



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – April 25, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Co-President Amy

Welcome and Open Comments

20+ members and guests were present.

Note: See our website for recordings from the [Mayoral Forum](#) located under the Meeting/Minutes page.

Minutes from March 2019 meeting

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report

Reminder: Annual dues apply to the full calendar year.

\$10 per household, \$25 business.

Paid members are voting members

Beginning Balance		\$ 4,794.25
Membership Deposit		\$ 145.00 (pending)
Ruby HILL		\$ 150.00 (pending)

Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 5,084.25
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,227.86
	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39

Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

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District 3

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pocketgov.org/police is the Nextdoor version for police reporting where you can sign up and find out about any crimes in your own or other neighborhoods.

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Maggie provided the following updates

- **Election** – please remember to vote by May 7th. For more information go to denvervotes.org.
- Spring is here which means street sweeping has started. Also if you participate in the compost program, this is a great time to fill the green bins while cleaning up the yard.
- **Trash** – Mayor Hancock has been talking about trash conversion with incentives to reducing waste going to landfills. There is no solid plan yet but working on

it. The Denver Solid Waste Management Division is organizing four tours of the City's landfill, composting, and recycling facility in 2019 for residential, community, and City leaders to learn more about what happens to their waste after they put it in their black, green, and purple carts. Please respond [here](#) to attend the tour in May or June of this year.

- Regarding the homeless situation in Denver there are two major things which have happened. First, in November, voters approved 2A – Caring for Denver which added a tax on retail sales to be used to a fund administered by non-profit organization. This is intended to help with mental health services. Denver Police work together with co-responders who are trained to assess and refer services to homeless people that they engage with and assist.

Second, The City and County of Denver has reached a proposed settlement agreement over the removal of personal property during the cleanups of public areas. More regulations of the process and procedure on how to move them have been created. A new program for when id's are stolen allows a specific ID card to be created and issued on the spot in the interim. Urban Peak does this already. See the full [announcement](#) at the end of these notes.

- **Denver Days** begins on August 4th.

Mayor Michael Hancock

Mayor Hancock thanked us for the invitation to our Mayoral Forum which he was sorry to miss last month. He is running for his third and final term. To listen to his speech and hear some questions and answers from the group please visit our [website](#) under Meeting Notes.

Initiative 300 For and Against

Dianne Thiel, representing [Right to Survive](#), spoke about Initiative 300 and why it should be passed.

Christina Sandhoff, representing [Together Denver](#), spoke about why Initiative 300 should **not** be passed.

You can listen to both sides on our [website](#) under meeting notes. You will also find links to the documents presented at the meeting.

Tony Pigford – Tony, a third generation resident of Denver is running for city council at large. You can learn more about him on his website [here](#).

History Corner

Check out our [website](#) to watch neighbors telling historic stories from Overland Park neighborhood. Let us know if you have a story you would like to share in one of our upcoming meetings

Overland Social

Overland Socials occur on the second Wednesday of the month: It is a chance to get together with neighbors and hang out at one of our local restaurants. The next social is

May 8, 6:30pm at **Besties Ice Cream** 1559 S Broadway #101, Denver, CO 80210 Please RSVP on Facebook.

Watch for reminders on our Facebook page **Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA**

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Ronnie – Annual South Platte River float. Get your tubes now and make sure they are nylon wrapped. When the float happens depends on the melt in the mountains. Be ready at anytime. The plan is to meet at RTD at Evans and ride to Mineral and enter the water at Carson Nature Center. Watch our Facebook page for announcement. Last time (2 years ago) we had 19 tubes starting the float. Looking forward to more people joining this season.

Judy – Bellco Credit Union, in the month of April is making donations directly to Urban Peak.

Rob – Denver mulch and compost give away – May 22nd. Summer Solstice party will be scheduled in June. There will be seeds and seedlings for give away to the neighborhood at our next meeting.

Amy - Provided an update to the "Into the Neighborhood" conference which was hosted by OPNA and East Colfax neighborhood where over 60 people attended which included several community organizers from all over Denver. There was good discussions on how to reduce and eliminate displacement in neighborhoods and how can we get more representation in the RNOs. Amy is currently in further conversation with several people from the conference and working on figuring out

what's next. She will bring back more details to the group in future meetings.

Ray made a motion to have OPNA make a donation of \$50.00 to John Collins Church. Rob seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

Levitt Pavilion [Denver](#)

Levitt Pavilion will be opening in May and looking for volunteers to help during the free concerts held in Ruby Hill Park. Also, they have announced job postings for: **Part-time Summer Field Researchers**. See the information below for further details of the postings.

