



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – August 24 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by President Mara Owen

**Welcome and Compassion**

25+ 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 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		\$ 4,044.00
Membership Deposit		\$ 100.00
Paid Outstanding		\$
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		<b>\$ 4,139.00</b>
	OPNA Funds	\$ 1,837.61
	Art Funds	\$ 2,301.39


## Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

720-913-1248

[Jim.lopez@denvergov.org](mailto:Jim.lopez@denvergov.org)

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

[pocketgov.org/police](http://pocketgov.org/police)

Sergeant Adolf Steinbach as been assigned to District 3.

[adolph.steinbach@denvergov.org](mailto:adolph.steinbach@denvergov.org)

720-913-1300

The Prevention party in district 3 was success. Regarding stats – nothing changed. New people in area – be careful of packages left, valuables in cars. Close garage doors. Broadway cop shop – VIP (Volunteers In Policing) program. If you are interested, contact the cop shop.

Rob – do they have paint for graffiti available in cop shop? Yes, before you paint over, take a picture and report as there is a unit that works on this.

Judy – packages – there have been some disappearance on Cherokee. Police work with UPS and FedEx – if they see something – they will report also. Work with neighbors to collect packages.

## **Karen and Melinda with Urban Peak - 1630 South Acoma St.**

Malinda and Karen following up on their presentation last month to field any additional questions.

[malinda.anderson@urbanpeak.org](mailto:malinda.anderson@urbanpeak.org)

Reminder of upcoming community breakfast.

Urban Peak hosts a community breakfast this September 14 as an annual

showcase of the organization. The event includes a complimentary breakfast, video presentation about Urban Peak, message from a former Urban Peak Youth, and information about how you can make an impact on the lives of youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. A link to the event is below--if you or any of your board members or neighbors would like to attend, let me know and I can arrange that. <http://www.urbanpeak.org/denver/events/reach-for-the-peak/>

They will be going to the city for re-zoning on the new Acoma project. Plan is to re-zone the property – from IA – to IMX3 or IMX5 where they would consolidate services into one building. Same # of beds (40 for the shelter). Add offices and affordable housing units.

Jim – 1980's King Soopers had a Chum program where through coupons donations were made. Might be something to consider doing again.

Ray – where do the kids come from ? all over Colorado – majority from the metro area but since they are nationally known sometimes from other states. Since the Family crisis center has closed they receive many referrals from case managers.

Mara – when go to council? Maggie – will get proposed calendar when we may need to provide level of support.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the shelter or taking a tour, please contact Clayton Gonzales, Assistant Director of Programs, at 303-974-2905, [clayton.gonzales@urbanpeak.org](mailto:clayton.gonzales@urbanpeak.org).

**Presentation by Chad Martinez (303-803-2442) [coloradoblueline@gmail.com](mailto:coloradoblueline@gmail.com)**

Chad approached the group to seek approval for a new business in our neighborhood planned to be a retro-themed video game lounge with cannabis consumption. Mid-sized establishment with retro and current consoles, serving pre-packaged food and beverages. Indoors, vape and edibles only. He provided a handout which explains the project including the safety and nuisance controls such as

- zero tolerance policy
- staff trained to detect and deal with impairment issues
- Quantity limitations
- Alternate transportation incentives
- Partnership with police and neighborhood

- Proper filtration and ventilation. NO outside consumption

He opened it up for questions.

Kevin – location? – SW corner of Harvard and Broadway. about 2500 sq ft.

Andrew – rules on Tobacco? – no usage – only cannabis vaping and edibles

Christen – how to handle people coming from bars (alcohol)? – no dual consumption. They will look for signs and will turn away anyone they suspect has been drinking.

Sam – charge admission? – hourly rate, similar to internet cafes. Customers provide own cannabis, they provide vape equipment.

Terry – hours? 2pm – 2am.

Phylis – you are making money from renting the time to use the equipment and video games. Is this for the homeless? No, it is geared towards those people living in apartments where there may be restrictions for consuming. This provides a safe and legal place to consume.

Mara – timing? Asking for a non-objection letter from neighborhood by Mid-late September which is needed for permit approval. They hope to open in January.

Andrew made a motion to take a vote tonight for providing a non-objection letter from the neighborhood. Jolon explained to us that by not taking a vote, they would not be able to apply for application. By providing a non-objection letter, it would allow them to file for permit.

