



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – February 22, 2018

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

**Welcome and Open Comments**

20+ members and guests were present.

During introductions, several comments and recommendations were made to the group.

**Minutes from January meeting**

Minutes from the January 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

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| Beginning Balance       |  | \$ 4,199.00        |
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| Membership Deposit      |  | \$ 80.00           |
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| Bank Fees               |  | \$ (5.00)          |
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| Ending Balance Per Bank |  | <b>\$ 4,274.00</b> |
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|  | OPNA Funds  | \$ 1,962.61 |
|  | Paint Money | \$ 2,311.39 |
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### Review of By-Laws

Annual review of By-laws which can be found at the end of this communication. Open for question/recommendations for change?

Eloise - Annual membership is by calendar year. During January, difficult to vote if no members have signed up yet. Proposed to have the month of January be grace period where any member from the previous year can participate in any vote presented during this first meeting of the year. Will write into by-laws to be presented for vote next month.

### 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 District 3.

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

720-913-1300

### BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

Follow the Denver police twitter page to see any information on line.

[Denver Police Dept. \(@DenverPolice\) - Twitter](https://twitter.com/DenverPolice)

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Ryan Koenigsfeld (720-641-1478) is the new liaison in district 3. Since he is very new to the area, he did not have any of the recent crime stats but will bring to next meeting.

Next commander's meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month, March 6th at 6pm.

### **Melissa with Rocky Mountain Human Service (RMHS)**

Melissa Emery spoke to us about the services provided by this non profit organization where in 2003, Denver voters approved a mill levy property tax to benefit Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Residents can access free programs and services and receive funds to pay for services not available from Medicaid or other funding sources.

Check out RMHS' website at [www.rmhumanservices.org](http://www.rmhumanservices.org) or call them at 303.636.5600. For a free growth chart for infants and toddlers, complete with developmental milestones, go to <https://www.rmhumanservices.org/ei>.

### **Justin Kruger w/ Project Helping**

<https://projecthelping.org/>

Project Helping organizes volunteer events specifically designed to make an impact — both on you and your community. Through the act of volunteering, participants actively invest in their communities while also reaping the benefits of increased mental wellness. We create and practice kindness! Started 4 years ago and continuing to grow with 450 volunteer events and over 6,000 volunteers. You can go to their website to find a calendar of events. Also, can sign up as a group and a select where you want to volunteer. It is encourage to find something close in your own neighborhood to make the biggest impact. They have recently added 'kindfulness for kids' where parents can bring their kids to some of the selected volunteering events. Money for the organization comes mostly from grants, individual donors, and their annual gala event. They have developed their own technology for managing the events.

Amy – as we are a compassionate neighborhood, would like to propose coming up with a volunteer experience together, possibly at Urban Peak in our neighborhood. We will discuss further in the next meeting.

### **Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) [www.luckyDistrict7.org](http://www.luckyDistrict7.org)**

Maggie provided the following updates from Jolon Clark's office.

- [Rainbow Crosswalk](#)

Buffalo Exchange Colorado, the Baker Broadway Merchant Association and the Office of Councilman Jolon Clark are working to install a rainbow crosswalk at Broadway and W Irvington Pl. This project is a visual demonstration of the neighborhood's spirit of inclusiveness and support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

We are looking to raise \$25,000 to cover the cost of installing permanent thermoplastic pavement markers in a rainbow of colors on two crosswalks along Broadway in Denver.

Any amount will help us reach our goal!

A motion was made to donate \$500 from our art fund to this project. All were in favor with one person abstaining. Motion passed.

- [Denverright](#) - Blueprint Denver Workshop

**Denverright is a community-driven planning process that challenges you to shape how we want to evolve in four key areas: land use, mobility, parks, and recreational resources.**

[Click here](#) to learn more, find upcoming public meetings, and make your voice heard through the online survey tool.

