



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – April 28 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by President Mara Owen

Business

Minutes from March meeting approved

Treasurer Report

(reminder: annual dues are now due for 2016. \$10 per household, \$25 business. Paid members are voting members)

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,896.55
Membership Deposit		\$ -
Grants Received		\$ -
Paid Grants		\$ -
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 3,896.55
	OPNA Funds	\$ 897.00
	Grant Funds	\$ 2,999.55
Outstanding	Check materials M Owen	\$(1,733.46)
	Outstanding invoices	\$(525.00)
	Unapplied Grant	\$ 741.09

Police Report

Officer Michael spoke about improvement in the force and moving officers from 10 hour to 8 hour shifts. Theft and burglary is on the decrease. With spring/summer upon us, he reminded us of open door prevention to make sure doors are locked. Be aware when working in the back yard to keep the front door locked as to not allow for easy access. Everyone is encouraged to call to report any suspicious activity. Also, they are looking for ways to connect with residents directly. Currently they post information on Nextdoor. Reminder to call 911 or district phone number 720 913-2000 if you see or suspect anything in your area. He also announced that officer Sharon will be leaving and going to another district. Paul – asked about dirt bikes, homelessness, ATV’s on the bike path by the river. Officer Mike said they would take note and watch that area more.

Ryan Winterberg-Lipp with the City of Denver on a zoning update.

Ryan gave a brief presentation on a proposed application to rezone the property at 1145 and 1165 S

Broadway. This area is adjacent to the Cherokee/Gates Redevelopment plan. The proposal is to rezone from T-MU-30 to C-MX-12 to match the redevelopment area. Rezoning to C-MX-12 will allow for mixed-use. Even though the rezoning would allow for maximum height of 150', it would still be required to abide by the existing View plane which specifies maximum permitted building heights. This also falls in line with the Blueprint Denver (2002) plan. The application has been submitted where Ryan is continue to outreach to neighborhoods to notify them of this change. It is tentatively scheduled for the planning board in July, 2016. Contact Ryan for any questions or concerns: **Ms. Ryan Winterberg-Lipp, AICP | Senior City Planner**

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Follow up for Bee-Safe Garden and the Sustainable neighborhoods application

Mara provided an update in Helene's absence. First a reminder to make sure we are planting bee safe plants. Any pesticides/herbicides are bad for bees. We need to protect the pollinators. Ruby Hill is a Bee safe neighborhood. We would like to join them. Please avoid buying any pretreated plants (i.e. not from Home Depot). We are looking for volunteers to canvas the neighborhood for signatures so that we can become a bee safe neighborhood. It is proposed to divide the neighborhood into 4 quadrants, 2 people per quadrant to walk the neighborhood to get signatures. Helene is planning to do the North West quad, Mara and Andrew will take the South East quad. Please contact Mara or Helene if you are interested in helping this cause. mkowen18@gmail.com

Details on the City of Denver's new Food Plan and community outreach

Mara spoke about the upcoming Food Plan Community Listening Session in Council District 7. The event will be held at Goldrick Elementary School, 1050 S. Zuni St., Denver, CO on Wednesday, May 11th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Dinner, beverages, door prizes, childcare and translation will be provided. Spread the word and RSVP at <http://goo.gl/forms/VeDplswfcP> or call: 720-337-7777.

Steve Jusseaume and Dan Horvat, presenting on the Delaware project

Steve and Dan gave a presentation on a proposed plan to rezone the current Doctor Fix-It Property and adjacent properties on Delaware from the current zoning – Light Industrial to a mixed-use commercial and residential.

Steve has owned the Dr. Fix-It property since 2004 and is looking to develop that area while still continue to run his business there. In reviewing Blueprint Denver, Evans Station Area Plan and Denver Zoning Code, they feel that this area would be a good place for a building which would allow for commercial on the bottom floors and housing (apartments) on the top floors, possibly going up to 12 stories high which they feel would stay within the existing view plane set out by the city. They have been reaching out to the neighborhood for any feedback and are looking for our support in the rezoning process. They hope to submit the application within the next month.

Paul – asked whether there was any existing proposed parking plan for the light rail? Would there be any consideration for parking? They are looking for more of a live, play work type of building not specifically tied to the light rail station.