After short discussion, vote was taken where 12 members were for the motion and 1 member against.

A letter will be drafted and approved and provided to Chad.

### **Post Chicken and Beer Request**

Filed application to expand outdoor area which they have been sending to people in neighborhood. Asking for a letter from OPNA. Also, you can sign a petition at the restaurant.

Ray – moved that we wait until they appear before us. All agreed.

### **Recap of Outside Lands Event**

Amy, Rob, Mara, Andrew – visited Superfly's Outside Lands event to do some fact finding on how the festival is run behind the scenes and how it might translate over

to our own festival next year. Each person took a different topic and reported back with notes and pictures presented to the group. Here's a brief synopsis from their presentation. Please reach out to them with any additional questions you might have.

Rob – integrated art and culture – no evidence of tire tracks. Booths for each neighborhood showing something unique about each neighborhood. A lot of symbolism throughout the park including Ranger Dave, a popular Instagram spot. Whole community came together through music, comedy, farmer's market. They met with security and the neighborhood hotline including the neighborhood association president who has been there for 10 years. They are still involved and totally positive about the festival. In the first 5 years there was a debriefing with the neighborhood before and after each festival where improvements were discussed and implemented in future years. All the people involved in Outside Lands are talking with people in Denver to share information on how to make this successful for everyone. Located in Golden Gate state park, on the polo fields and inside the botanic area of the park. Normal activities like roller skating rink continued outside the festival and in the park.

Amy – spoke of the planning of stages and how they were spacing them out and the timing of acts with the intention to spread out people, helping with the egress. There were stages of various sizes. Metallica and the Who, Smaller stages for local acts. More visibility. Accessibility – all stages had separate ADA access. Sound – biggest stage – walking behind the stage – did not hear anything. Only at about 45 degrees – started to hear the sound. Neighborhood – sound more ambient sound. Trash – Good signage for trash and recyclables. Volunteers and incentives with festival goers – pick up trash = free meal. Lockers. Diversity of the audience. Wide range of ages. A lot of babies and families.

Andrew – transportation – ingress and egress – dedicated crossing. Volunteers outside to direct people. Trash volunteers outside. Bike paths into the festival. Special parking tags. Fencing and crowd control - Bike valet – staffed. And also free bike parking. No full parking lots. Buses and Lyft and Uber, bikes and walking. Use of cameras to control the crowds. Wide and open paths, loops to slow down.

Mara – safety – command center – grid system broken up into 80 squares. Onsite medical staff – command chief – officer – plain clothes officer in each grid. A lot of fencing – 3 layers coming in. Wrist bands for festival goers allow access into different areas.

Judy – what to work on? They were concerned about the trash at night but found in the morning it was pristine. Cleaned up everything. In Denver usage of public transit will be very important.

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

Jolon Clark provided the following updates

- City council – completed the approval of projects for the upcoming GO Bond where the Jewell Pedestrian Bridge is included. Also 7 million dollars for Alameda underpass to include bike/ped/ADA improvements. Please vote!!
- Emerald ash bore has been seen in Lafayette. Go to site for more information. <http://beasmartash.org/>
- Denveright plans – several meetings scheduled on all the plans. See info below in community section...
- Halloween parade – Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. Third Avenue to Alameda.
- Electric eTuks providing free shuttle service on Broadway between Alameda and Sixth Avenue on Thursdays from 6pm - 10:30pm. Check it out during this 13 week pilot.
- Gates redevelopment maybe will go to city council by end of year.
- Trash – currently Denver diverts 20% from landfill. The city of Loveland diverts 60% by having weekly recycling pickup and charging for the size of normal trash bins. The national average is 43%. The city of Denver could be doing better and the only way to flip the switch is to go to a different system. Need to make a choice as a community to promote more composting and recycling to keep more trash out of landfill. This is just an idea which should be discussed and considered in the future.

Maggie – Urban Peak – opportunity to serve breakfast, lunch or dinner. She would like to collect a list of interested people in a combined Overland Park / Platte Park group. Anyone interested please contact Mara Owen at [mkowen18@gmail.com](mailto:mkowen18@gmail.com)

**OPNA History Corner, Jim Sample, lifetime resident of Overland.**

To view the full video of his stories, please visit our website [opnadenver.org](http://opnadenver.org).

