Admiral Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2026

Officers and Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Joanie Jacobs, President
Meagan Loftin, Secretary
Dan Jacobs, Communications
Ryan Crompton, Place-Making

Agenda

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    b. Art Walk
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Welcome, Joanie Jacobs

Thank you all for being here at our new location at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church and thank to the church for hosting us.

Land Acknowledgement

"The Admiral Neighborhood Association acknowledges that we gather today on the home territories of the Duwamish and Coast Salish Peoples, the traditional and current stewards of this region past, present, and future, who have reserved treaty rights to their ancestral homelands. We also acknowledge that this statement does not take the place of authentic relationships with indigenous communities but serves as a first step in honoring the land we occupy and resisting the erasure of Indigenous Peoples."

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."

Introduction of Officers

Executive Committee
- Joanie Jacobs, President
- Meagan Loftin, Secretary

Non-Executive Committee
- Dan Jacobs, Communications
- Ryan Crompton, Place-Making

Approval of September General Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the May General Meeting Minutes by Dan Jacobs, seconded by Gary Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

Neighborhood Safety Update, Jamie Heslin

- Jamie (jamie.heslin@seattle.gov) is a Community Service Officer (CSO) with the department working in the south end of the city.
- YTD crime is down 9% in West Seattle, and 25% in Admiral. Motor Vehicle thefts are down 36% and burglaries are down 25%. Shots fired are recorded separately. In West Seattle YTD that number is down 3% and in Admiral Shorts fired are down 75% YTD (8 were recorded by this time last year, and only 2 incidents have been recorded so far this year).

  Comment: Just saw the Blog coverage of the new memorial to Officer Bryan Van Brunt at the SW Precinct and it is very impressive.
  Q: When ICE ifs operating in the area, are they reporting that activity to SPD?
  A: CSO Heslin will speak to SW Precinct's Crime Prevention Officer Jennifer Satterwhite and to SW Precinct Captain Krista Bair to answer that question.
  Q: Is ICE activity monitored?
  A: Again, that's a question for the CPO and Captain.
  Q: Is there large ICE activity in Seattle and West Seattle?
  A: It doesn't appear so this year

Comment: Attendee knows someone taken in West Seattle and currently held in ICE custody in Louisiana. There is also recent consistent activity at the Home Depot.

King County Dependency CASA, Sarah Childs and Maria

- CASA began in Seattle in 1977 and has since spread nation-wide. This is a volunteer driven organization.
- Reports arrive at CPS and the severe, complex cases make it to court and that's when a CASA steps in. It's important to note that families who enter the system come in with disproportionate access to resources. The court appoints a CASA or GAL as a hold, but they often don't have enough volunteers to handle every case. CASAs serve children 0-11 because after a child turns 12, they are given an attorney.
- What is a CASA? They are trained community members who advocate for a child. Extensive training is provided and there is ongoing support from staff and attorneys for CASA volunteers.
- Primarily CASAs are focused on gathering information, facilitating resources, and advocating for a child including their health, development, family and culture.
- 2025 Impact: 200 volunteers worked with 657 children in King County. As of July this year, 334 are still waiting for an advocate.
- Requirements: volunteers come from every walk of life; no prior experience is required. CASAs should be compassionate, open to learning, and child focused. CASAs must be at least 25 years old, pass a background check, be willing to serve 18-24 months, and cannot be enrolled in higher education during their service (students need to focus primarily on school). Often a CASA is the most stable adult in a child's life.
- Even if you are not interested or are unable to volunteer as a CASA, please pass this information along to others. They hold virtual information sessions every month and if you want more information, contact the ANA and we can connect you with Sarah.
- Maria is a West Seattle resident and CASA volunteer. Currently she supports tow sibling sets and has been on one of those cases for four years. She also has a graduate degree in social work. That said, Maria is very much an exception. Most volunteers work cases for 12-18 months and come from a variety of backgrounds—its an especially popular program for retired teachers. Being a CASA is very fulfilling work supporting these kids: there is a lot of advocacy but it can also be a lot of fun.

  Q: Where are you located?
  A: The Children and Family Justice Center on 12th and Alder. But much of the work can be done remotely. The time requirement is seeing the child once a month and going to court usually once per quarter.
  Q: What is the typical commitment?
  A: Typically, not as long as Maria's—usually 18 months. But it is important to note that cases are not assigned. Taking on a case Is a discussion between staff and CASA volunteers so they work around volunteers' availability.

Treasurer Report, Joanie Jacobs

- The general fund sits at $6797. Joanie also just picked up our grant reimbursement check from the Department of Neighborhoods for AMP. This is a good financial place to be in right now.

