is in it they can take off.

4. Q: Wife and I go to Alki, smell marijuana, is smoking a misdemeanor? A: If behind wheel and have keys, even with engine off, that is potential DUI. Otherwise, one of the things voted on by Seattle City Council, low fine, warning instead of citation. That said, officer won't walk past. Note that the Delridge precinct lobby is closed, no longer have desk staffing.
5. Approval of minutes: will be posted on web site with this months' for approval next meeting.
6. Treasurer's Report
 1. General Fund \$5,825.04
 2. Art Walk \$228.50
 3. Concert Series \$3,725.68dues help ANA do what we want to do in our community.
7. D1CN candidate forum for open District 1 City Council seat. At Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:00 June 1. 6:45 – 7:00 start with all candidates who have filed invited, depending on number of candidates. Great way to listen to each candidate and understand what is happening. Q: Is it one question in writing? A: Yes, and will ask readers for input. OLG has parking, large room and sound system.
8. Neighborhood teams. If would like to help with team, leave information on back table and team leader will reach out.
 1. Anne – summer of wellness is now seasons of wellness events, 10 yoga and special events. Small Sparks grant awarded so will do two five-week sessions in October and January. Will get together for outreach and can use Admiral U.C.C. Church, their donation of space goes a long way toward the required community match.
 2. Concert series likely venue is Lafayette with help from Parks which has first rights to school grounds, therefore venue is free of charge. July 13, 20, 27 due to production costs. First option proved too expensive. Christian Wolf the long-time sound technician will come up from California. Need drum set. Can't say who is lined up, will have a youth-focused night. If anyone interested in fund raising, looking for help. Previous person who reached out to the local businesses for sponsorship moved just before pandemic, nothing since. Also need help with production, backstage, putting up posters, social media etc. May 23 tentative date for team meeting. Happening soon so need hands-on people, no specific time commitment. All the volunteer hours help with required match. Even an hour helps.
 3. Admiral Junktion Funktion August 26. First event last year grant-funded, run by WS Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Peter / Mission; ANA / Joanie; Alex / Admiral Pub core organizers. Looking to make it bigger, need volunteers. If want to be part of team please sign up. One-day event, posters, ahead of time as well as day-of volunteers needed. Q: August 26 time?

Noon to nine. What need? Set up, take down etc. Q: Where? California from Admiral to Walker. Q: Artists? Yes, if West Seattle.

4. New Raeann Marcam Adopt-a-Street coordinator has scheduled the next cleanup event on June 3 9-noon.
5. 4th of July booth puppets and yoga, one day at Hamilton Viewpoint. Large event, lots of participation if you've seen.
6. Outdoor movie with Parks tentatively August. Looking at space at Admiral Church, has shade and darkness coming early is a good thing for an outdoor movie.
9. Neighborhood events.
Art Walk May 11, art of music has funding for rest of year so a musician at one Admiral location every month. This month and December West Seattle Grounds. Q: Where? Any venue that has art; restaurants and bars support Art Walk through specials. Art Walk web sit wsartwalk.org has maps. Also, West Seattle Realty always hosts a musician.

West Seattle Community garage sale May 13 official hours 9-3 great way to grab coffee, lunch, get out in community and maybe buy something.

Mother's Day flower sale by local vendor at West Seattle Grounds..

Admiral Church events: Sunday workshop on the theology of anti-racism 12:30 St. John Episcopal. History of African-American Music looking at traditions, interactive experience May 21; May 28 sneaky Jesus karaoke with queer-affirming churches at 7:00 pm; May 30 special movie Jesus Revolution; documentary June 6 on movement leader, who was likely gay but closeted as not welcome in evangelical space. Every Wednesday 11:30 – 1:00 Pastor Andrew Conley-Holcom has community hours at BeBop Waffle Shop. Bin in church hallway to collect shoes, whatever condition since can be recycled. Office open Tuesday 2:30 – 4:30 and of course Sundays.

Didn't we have something for Halloween last year? Yes, ANA handed out candy at the Admiral Junction Halloween event and will do that again this year.

10. [@admiralneighborhood](https://www.instagram.com/admiralneighborhood) Instagram and Facebook. Business memberships doing well, three new will be getting plugs on the site. If have events or with group, can promote. Web site connecttoadmiral.org continuous improvements. Memberships and donations now allow to choose donation as membership, concert series, Admiral Junction Funktion.

Closing: thank you for coming on a beautiful evening to show your commitment to the neighborhood. Connect with someone here in the room, sign up for team, get involved. Grab a cookie, grab a water, we're all volunteers so volunteer with us.