

# Admiral Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

## Officers and Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

*Joanie Jacobs, 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. SPD Update: Officer Barreto
3. Approval of January General Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer Report: Bridgett Markille
5. Southwest Seattle Historical Society: Elizabeth Rudrud
6. Seattle Emergency Communications Hub: Cindi Barker
7. Hiawatha Park Update: Dan Jacobs
8. Southwest Precinct Advisory Committee: Dan Jacobs
9. Neighborhood Clean-up: Ryan Crompton
10. Summer Events
  - a. Volunteer Meeting
  - b. 4th of July Parade: Erin Ruberick
  - c. AMP: Meagan Loftin
  - d. Admiral Block Party: Joanie Jacobs
11. Memberships: Dan Jacobs
12. Meeting Adjourned
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  - b. Raffle
  - c. Next General Meeting

*Welcome, Joanie Jacobs*

Thank you all for being here!

### *Land Acknowledgement*

“The Admiral Neighborhood Association acknowledges that we are meeting here today on the traditional lands of the first people of Seattle, the dxʷdəwʔabš (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 dxʷdəwʔabš (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.”

### *SPD Update: Officer Barreto*

**Comment:** First a reminder that our guests are taking time out of their day to be here and answer your questions. Please be kind and respectful.

- All crime categories, except thefts, that SPD tracks appear to be down West Seattle-wide compared to this time last year.
- In Admiral, all categories are also down except robberies. Motor vehicle thefts are down significantly compared to this time last year.

**Q:** What is a robbery?

**A:** Something taken by force. This can include shoplifting if force is used and that may account for some of the numbers in Officer Barretto’s report.

**Q:** What is the period of comparison?

**A:** It’s a comparison of year-to-date in 2025 versus that same time period in 2024.

**Q:** How many total officers does SPD have?

**A:** Not sure.

**Q:** is hiring getting better?

**A:** Yes, the SW Precinct has gained more officers this year than have left. However, SPD doesn’t receive medical/retirement which would likely help with recruitment. The SW Precinct also just got a new precinct liaison attorney which is very helpful for officers preparing for court.

**Comment:** Thank you for your service and coming tonight.

**A:** The ANA also has contact information for Officer Barretto if anyone needs to contact him with an issue.

### *Approval of September General Meeting Minutes*

- Motion to approve the January General Meeting Minutes by Dan Jacobs, seconded by Gary Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.
- Q:** Why do we have to approve minutes?
- A:** In case corrections need to be made. Minutes also help us demonstrate that fiscal decisions have been approved and are part of our organizational requirements as a 501(3)c. Minutes are also discoverable in legal cases. The parliamentary process for how meetings run, including the approval of minutes is dictated by “Roberts Rules of Order.”

*Treasurer Report: Bridgett Markille*

- As of the end of February, the general fund balance is \$6,897.42
- We are currently in the process of changing over our financial accounting and other systems to Monkey Pod.
- Mike from MonkeyPod: Monkeypod is a software for non-profit management which was gifted to the ANA.

*Southwest Seattle Historical Society (SWSHS): Elizabeth Rudrud*

- Elizabeth is the sole staff member for the SWSHS which owns and operates the Log House Museum on 61<sup>st</sup> and Stevens, one block off Alki beach. The historic log structure which is home to the museum was once an outbuilding for the Fir Lodge, also known as the Homestead and now Il Nido, located half a block north on 61<sup>st</sup> Ave SW.
- The SWSHS preserves the history of the Duwamish Peninsula; bounded on the north by Duwamish Point, to the southern border of White Center, and bounded on the west by the Sound, and the east by the Duwamish River. The SWSHS, a 501(3)c non-profit, was founded in 1984 and began operating out of the Log House Museum in 1997.
- The SWSHS has operated on a “pay-what-you-can” model for several years. Programming includes”
  - Museum Admission Friday and Saturday 12-4PM. The current exhibit traces the geological, indigenous, ecological and industrial history of the West Duwamish Greenbelt.
  - Educational programming includes school and private tours as well as Public Walking tours of Alki which will resume this year from April-October.
  - A Monthly speaker program, Words, Writers, Southwest Stories. The next installment of this program is Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> featuring Quin’Nita Cobbins-Modica discussing Black women in the Washington civil-rights movement. This is an online series with a suggested donation of \$5. Reservation is required to get the Zoom link.
  - Artifact Stewardship of thousands of objects and documents including the original Our Little Sister of Liberty on Alki, Doc Maynard’s letters, photographs and oral histories of West Seattle. You can access much of the collection online at <https://hub.catalogit.app/1390>
- The SWSHS is also embarking on new or renewed initiatives including:
  - Collecting oral histories from High Point and Southpark
  - The SWSHS was also a recipient of a large grant intended for interpretive planning. This grant is funding a new permanent interactive exhibit at the Log House Museum rooted in our waterfront experience, including natural history and the history of Alki as the initial settlement of the first European-Americans who intended to build a city here. The exhibit will also feature hotspots around the peninsula focusing on the society’s extensive oral history collection. Anticipated grand opening of that exhibit is around this time next year, 2026.

