



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – April 27 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:29 pm by President Mara Owen

Welcome and Compassion

20+ members and guests were present. During introductions, several acts of compassion were expressed and open comments. These can be found at the end of these minutes notes.

Minutes from March meeting

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report

(reminder: annual dues are now due for 2017. \$10 per household, \$25 business. Paid members are voting members)

Beginning Balance		\$ 4,727.73
Membership Deposit		\$ 70.00
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Paid Outstanding		\$ (753.73)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 4,039.00
	OPNA Funds	\$ 1,737.61
	Art Funds	\$ 2,301.39

Police Report and COP shop

CRO Jim Lopez

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District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

Officer Lopez was not present at this meeting.

Presentation by Owen Snell (Project Manager Denver Parks and Rec) on the completion of Grant Frontier Park

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Owen.Snell@denvergov.org

Laura.Morales@denvergov.org (Community Relations Specialist)

Owen provided an update on the parks in Overland.

Grant Frontier

The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 19th starting at 3:45pm.

See flyer below and further announcements. Grant Frontier has been open for four months and what was planted including native grasses and trees are now growing. Down on the island, you will find cottonwood poles and willows which were planted.

Pasquinel's Landing

The few trees which were removed (ash) were used to create the new nature play area. A third tree, Siberian Elm came from a neighbor on Huron who was trying to find a way to have the dead tree removed. DPR took it down and added it in. The Nature Play area is the continuation of the project in bringing back the playground.

This gives kids the ability to be more creative where the layout is within safety standards. Worked with a Canadian partner that has installed these play areas throughout the nation. Also when completing the in river work at Florida, they saved the boulders which were also used in this park. Now it is complete and the fence will be removed May 17th ready for the celebration on the 19th.

Jack – asked whether they have been testing the irrigation? Yes

Jack - asked about the signage which was lost from the parks including Montana City story. Anything we can do to help bring that back? Grant Frontier project had money allocated for signs which is still available. They are working with the same company that did the signs at Johnson Habitat to be consistent. They will have them make the signs for Montana City and the flood plane.

Jack – Bilingual? That is a separate project with different scope on signage throughout the whole city of Denver which will address signage throughout the parks of Denver.

Paul – asked about the trail along the golf course north of Pasquinel's Landing where there was some damage due to when they dug up the edge to add irrigation. The new trail has been washed over with mud in some sections and ask will that be redone? There is maintenance money to fix where they have already completed some river bank work and looked at the trail. Asked to send photos of any noticeable damage.

Tracy – asked about whether there is an art project included in the park renovations? In any capital funded project, 1% goes to art project where they combined the three projects together resulting in \$110,000 available for art installation. They made a state wide call for artists with 4 presented ideas. Three of the four recommended the art be installed in Grant Frontier. One artist has been selected and Arts and Venue are moving forward.

Mara – asked about signage for critters and nature around the trail? That may be possible in the future.

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) <http://www.luckydistrict7.org>

Maggie provided the following updates:

Get ready for Lucky District 7 Sprint Cleanup and Tree Planting

When: **Saturday, June 3, 2017**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cleanup and tree planting

12 to 1:30 p.m. District cookout and municipal fair at Johnson Habitat Park

Get a FREE tree - Help a neighbor - Volunteer for your Community - Meet your neighbors
Denver – Councilman Jolon Clark and Lucky District 7 are looking for projects and volunteers for their first Spring

If you want to volunteer:

Volunteers are needed to help with various projects throughout the district. To sign up, visit www.LuckyDistrict7.org/springcleanup.html and fill out the form. Details about your volunteer assignment will be given to you prior to the event. Registration for volunteering closes May 22, 2017.

If you need help:

Neighbors (especially those 65+ or those with disabilities) needing help with cleanup or planting a tree, should visit www.LuckyDistrict7.org/springcleanup.html and click the "I have a project that I would like help with" button. You will be contacted by the District 7 staff for more details. Requests projects received by April 20, 2017 will be given priority.

If you want a FREE tree:

Neighbors who would like to apply for a FREE tree should visit www.LuckyDistrict7.org/springcleanup.html and Click "I would be interested in a tree at no cost to me." Requests projects received by April 20, 2017 will be given priority.

Let's celebrate!

When the work is complete, join your neighbors for a cookout and municipal fair at Johnson Habitat Park.

Looking for volunteers and suggestions of small projects to be completed in the neighborhood. Part of Denver Dig programs where you may have seen some blue trees planted downtown recently. The idea is to also plant blue trees randomly around the city.

This is more of an art installation and not forever. If you are interested in planting a blue tree, contact

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Our **Neighborhood Captain** is **Andrew Gehauf** agehauf@gmail.com

Volunteer station will be in **Rob Lovell's** driveway at the corner of W. Jewell Ave, and S. Elati St.