- Thank you all of our sponsors, individual donors, and local businesses whose donations make all of this work possible.
  Q: Can anything be done about the vacant space on Admiral/California?
  A: Unfortunately, Joanie heard from the property owner that both the Kumon and the laundromat on California north of Admiral are leaving. As to the old dry-cleaning space; that is an issue of expensive remediation. The old Bebop space on the corner is becoming a new event space, The Last Parlor, but Cori has been mired in city permitting for quite a while. Seattle is not friendly to small businesses.

Summer Recap, Joanie Jacobs

- Thank you to all of our volunteers this summer. All of our events run on volunteer power and we're grateful to everyone who joined us.
- 4th of July Parade, Joanie Jacobs: Erin and Becky continue to do a great job with this event year after year. It was a lot of fun for the many families who joined us.
- AMP, Meagan Loftin: Despite some weather troubles, we were happy to welcome 1500 of our neighbors to AMP this year. The new bike corral (thanks STU and Kathy) was very successful as well as the craft. This is a completely free and no-buy event—everything from music and crafts to snacks is totally free, which we are proud to provide for families in this economy. Hopefully next year, we'll be able to be back at Hiawatha for one concert.
  Q: Does that mean we'll have 4 concerts next year?
  A: No, we'll replace the concert at California Place Park (which will be next to the construction at Admiral Church) with a concert at Hiawatha if we can.
  Q: What will you do if Hiawatha is unavailable?
  A: Adapt. But that's unlikely. Once the playground is finished, there are no other scheduled projects at Hiawatha.
- Block Party, Joanie Jacobs: We're grateful to our sponsors who support and help plan this event every year. This year we added half of the Block on College Ave. It was a great turnout. The businesses like that we limit food options to our local restaurants and focus primarily on Seattle businesses. Hopefully the event will continue to grow next year, and we'll be able to fill more spots on California Ave. Every year at the Block Party we also announce the winner of the Patrick Sand Community Advocate Award. This year's winner is Lori McConnel who owns West Seattle Runner and does so much work to promote running in our community. Congratulations to Lori. Nominations open in Spring. So, if you know someone working in the community, please be on the lookout for that announcement and make sure that person answers the follow-up emails to be qualified.
  Q: What is the criteria for the award?
  A: The person is a community advocate working above and beyond to build community in Admiral.

Looking Ahead

- Trick or Treat: Friday October 30th from 3:30-6:30PM throughout the business district. We need volunteers for this event including crossing guards, and volunteers to hand out candy. We expect about 1,000-1,200 kids. This year may also see a street closure on California Ave from Admiral to College as some businesses are interested in that.

- Winter Wonderland: December 12th. This is an event to encourage everyone to shop small in Admiral during the holidays. Business typically host a craft, activity or a treat (one year Circa did snowball cookies). The signup for businesses will go out soon. Keep up-to-date on our website, connecttoadmiral.org or follow us on socials @admiralneighborhood for more info.

Membership, Meagan Loftin

- Thank you to all of our individual and business members for your support.
- We've seen an increase in household memberships this year, which is great.
- You can learn more about membership and become a member today on our website. If you're already a member you can also let your neighbors know about the ANA and the work we do.

Place-making, Ryan Crompton

- The new banners have gone up around the neighborhood. There are ten and you'll notice some historic photos from the archives. They also include info about the ANA and QR codes to encourage people to learn more about us.
- This year we'll focus on more holiday lighting at individual businesses as well as outdoor lighting. Note if your streetlight is not working, you can report it on Find It/Fix It.
- We could do a fall cleanup to follow-up on the one in the spring, but the area still looks good after Erik from a Cleaner Alki brought in an intern and several volunteers to do targeted cleanups in the neighborhood. Thanks to Erik and his team for that as well as for collecting trash from all of our summer events.

Green Seattle Partnership Forest Steward, Mark Childs

- Mark is the Forest Steward for Hamilton Forest which us located down the hill from the Viewpoint.
- The focus now is on removing invasive plans to clear the way to plant natives.
- The next cleanup session is October 3rd 9 rain or shine from 9:30-11:30am. They will be digging out brambles and ivy to prepare for planting in November.
- Advance sign-up is required at greenseattle.org so Mark knows how much equipment to bring. You don't have to stay for the whole event. If you're only available for an hour, please still join.
- Removing the brambles in October will make the forest much more visible. They're not sure what natives will be going in (it's a first-come, first-served system) but they're excited for the future and it's also great exercise.

Meeting Adjourned

- Last year SJB hosted the Joiner Jamboree with over a hundred local organizations. They're in talks with the West Seattle Joiners to repeat the event this year. Stay tuned for more info.
- The next Art Walk is Thursday October 8th from 5-8pm.
- Our next general meeting is November 18th at 7PM. This will be our officer election so if you are interested in joining the board, now is the time.
- Thank you for being with us today!