**Comment:** You can also access programming at <https://loghousemuseum.org/> and on the YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/@SWSHSvideos>.

- What can you do to support the SWSHS?

- Visit us at the Log House Museum on Alki Fridays and Saturdays 12-4PM.
- Donate or become a member.
- Attend our annual fundraising gala at Salty's on April 11th. This year's theme is *Storytellers: A Peninsula and its Peoples*.

**Comment:** You can also volunteer whether that be as a docent or tour guide or work in the native plant garden, facilities or in collections or help with events.

#### *Seattle Emergency Communications Hub: Cindi Barker*

- Cindi's goal here tonight, her third appearance at the ANA, is to find a replacement Hub captain after Phil Frick stepped down. Cindi is the Hub captain at the Morgan Junction at leads the West Seattle Hubs.
- The Hubs were created in response to several local emergencies causing widespread service disruptions including the Nisqually earthquake and the 2008 windstorm which left many on the peninsula without power for 2 weeks. After these incidents, organizers realized that most city emergency services will be too busy initially to coordinate resources within neighborhoods. Looking to other disasters across the globe, organizers realized that the common denominator after an event is that residents come together first to help each other whether with a place to shower or to know which shops are open.
- The Hubs were created to facilitate neighbors helping neighbors in the event of an emergency at a central, easily accessible location. They are called communication hubs because their primary function is to facilitate communication of information in the days/weeks before city/state/federal responses can get in. More information about the Hubs can be found at <https://seattleemergencyhubs.org/>
- Cindi has 8 volunteers, including a ham radio operator, ready to aid with the Hub but they still need a captain.
- Tday-to-day this is a very small time-commitment.
  - Hub Captains need to exercise their hubs once a year with a drill or training session.
  - And attend outreach events in the community, such as the Admiral Block Party.
  - City hub captains meet 5 times a year
  - Read emails as you receive them.
  - Other ways of engaging as a Hub captain or encouraged but optional.

**Comment:** Remember, you don't have to do this alone, we have people participating, we just need a captain.

- The alternative if we don't find an Admiral hub captain soon is that the Admiral Hub (located at Hiawatha) will go away and supplies will be redistributed to another emerging hub.

**Q:** How broad is the pool that you've approached?

**A:** Cindi has been at three meetings now, as well as tabling at the Admiral Block Party last summer (where she got 8 volunteers). The request has been on the ANA newsletter, minutes, social and in WSBlog recaps of our events. But please reach out to neighbors and friends to let them know of this need.

**Comment:** The Lafayette PTRA might also be a good group to reach out to.

**Q:** What is the timeline before the Hub goes away?

**A:** June 1<sup>st</sup> so that the new captain can attend summer exercises.

**Q:** Would it be helpful if the hub captain also has an FCC ham radio license?

**A:** No, actually because in an emergency, the captain needs to be focusing on many things other than the radio.

**Q:** What is in the box?

**A:** Radio, speakerphones, communication boards and informational sheets. You can find out more at the Hubs website listed above.

**Q:** Does the person need to live in Admiral?

**A:** No, but they need to live within walking distance of the Hub.

**Q:** What designates a disaster for the Hub?

**A:** The hubs offer a place to gather and get information with other forms of information gathering like phones, internet, news are not available. That said, its up to each hub captain to determine when its time to stand up the hub or to offer its resources. For instance various hubs have helped with responses to school shootings or lockdowns to facilitate communication with parents. If you have any other questions, you can email Cindi at [CindiLBarker@gmail.com](mailto:CindiLBarker@gmail.com)

#### *Hiawatha Park Update: Dan Jacobs*

- The ANA shares your frustration about the lack of communication and delays we've all experienced with the Hiawatha updates.
- The Parks Dept will be at our next general Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> to answer your questions. Last year our meeting with a parks rep was one of our more productive discussions with a city department. Dan is here just to read the info that they've given us so far but please join us in May to hear directly from Parks. The WSBlog also has excellent coverage of communications from parks re: Hiawatha.
- Morteza Behrooz is now the point-person for the project and we'll be hearing from him in May but he communicated the following: The playground will be removed from the north end of the wading pool to its south end and a restoration plan is now in place for the current north-end location of the playground to turn it into a natural area. Play equipment and accessibility updates will be made. The current timeline is 4-5 months with projected completion of the playground component listed as Fall 2025.
- You can find more information and keep up-to-date on our website at <https://www.connecttoadmiral.org/community-updates.html>

**Comment:** This has been very frustrating, especially re: the lack of communication from Parks. We need to put more pressure on Parks.