Ana Cuellar

Programs Associate

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"This summer, we will be hiring one coordinator and 4 field researchers to collect audience data at 12-16 free, outdoor concerts at the [Levitt Pavilion Denver](#) in Ruby Hill Park. This is an excellent opportunity for students and recent graduates to learn about audience research and evaluation methods specifically related to free, outdoor concerts and community events. Local residents may also be interested in engaging with people from neighboring communities in a fun and relaxed setting this summer.

Given the proximity to Ruby Hill Park, we thought that OPNA would be a great place to share these job announcements. "

[Freelance Field Research Coordinator](#)

[Freelance Field Researchers](#)

Compassion

Rebecca – appreciates everyone that has been cleaning up their yards and is enjoying the various tulips, iris's and daffodils popping up in the neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

OPNA meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month, excluding November and December.

Upcoming meeting dates for **2019** include the following: May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, May 23**, 2019, at **6:30 pm** at **Studios at Overland Crossing 2205 S. Delaware St.**, Denver, CO 80223 Come join us and find out what is happening in our neighborhood.

Also, check us out on our [Website](#) and also to read the **minutes** from past meetings.

And like us on [Facebook](#) **Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA**

Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com

[City Reaches Proposed Settlement of Class Action with Plaintiffs for Those Experiencing Homelessness](#)

Mar 1, 2019

DENVER – The City and County of Denver has reached a proposed settlement agreement with the plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit over the removal of personal property during the cleanups of public areas. The proposed agreement is the result of many months of working together to forge an agreement that will make the city a national leader concerning the rights and treatment of those experiencing homelessness in America.

“I am impressed with the hard work and compromise by both sides in coming to this agreement,” Mayor Michael Hancock said, “Now we must return our focus to the important mission of connecting those experiencing homelessness with the resources they need to obtain housing, access treatment on demand, and engage with opportunity so that no one is left behind.”

“We sincerely appreciate the Plaintiffs’ willingness to work with the City to resolve these important and challenging issues,” said City Attorney Kristin Bronson, “We

believe that the terms of this proposed settlement are not only favorable for people experiencing homelessness, but also reflective of their investment in working with the City and their representatives to find solutions to the benefit of all.”

“It’s not a panacea for economic injustice,” lead attorney Jason Flores-Williams said, “But a real effort by a major American city to recognize the constitutional rights of the poor and dispossessed.”

Andy McNulty, of Killmer, Lane & Newman, LLP, said, “In the United States, whether you are rich or poor, you have due process rights. This settlement cements the Denver homeless population’s fundamental right to due process.”

The settlement includes the following commitments:

- City officials will meet with an advisory group composed of people experiencing homelessness and their representatives on a quarterly basis to obtain feedback on City programs, listen to concerns and to discuss proposals
- Seven days’ notice prior to large-scale cleanups when reasonably possible.
- Written notice of regular cleanups, including days and hours, posted near the location they will take place.
- Written notice for all cleanups will also include:
 - That stored property may be retrieved at no cost without fear of arrest;
 - A phone number to call with questions regarding property retrieval;
 - Location and hours of the storage facility;
 - Length of time property will be stored at the facility; and
 - Length of time the city will store property until it is disposed of.
- 48-hour notice will be affixed to unattended personal property in violation of the Encumbrance Ordinance in regular cleanup areas, and can be stored for up to 60 days, unless determined by the city to be an immediate health or safety risk.
- The city will extend storage facility hours to 60 days and reassess with input from the advisory group.
- Development of a notification system by the city that personal property has been removed, including where the property was found and is being stored.
- The placement of approximately 200 lockers at the Minoru Yasui Plaza building and that may be used to store property for up to 30 days.

- 15 additional trash receptacles will be added to the Ballpark Neighborhood, and will not be removed for three years unless public health or safety requires it.
- Additional trash receptacles will be added during spring and summer months.
- Two port-o-lets, accessible 24 hours a day, will be placed at Sonny Larson Park.
- Sharps disposal boxes will be placed in Governor's Park, Lincoln/La Alma Park, Macintosh Park, and possibly Sonny Lawson Park.
- The city will allow the use of "homeless ID" cards as a form of picture identification, and will allow the use of labor pay stubs, letters from shelters and letters from other homeless service providers as documentation for proof of income for participation.
- The city will seek a requests for qualifications to operate a Mobile Health Unit.
- The city will confirm its commitment to the expansion of the Denver Day Works program.
- Alternatives to using inmates for cleanups will be sought.
- Denver's Road Home will develop a homeless sensitivity training for city employees and contractors.

