



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – August 23, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara Owen

Welcome and Open Comments

36+ members and guests were present.

During introductions, several comments and recommendations were made to the group. A shout out to Levitt Pavilion and all the great music they are bringing into the area. Check out one of their free concerts at www.levittdenver.org

Minutes from July meeting

Minutes from the July 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		\$ 3,904.00
Membership Deposit		\$ 95.00
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Paid Checks		
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 3,994.00

	OPNA Funds	\$ 2,182.61
	Art Funds	\$ 1,811.39
Outstanding	New Signage	\$ 150.00

Police Report

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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.

Officer Mike Marquez

Crime Stats:

Still seeing “travelers” who capitalize on unlocked doors or visibly valuable items in vehicles.

Concerns about using drones to “case” neighborhoods and individuals breaking in to homes. Officer Marquez didn’t know about these instances, feels he would have, had report been written. But he will follow up and let us know if he hears anything more about it.

Updates about commander, can find out more about his plans during their monthly public meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month (2nd Tuesday for September) at District 3 Building (1625 S University).

Jennifer Williams with [Public Works: South Platte River Ecosystem Restoration](#) Presentation

Ecosystem restoration project along South Platte (w/ [Army Corps of Engineers](#)).

Study overview

Studying via Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Section 1135)

Authorizes Corp of Engineers to implement changes to existing Corps projects From South Yale to Mississippi Avenues.

They spent approximately 24 months on the study, with 3 public meetings throughout the study. Still open to comments on recreational components.

Recommended plan

Aquatic component: depth diversity, eddies; area west of golf course is not included in this component due to other contributing factors.

Riparian/Wetland Component: remove invasive species and replace with native species (along all of the 2.4 miles of the river included in the study); Biggest component is Grant Frontier, south of the bridge- fish and bird habitats, 2 channels, 2 small islands.

Recreation: River overlook @ Harvard Gulch, boardwalk trail to a habitat island, educational signage, there will be a trail though it might be located along a slightly different route; seeding

Cost- 12.4 million initially, along with additional funds to replace the pedestrian bridge south of Grant Frontier, if that is deemed as necessary based on bridge age and flood plain effects of the project.

Schedule

Report Approval by September 2018

Design complete by December 2019

Project completion by December 2021

Next Steps

Draft report available on Army Corps website (see [link](#))

Questions

How long will the bridge be down while it is being replaced? Ms. Williams was not sure since it is an add-on and plans have not been finalized and the bridge may not be replaced at all if there is no need. If they did replace the bridge, they would come back and present to us first.

How many trees would need to be removed? They are working to protect “screen” trees, along with some Cottonwoods. They will intentionally try to preserve as many as possible, but there will be some tree removal along the banks especially.

Additional answers to questions: Trail will be 12 ft wide where it is replaced/re-routed. Can download the project details from website to review trail route and project specifics. Ideal is passive recreation, rather than actively engaging in some specific activity.

Is this project addressing particular issues with fish and wildlife or is it taking proactive steps? S Platte River is pretty degraded as a whole for fish and wildlife (for example, water temp is often too high because the river is wide and shallow), so while this project doesn't totally get us to where we need to be, it makes drastic improvements to help. This, along with other projects will restore the river to better condition for fish and wildlife.

Will this project affect the Harvard Gulch Flood Plain area? New plans have been submitted to FEMA (unrelated to this particular project)

David Ehrlich: Grandoozy Music Festival updates (Sept 14-16)

<https://www.grandoozy.com/>

Rob gave some updates from the accountability committee meeting, looking at it from a holistic neighborhood experience that fits the intended scope of the committee. List of questions that the committee will review has been finalized, They will likely meet one more time prior to the festival. During and after the festival, the accountability committee will gather info and create a report that will inform their own, Superfly's and the city's practices moving forward.

Rob and Amy reviewed the memo that went out regarding community complimentary ticketing for Grandoozy. (see attached at bottom)

Based on customer comments and feedback on the various plans, an FAQ was put together and made available to the public. To view the FAQs on line go [HERE](#) .

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) www.luckyDistrict7.org

Maggie provided the following updates.

[Denveright](#) report is now available to read and open to public comment (especially useful might be ADU info)

Jolon is now president of city council, so he gets to meet weekly with the Mayor and one day per month he can bring up issues specific to District 7

Questions:

Issues with lot at Mike's Tavern: closed-down, but there are things accumulating in the parking lot, including drug paraphernalia. Maggie will check it out and follow-up with Neighborhood Inspections & Environmental Health

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

September 12

Dos Luces (1236 S Broadway, Denver, CO 80210)

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Denver Days Block Party - August 12th 4-9pm Pasquinel's Landing

The Annual Block party with Ruby Hill was a Huge success!!!