Next meeting scheduled

**Blueprint Denver Workshop: Let's Create a Complete City (3/14/2018)**

Mar 14 2018 - Mar 14 2018

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

End Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: DSST Byers School, 150 S. Pearl St., Denver

- **2018 Lucky District 7 Spring Cleanup!**

Join your neighbors for a district-wide spring clean up. We will be working to clean up the neighborhoods of Lucky District 7 on Saturday May 19th. Also, you can apply for a free tree! Looking for captains who can help to pick a project, for example picking up litter or helping out neighbors in need, or tree planting. There will be a party at the end of the event. See more here

[Learn more about the event and register to volunteer here.](#)

- Community Planning and Development (CPD) Maggie is a part of the slot homes working group. See the City [website](#) for more information.

Jack – asked about the follow up for the key to the doggie poopoo bag dispenser? Maggie talked to parks and rec where they will switch out the current dispensers with with a non-locking version.

**Kevin Dickson: Cherokee development (720-435-5909)**

Niccolo and Kevin presented a zone map amendment proposal for 2101, 2119, and 2125 South Cherokee St. where they are requesting a zoning change from the current Urban Neighborhood Context Row House (U-RH-2.5) to General Urban Neighborhood Context Multi-Unit 3 (G-MU-3). Close to the Evans light rail station, looking to build a 3 story building providing up to 32 affordable housing apartments with 17 parking space credits and 20 bicycle parking spaces provided. They presented the plan and asked for our support. Open discussion where neighbors showed concern for the number of units planned and how it would affect traffic in the area. Would also affect parking where currently requiring permits for parking in this area

Motion was made to write a letter of support for the development group where 3 members for, 14 against, 2 abstained. The motion was declined.

**Steve Kurtz with LCP Development [www.LCPdevelopment.net](http://www.LCPdevelopment.net)**

Tim Schlichting spoke to us regarding the development site at 2065 S. Cherokee where currently it is zoned as IA zoned and they are asking for rezoning to CRX8. In the last meeting when they presented, there was concern expressed by the neighbors regarding the number of units and parking. The development group went back and reviewed our comments and returned with a better plan with more parking spaces. The plan now is for 2 levels of parking above ground, 4000 sqft retails space and 5 residential stories above, making 8 stories total. A vote was taken on whether we would agree to submit a letter of support for this project. The motion was passed unanimously by the members. Mara will follow up with the letter.

## **Compassion**

Our compassion for this month is to work towards setting up a volunteer opportunity with Project Helping. Will continue to discuss in next meeting.

## **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.

- March 14th Due to the Denverright Blueprint Workshop happening on the same night as the social, it was decided to cancel the social this month and encourage neighbors to attend the workshop.

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

### Community announcements (open to anyone)

- Mara - went to check on pricing for neighborhood meeting signs where she found out that we can get better pricing by ordering more signs. Motion was made to budget \$150 towards the signs. Motion passed unanimously. Mara will proceed with obtaining the signs to be used for announcing future meetings.

- Free home painting for senior citizens and disabled home owners. Applications available, they also need volunteers. (See end of this notice for more details)

### Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, March 22**, 2018, at **6:30 pm** at **Studios and 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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From: **Jason Stutzman** <[jasons@brothersredevelopment.org](mailto:jasons@brothersredevelopment.org)>

Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 4:07 PM

Subject: 40th Anniversary Paint-A-Thon - Free House Painting for Seniors & Disabled

To:

Hello Denver Area Neighborhood Association,  
Brother's Redevelopment Inc. is eagerly anticipating the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Paint-A-Thon this year and we need your help. The Paint-A-Thon is a program that has utilized volunteers to paint the exterior of 7,250 homes over its history, each one absolutely **FREE OF CHARGE** to qualifying senior citizen and disabled homeowners. I have attached our 2018 Paint-A-Thon Senior Application to this email in pdf format or a senior can call me directly at the number listed below for assistance with the process. I have also attached a digital copy of our 2018 Paint-A-Thon promotional flier. Please feel free to share or forward either document as needed.

We need your help in getting the word out to deserving senior citizen or disabled homeowners who are 60 or over, live in a 1 or 1.5 story home, are living on a fixed income, and whose home is in need of exterior painting.

As an advocate for the elderly in your neighborhood, you can help us by nominating a senior citizen in need of this service. Some of our most rewarding volunteer projects have been when we facilitate a neighborhood volunteer team to paint the home of one of their own neighborhood residents in need. If you would like to see a short video about the Paint-A-Thon volunteer experience, please [click here](#).

Thanks for your consideration.

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