We are looking to highlight a historical story during each meeting (5 minutes maximum time limit). Please contact OPNA to become a part of this interesting and important retelling and recording of our neighborhood history.

### 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 September 13th - Turtle Boat Poke party at Grant Frontier Park 6:30pm until...**

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

### Community announcements (open to anyone)

- Denver Days recap community picnic at Ruby Hill – many people turned out for the picnic at Ruby Hill during Denver Days which ended with everyone joining in listening to live music at Levitt Pavillion.
- **Block Party - TODAY, Sunday August 27th, 3:30 - 7:00pm 2200 Block of Acoma (between Iliff and Warren Streets)**
- **Denveright** – Second round of pedestrian and trails public meetings.

### REMINDER! Second Round of Pedestrian and Trails Public Meetings

- As a part of [Denveright](#) and [Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails](#), the City and County of Denver invites you to attend this second round of public meetings to examine costs, funding options and policies needed to achieve the community's vision for a walkable Denver and a world-class trail system.

Come to a meeting near you! **Meetings will be from 5:30-7:00pm and will present the same material and opportunities for input:**

- Aug. 29 – Montview Presbyterian Church, 1980 N Dahlia in central/NE Denver ([Facebook event here](#))
- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Skinner Middle School, 3435 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. in NW Denver ([Facebook event here](#))
- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Maxwell Elem. School, 14390 Bolling Dr. in far NE Denver ([Facebook event here](#))
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Thomas Jefferson High School, 3950 S. Holly St. in SE Denver ([Facebook event here](#))
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Castro Elementary School, 845 S. Lowell Blvd. in SW Denver ([Facebook event here](#))

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[The Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails plan](#) aims to improve walkability in Denver and to create a world-class trail system. This will be the first plan dedicated specifically to improving pedestrian and off-street trail experiences citywide. Ultimately, the plan will include a prioritized guide for improving Denver streets and crossings for people walking and providing trails that are appealing for both recreational and transportation purposes.

For a summary of the findings thus far, please review [the Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails Existing Conditions Report](#) which provides the most detailed inventory of Denver’s pedestrian and trail infrastructure to-date.

A sign language interpreter will be provided upon request with a three business-day notice. Contact [signlanguageservices@denvergov.org](mailto:signlanguageservices@denvergov.org). Spanish language interpretation provided at all public meetings. *Se provee interpretación en español en todas las reuniones públicas.* For more information please go to [www.denvergov.org/denveright](http://www.denvergov.org/denveright) and click on the “Pedestrians & Trails” tab.

- South Broadway Reconstruction Project wrap ups –

Denver Public Works has completed the reconstruction of South Broadway from Kentucky to Arizona and a section of Mississippi Avenue between Consolidated Main Line(CML) Railway and Sherman Street.

- Halloween Parade Float



- Yes – on the float!. Need to submit Entry form Oct 8<sup>th</sup> . Committee is forming with Rob Lovell as chairperson. Please contact him if you are wanting to be involved. Rob Lovell [Roblovell303@gmail.com](mailto:Roblovell303@gmail.com)

### Compassion and open comments

Terry – along with Mara worked on updating OPNA website with new history corner.

John – passion for and thankful for standup paddleboarding on the South Platte.

Tracy – thank you to the Denver police for coming early Sunday morning and removing the naked man on the porch who is now in jail for burglary.

Ronnie – thankful for his friendship with Carrie who caught her first fish on the South Platte

Carrie – thankful for the fish and the South Platte

Jim – thanked Maggie for getting work down on the house next door.

Chad (local business owner) – thankful for his daughter who is taking all honors this year

Melinda (Urban Peak) – compassion for those people who weren't born on an even playing field

Karen (Urban Peak) thankful for Winchell donuts

Maggie – thankful for Urban Peak and what they do

Rob – compassion for Charlie the dog

Amy – Mara for all her hard work for her dedication to being ethical and responsive and a great listener

Andrew – Judy – for walking 1000 blocks and handing out flyers for block party

Judy – for the entire group – how many people dedicated to the neighborhood. True community.

Eloise – Thanked Urban Peak for doing a great job

Ray – Denver police dept who have been prompt on many calls and for getting computers and phones installed at the cop shop

Paul – neighbors – George and Mara who provided useful travel information

Christen – Urban Peak and their presentation

### Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, September 28** , 2017, at **6:30 pmat** **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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