A rough count of all the people at the event was at least 100 neighbors and friends!

The music was phenomenal-- some people were even dancing. People enjoyed playing bocce, and of course the kids loved meeting each other and playing in the park. Rob even overheard them arranging follow-up playdates (sooo cute)! The kids and adults enjoyed checking out the fire truck which stopped by for a while and left with sirens blaring.

The food was amazing-- From grill-master Paul to all the wonderful food that was brought by so many neighbors. That wonderful pie baked by Mara's mom which so many got to enjoy. And the traditional Italian Ice which just never quits provided by Rita's from Colorado Springs thru Andrew Gehauf.

A big shout out and Thank you to Andrew Forlines for getting the permit, the fire truck, the barricades, setting up the eventbrite and providing the restaurant donations!

Thanks to Brandy and Jacqui for bringing your awesome Ruby Hill crew! It was so much fun seeing neighbors from across the way.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in making this event a success!

Levitt Pavilion: They would like to give us complimentary tickets to the upcoming

YES concert on Monday, Sept 3rd . Contact Mara Owen mkowen18@gmail.com to get these tickets if you're interested.

Megan: Urban Peak supply drive was a success this meeting and Megan proposed that we make this a quarterly tradition. We agreed to do another one in October, and will also plan another day to cook a meal for the youth at Urban Peak.

Jack: Autumn Equinox scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd (in the afternoon) at Pasquinel's Landing Park

Jim: Jim's brother has come to OPNA events in the past and really enjoys it!

Rob: Update on this year's Broadway Halloween Parade float (Saturday, October 20th): Pirate's of the South Platte theme, will have solar or other power hookup so we can get lights, etc on the float, all neighbors encouraged to participate!

Compassion

Thanks to Megan and Taylor from Denver Vape'n'Play!! We are very happy and thankful to have you in our neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, September 27**, 2018, 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. <http://www.opnadenver.org>

And like us on [Facebook](#)

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Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com

Complimentary Community Ticketing - Three Day GA Passes

Overland Park Neighborhood, Directly Adjacent to Festival

N: Golf Course/Jewell S: Evans E: Platte River Dr. W: Santa Fe

Residents of this section of Overland will be receiving decals for their vehicles so they may come and go, and park, while the festival is taking place. Since residents of this area are the most heavily impacted, they are guaranteed tickets, with a maximum of two tickets per household, which are non-transferable and do not require a community foundation contribution. They will be hand delivered to each household on Monday or Tuesday prior to the festival (September 10th- 11th). If no one is available to receive the tickets during these two days then the tickets can be picked up at the box office located on Florida St. on the following two days (September 12th-13th). See details below.

"Surrounding Neighborhood Residents (non-adjacent to the golf course)"

Athmar Park:

N: Alameda S: Mississippi E: S. Platte River Dr. W: Federal Blvd.

- Ken Knoblock president@athmarpark.com

Ruby Hill:

N: Mississippi S: Evan Ave. E: Platte River Drive W: Federal Blvd.

- Scott Bolt avsrawesome@yahoo.com

Overland (Entire neighborhood)

N: Mississippi S: Yale E: Broadway W: Platte River Drive

- Amy Razzaque opnainfo@gmail.com>

Platt Park:

N: I-25 S: Evans E: Downing St. W: Broadway

- Joe Beierl board@3pa.org or jbeierl@yahoo.com
- Two tickets per household / non-transferable / no in and out privileges

- \$25/day community foundation contribution required

Community Ticketing Notification and Pick Up Process

-Superfly will send/email instructions for ticket pick up to (i) each registered neighborhood organization above and (ii) Councilman Clark's office

-Neighbors may pick up tickets Wednesday September 12th or Thursday September 13th from 10:00AM to 8:00PM at the onsite box office – Florida Street off South Platte Drive.

-Ticket allocations are “first come – first serve”. If the allocation for Surrounding Neighborhood Residents is exceeded by demand, Superfly will offer festival tickets to neighbors (two per household) at a 50% discount.

-Each resident to provide proof of address and ID when picking up tickets that will then be marked off in the address database as claimed (ex: utility bill/drivers license).

We are not aware of any neighborhoods beyond the ones addressed receiving access to complimentary tickets.

If you have additional questions, please consult the FAQ page: <https://www.grandoozy.com/info/>