**A:** If you are unavailable to be at the May meeting, please reach out to us at [Info@connecttoadmiral.org](mailto:Info@connecttoadmiral.org) and we can file your questions to Morteza Behrooz in advance of the May meeting.

#### *Southwest Precinct Advisory Committee: Dan Jacobs*

- The Committee has been rebooted after several years of hiatus following Covid.
- There is a collaboration between SPD and neighborhood organizations to address concerns. Dan is the Admiral representative.
- The next public meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the precinct at 2300 SW Webster St new SPD Chief Shon Barnes.

### *Neighborhood Cleanup: Ryan Crompton*

- Date is May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12noon.
- The goal is to start at the Admiral/California intersection and branch out in all four directions (north and south on California and East and West on Admiral) cleaning as you go.
- This is just a few hours of commitment although you also don't need to commit to the full three hours.
- All supplies will be provided.
- Today, Ryan is looking for 4 volunteers to lead the cleanup in each direction. You can reach out to us at [info@connecttoadmiral.org](mailto:info@connecttoadmiral.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

### *Summer Events*

- Volunteer Meeting: Lookup for information about our June volunteer meeting if you are interested in helping with any one of our summer events. It's a great way to get involved with the community and these are all volunteer-heavy events.
- 4th of July Parade: Erin Ruberick
  - This event sees over a thousand adults and kids gather the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup> for a parade and as such will need many volunteers to help coordinate.
  - The parade begins at 44<sup>th</sup>/Donald and ends at Hamilton Viewpoint Park.
  - As with previous years, food trucks, activities and potato sack races will feature at Hamilton after the parade.
- Admiral Music in the Parks (AMP): Meagan Loftin
  - Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, our beloved concert series is returning again for three concerts: July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - We will again be moving around to different parks in the neighborhood: look for details to come re: locations.
  - These are free concerts, come out and have a great time with the whole family.
  - This year we'll also have knitting circle with Seattle Yarn at each concert.
- Admiral Block Party: Joanie Jacobs
  - On August 23<sup>rd</sup> this year at the heart of the Admiral business district on California Ave between Admiral and College.
  - This is organized by the ANA and several local businesses.
  - This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year. We're grateful to the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce for hosting the first event in 2022.

### *Memberships, Dan Jacobs*

- Members keep us operating. Several people have joined while we've been sitting here but if you haven't done so yet, you can find all of our membership levels for households and businesses on our website <https://www.connecttoadmiral.org/>
- We highly value our partnership with Admiral businesses from solo entrepreneurs to larger companies and you will see those highlighted on our website, social (@admiralneighborhood) and in our newsletters.
- Tonight we want to highlight three of those businesses: Timeless Kitchen Design, Monkey Pod and West Seattle Realty. The latter two have both made contributions to the ANA at our

highest level, “All in for Admiral” which helps us fund all of our events. You’ll see their logos on all of our events this year.

- Thank you to all of business partners and household members for making what we do possible. As we’ve added more programming, our costs have increased significantly (the Block Party costs ~\$20,000 and AMP costs us between \$10-15,000 each year) so we’re grateful for all of you who make this work possible.

**Q:** What makes the ANA different for the Junction Association?

**A:** Unlike the WSJA we are a community organization, not a BIA (Business Improvement Association) and we are run solely by volunteer-power. The WSJA also has many volunteers across its programming but also has paid staff unlike the ANA.

**Q:** Have you ever done a household membership drive?

**A:** No. We’ve considered it but its very expensive. This has been an evolving process for the ANA as we’ve transitioned to new leadership post-Covid.

### *Meeting Adjourned*

- Announcements/Questions
  - Kevin Broveleit from West Seattle Realty: West Seattle Realty office was designed as a community gathering space and we use it for gathering like hosting the WSHS booster club. If you have a community event you would like to host there whether it be for 10 or 25 people, please reach out to us. We recently hosted a poetry night with student from Madison Middle School and have a second one coming up on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2Pm if you would like to join us. West Seattle Realty is also hosting a strategic homeselling workshop for prospective sellers on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
  - Whitney Moore from Electric Butter Marketing: On Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, Electric Butter Marketing is partnering with Seattle Sorbet to host a Pint-for-Pint blood drive at 4001 44th Ave SW. Donate a pint of blood and get a pint of West Seattle’s own Seattle Sorbet. Also the West Seattle Grand Parade is back this year. Join us on July 19<sup>th</sup> for the beloved West Seattle tradition.
- Art Walk is this Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. Find participating business throughout the peninsula here: <https://wsartwalk.org/2025/03/08/march-2025-art-walk/>. Support women artist at West Seattle Grounds with art, music, and drinks and/or head to Wend Jewelry, a wonderful woman-owned Admiral business, who provided our raffled prize tonight
- Raffle drawing with gift card from Wend.
  - Thank you to our local businesses for supporting us!
- Our next general meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you for being with us today!