Rebecca – asked would the units be for rent or sale? And asked about sustainability? The plan would be for rentals including some affordable housing units. They are also looking into Geosource heat pumps.

Rebecca – asked about any further design plans? No further plans, pending rezoning

Ronnie – asked about any green space? Their thought is that the rooftop would be a prime place for greenery and become a destination for people in that area.

A question was asked about the old Lumberyard and the Shattuck area. Jolon Clark responded that the new owner of the Shattuck site already has a development plan for 3 stories, consisting of townhomes, parking lot and pool. No re-zoning required. The city has partnered with them to contract the street or the landing area related to the improvements for a pedestrian bridge still planned over Santa Fe at Jewell Ave.

Mark Kelley, masters student at UC Denver follow up on capstone project about ADU's (accessory dwelling units)

Mark presented some of his findings to the survey he sent out to the neighborhood regarding ADU's where 73% are interested in building an ADU.

Denver Days events

Mara asked for suggestions for holding community event for Denver Days. Last year we combined with Ruby Hill neighborhood for a picnic on top of Ruby Hill.

Judy – proposed having a block party in our neighborhood. Ronnie suggested his block. You can Google Denver Days to find out more.

Painting the Bridge Project

Euro-crepes, a new restaurant on 1842 S. Broadway has announced our project to be their non-profit promotion for the month of May where they will be donating some of their proceeds to the painting of the bridge and also want to hold a [party](#) for us on **May 18th – 7-9pm**.

Mara continues to work with the Greenway Foundation to have them be our fiscal sponsor which would allow for us 501-c status.

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7)

Jolon spoke on several topics.

The Broadway Hotel has been purchased with the plan to tear down to build retail and condos. No rezoning required. They are also looking for ways to improve the Iowa underpass including possible lighting, adding a mural (Michelle Brown) They want to replace the stairs crumbling to create a better way

to move bikes through that area. Also would like to improve the bike path along the golf course and Santa Fe where they would create a berm to protect bikes from motorists. Talking about 1 million dollars in improvements.

Still talking about the Jewell pedestrian bridge which would cost around 15 million. Hoping for Bond money in 2017. CDOT plans to widen Santa Fe by converting turn lane along this area. If there is any extra land, they may sell to city. If city doesn't buy, will go for sale on private market.

Bike park on Ruby Hill will open June – July timeframe.

Levitt Pavillion in interviewing contractors to start work in Oct with 1st concert scheduled for July 2017t.

Street racing. Kevin Flynn – 60000 to work on curbing street racing.

They are talking about sidewalks how to address and plan to do something.

Planning Leadership week for teenagers in South West Denver grades 9-11th where they learn about job opportunities in the city – animal shelters, airport, labor jobs, etc.

Planning to spend 3 million for emerald ash bore to treat the trees in the parks. Need to be proactively treating. Education campaign will start next week to teach how to identify, report and treat.

Ronnie – asked about assistance for some homeowners? There are 3 council people fighting for private residents. Very expensive. If we want to be Bee safe then do not to spray, instead do direct injection into the trunk. More expensive but more affective.

Kevin – asked about the ruling for airbnb – short term rentals – illegal now – city council – will make it legal. Short term rentals are less than 30 days which is difficult to enforce. If they make it legal homeowner may need a license \$25, CO detector, Fire extinguisher. Also, it must be your primary residence. City council plans to make ruling soon.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Ruby Hill community Garden Orientation is on Saturday, April 30th from 11am-1pm for anyone who wants to join. If still interested in plot, please contact Ruby Hill Garden.

No schedule yet for painting bridge. CDOT is preventing us right now. One of the Jersey barriers has been damaged by H2O seeping from the back. We will need to prime the top and redo.

Helene proposed a second gathering every month to get together? Proposed Happy hour. 2nd Thursday of the month. Stay tuned for announcement

Compassionate things in our neighborhood (open to anyone)

Mara – thanked everyone for staying late for the meeting

Rebecca – was thankful for the seeds from the last meeting which are now growing.

Meeting adjourned – 8:30 p.m.

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, May 26**, 2016, at **6:30 pm** at **The Studios at Overland Crossing** 2205 South Delaware St. Come join us and find out what is happening in our neighborhood. Also, check us out on our Website.

<http://www.opnadenver.org>