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/mayors-office/newsroom/2019/city-reaches-proposed-settlement-of-class-action-with-plaintiffs.html>

Freelance Field Research Coordinator – Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation (Levitt Foundation), a national private foundation based in Los Angeles, is conducting on-site surveys at permanent outdoor Levitt music venues,

including Levitt Pavilion Denver in Ruby Hill Park located just south of downtown Denver, beginning this May. The survey fielding effort will be conducted by a team of four field researchers who distribute and collect surveys during 2-hour shifts at 12 to 16 outdoor concerts starting at the end of May and going throughout June, July, and August. The coordinator will be the primary liaison between the field researchers and the Levitt Foundation. S/he will manage a team of researchers, conduct all relevant on-site training for data collection, and manage the survey collection process at each concert.

Concerts occur Thursdays through Sundays. The coordinator is responsible for ensuring that each concert is fully staffed with four field researchers and that sufficient surveys are being collected to meet daily goals. Fielding session schedules will vary and will require evening and weekend hours. Depending on weather conditions, some fielding sessions may need to be rescheduled to another evening. Dates for each fielding session, including back up dates to accommodate inclement weather, will be provided upon the interview.

The coordinator should be on-site at each concert to collect completed surveys from the fielders, complete daily summary sheets, and approve timesheets. Coordinators are expected to fill in for field researchers, when needed. This is an excellent opportunity for a current or recent graduate student to gain hands-on experience in audience research and evaluation methods, specifically related to free, outdoor concerts and community events.

Duties include:

- Train, schedule, and manage field researchers to conduct on-site surveys
- Oversee survey collection according to a detailed methodological protocol
- Provide the Levitt Foundation with daily fielding reports
- Manage on-site fielding supplies, including fully-charged tablets, tracking sheets, name tags, etc.
- Respond to emails and calls from the Levitt Foundation in a timely manner
- Communicate with a representative of the Levitt Pavilion, as needed

QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate should be a responsible, organized, prompt, and detail-oriented individual with excellent inter-personal and communication skills. Ideally, we are seeking experienced freelance field researchers or graduate school students who have a background in the social sciences and/or experience with on-site survey collection and management.

The ideal candidate will also:

- have experience with scheduling and managing freelance workers
- be knowledgeable of the Levitt Denver mission and its programming
Freelance Field Researcher, 2.
- have experience working in diverse communities and cultures, including those traditionally underrepresented in the arts
- be comfortable approaching potential survey respondents and training others to do so
- have the ability to “think on your feet”
- be extremely reliable with a positive, friendly attitude
- be able to stand for long periods of time

COMPENSATION

- The freelance field research coordinator will receive a negotiated flat fee in addition to being compensated at a rate of \$25/hour when working on-site during the scheduled

concerts.

TO APPLY

Please email a brief cover note and resume to programs@levitt.org with

“Freelance Field

Research Coordinator – Levitt Pavilion Denver” in the subject line. Please, no

phone calls. We

look forward to hearing from you.

ABOUT THE MORTIMER & MIMI LEVITT FOUNDATION

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the social fabric of America. Through its support of creative placemaking projects, the Levitt

Foundation empowers communities to transform underused public spaces into welcoming

destinations where the power of free, live music brings people together and invigorates

community life.

The Foundation’s primary funding areas include permanent outdoor Levitt music venues and the

Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards, an annual grants competition. In 2019, free Levitt

concerts will be presented in 26 towns and cities across the country. Levitt music venues and

AMP concert sites collectively reach more than 750,000 people annually through over 550 free,

family-friendly concerts. As an example of the high caliber talent presented across the Levitt

network, the 2019 GRAMMY nominees included 17 artists who have performed on Levitt stages

in recent years.

Permanent Levitt venues are located in cities as diverse as Los Angeles; Denver;

Westport, Conn.; Dayton, Ohio; Bethlehem, Pa.; Memphis; Arlington, Texas; and Sioux Falls, S.D., opening this summer. Each Levitt venue is programmed, managed, and supported by its own 501(c)(3) Friends of Levitt nonprofit partner, presenting 50 free concerts every year featuring music of all genres. Due to accelerating interest from cities and engaged citizens, the national network of Levitt music venues is growing. Developing Levitt locations include Fort Lauderdale and San Jose, amongst other cities.

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- be able to stand for long periods of time

- maintain a professional, neat appearance

COMPENSATION

- freelance fielders will receive an hourly wage of \$15-20, depending on qualifications and experience

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