Ronnie – Is there any flexibility on getting trees where there is no separate parkway? Yes, can plant beside the sidewalk. If you get a tree, then it needs to be planted there, not in

backyard.

Paul - Is the bikepath by Johnson Habitat Park opened yet? Yes! No major detours on the bike path.

Maggie is also involved with the GO Bond project, specific to transportation and mobility.

Tracking the plans for fixing the leaning wall of railroad ties north of Mississippi at Johnson Habitat. Also on the list with Parks and Rec is Ruby Hill and repaving of the roads.

Regarding the Infrastructure side of the GO Bond meeting, city now wants to go for a bigger bond. This is due to the number of projects coming to these committees. In the latest conversation, of the three projects which are non-negotiable, one is the Alameda underpass. Built in 1915, it is long overdue for improvements with a 50 million dollar ask.

Other projects on the list include Iowa underpass, Jewell pedestrian bridge and the 8th avenue bridge over the Platte river.

They are now in the preliminary stage of planning a Broadway Halloween parade.

Scheduled for Saturday, Oct 21st, 6pm near the Skylark location. Parade to include floats (free entry), bands, Shriner cars, and maybe even zombies?

Jack – Regarding the Overland Golf course music festival moving forward on contracting phase we will now be able to see on paper how our concerns will be addressed. He is asking for continued community input with the promoter SuperFly. He also stated that our work starts now to mend fences to allow people to feel better and acknowledge the sacrifice and that we are on their side from the commitment statements.

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 will be

Wednesday May 10th - Genaro's Lounge 2598 S Broadway 6:30pm until...

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- **Denver Parks Game Plan Survey** - What is your vision for the future of Denver's park and recreation system?

Do you value Denver's park system and recreational programs and amenities?

The Denver Parks and Recreation Game Plan survey is now open! Your voice and input is invaluable. This survey will be open through May 31, 2017. It is available in English and Spanish. [Click here to access the survey](#). **At the end of the survey, you will have a chance to win \$50 to Target as a thank you for your time.** Help us spread the word to your neighbors!

- i. *If you are part of an organization that would like paper versions of this survey dropped off, please email Laura.Morales@denvergov.org with the request.*

About the Game Plan:

The Game Plan is [Denveright's](#) community planning effort that creates a prioritized roadmap for adapting our parks system and recreational programming and amenities to meet the growing and changing needs of our city over the next 20 years. In a city as active and outdoor-oriented as Denver, our great parks system is essential to our quality of life. The Game Plan is an update of the initial guide adopted in 2003 that helped define Denver's investments in park and recreational amenities throughout the city. Now is the time to focus on the continued evolution of our park and recreation system with particular consideration to our changing needs for recreation, public health, sustainability and resiliency in the face of growth, climate change and the dynamic changes happening in our city.

For questions about the Game Plan process, please email: GamePlan@denvergov.org

- Denver to Explore More Mobility Enhancements along Broadway

DENVER – Denver Public Works is planning to look at new and improved travel options for people who work, live, play, and commute along the Broadway corridor. Additional efforts will be getting underway in the next few months:

The public can learn more about the bikeway study and provide feedback at www.denvermovesbroadway.com.

- The Greenway Foundation hosts 5th annual RiverFest

June 24-25 at Confluence Park and on Little Raven Street between 15th St. and Elitch Circle. For more information visit thegreenwayfoundation.org

- Cerveza Y Hamburguesas

Saturday May 6th, Overland Crossing - 5pm - 10pm All you can eat, all you can drink - \$40 Proceeds go to Extended Hands of Hope. See flyer below.

Compassion and open comments

Jack – welcoming new neighbors and returning neighbor into the hood. When one neighbor's car was in a wreck, another neighbor rented a car for her. Appreciates neighborly looking out for each other.

Terry - Thanked next door neighbors Hillary and Mike for delivering mail that was miss-delivered by the postman.

Ronnie - Presented his vase of beautiful flowers from his own spring garden to Judy who is going through a rough time with her mother.

Ray – when a young man came to take away all the old wood from the garage, his own kids assisted. Ray made sure they felt welcome and was thankful for their help

Charlie – Thanks to the travel agent in Seattle who tracked him down and offered him a job giving talks and being jovial on an upcoming tour on the Danube.

Rosanne – Thankful to the neighbors who welcomed her back after being gone for 3 years.

Jim – Thanked everyone who dropped by to help with garage rebuild.

Tracey – Helped a friend move her 93 year mother to a nursing home

Paul – shout out to Mara and OPNA board for showing so much compassion to the people who were against the Festival.

Judy – Has a compassion for life

Maggie – Thanked Overland neighbors for making the trip downtown and testifying for projects for the various Bonds.

Owen – Likes how we run fun meetings and is thankful for his 10 week old baby sleeping through the night.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, May 25**, 2017, at **6:30 pm** at **Overland Studios 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.

<http://www.opnadenver.org>

And like us on [Facebook](#)

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