



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – February 27, 2020

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

Welcome and Open Comments

20+ members and guests were present.

Minutes from January 2020 meeting

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report January

Reminder: Annual dues apply to the full calendar year.

\$10 per household, \$25 business.

Paid members are voting members

Beginning Balance		\$ 4,678.85
Membership Deposit		\$
Paid Outstanding		\$
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 4,673.85

	OPNA Funds	\$ 2,862.46
	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39

Notes: \$180 of membership deposits will be on February's statement. Andrew will present options for new bank account with debit card and no bank fees within next month.

Police Report

CRO Kate Young

720-913-1248

kate.young@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

pocketgov.org/police

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)<https://twitter.com/DenverPolice>

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.

Jim Lopez has moved out of our district. Kate Young is now the Community Resource Officer (CRO) for District 3. Officer Antonio provided crime stats for our area compared with this time last year. Burglaries are up with 5 this year compared with 1 last year. Larceny and theft is down 50%. Auto theft is up which can be due to people starting cars in the cold and leaving them running. Best way to prevent theft is to keep your doors locked, even when at home and keep garage doors closed and locked.

There was a question about campers on Wesley where there are un-tagged mobile homes. Homeless outreach team is being sent out to have them moved/ticketed.

Donna Morganstern, running for District 1 State Dept of Education seat

donnamorganstern.com

720-935-8208

donnaforcokids@gmail.com

Find out more about Donna and where she stands for Colorado Kids on her website or thru her contact information. She continues to gather signatures to be placed on the ballot for June election.

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

Jolon was present and provided the following updates and information.

- Iowa underpass – thanked us for our work with communicating our concerns/desires for the project. They don't have it worked out yet. Lots of bureaucracy. To be continued.
- Reminder to have reusable bags available for use as the *plastic, paper bag* fee which will go into effect July 1st.
- New climate office has been created with a new executive directive assigned. The team is very diverse with 50% women. Holding task force meetings to determine answer the questions. What are we doing? What does science say we need to do? How can we close the gap? Their meetings are open to public. See website for more information denvergov/climate
- Group living – considering a change to the zoning provision to define how many people can cohabit. Current zoning code says that no more than 2 unrelated people can live per unit. The proposal is it change this up to 8 unrelated people per unit which came from existing federal determined groups - i.e. rehab. There is concern around DU area with college student housing and how this might affect single family homes and existing property values. Many agree that 2 is too low where some cities have higher caps and Seattle has no limit. There is one more public meeting left to voice opinions. See website for more information denvergov/living
- State has passed some new pot licenses where they are choosing to do or not to do home delivery, hospitality and social consumption. Dates and times to be determined.
- Single use plastics? State law was passed in 1979 stating that only at the state

level can it be decided what happens with single use plastics which means that Denver has to follow what the state decides. Currently there are 2 state bills being proposed related to single use straws and Styrofoam.

– Trash – The desire is to flip the compost and trash where residents would pay based on what they send to the landfill. Compost would be free, recycling collected once a week and fee for all other trash. Working on getting a proposal to take affect in 2021 where 75% could be diverted from the landfill.

Fun Fact - Jolon's favorite condiment is soy sauce mixed with yellow mustard and wasabi.

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 scheduled for

Wednesday, March 11th at [Somebody People](#) 1165 S Broadway #104, Denver, CO 80210

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- **Rosedale Elementary School** – DPS is looking at selling the school where there was a meeting which our member Judy Greek attended and provided the following information thru an email to the neighborhoods.

I am sending out this email to insure you have opportunity to attend a meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes (Iliff & Logan) on Thursday, March 12 at 6pm to learn potential plans for the former Rosedale Elementary School that has been closed these past 15 years. I attended tonight's meeting at South High School which was to discuss options for this property. More than 100 were in attendance. Based upon the tone of this meeting, it appears to be a long shot that DPS will re-open it as an elementary school. DPS plans to make a decision in the months ahead by utilizing data collected from 2006-2017.

The Archdiocese of Denver submitted a bid on this property last June to open a Catholic High School on the property. This Info was only released to the community a couple of months ago which inspired the news media announcements and the community meetings. Since DPS board has not met to discuss it formally as they have newly elected board members, they have not allowed the Archdiocese to present their proposal at these meetings (as it would not be appropriate at this time). However, the Archdiocese representatives wish to be transparent with the communities surrounding Rosedale Elementary to be clear on their intentions.

Please pass along this information to friends/neighbors that wish to be involved/informed. It became apparent at this second meeting that many in the community may not be pleased with the direction which DPS ultimately decides to do with this city property asset.

- **2020 Census.** The census is the way in which the government can determine how to route funding to schools and it is critically important that everyone respond. Volunteers are going door-to-door to collect this information which is de-identified when sent to the government. This means it is safe to report all persons living in your residence which does not include any questions of citizenship and is not connected to ICE.

- Primary **Election** is Tuesday, March 3 when ballots need to be in. See this [link](#) for places to drop off ballots.

- DRCOG – is running workshops on leadership skills in April – May. Check our Facebook page for more details and link to application.

- The **Spring Equinox Party** is scheduled for around March 21st. Stay tuned for announcement.

Denver Parks and Recreation Activity Guide

Denver Parks & Recreation's [Spring Activity Guide](#) is now LIVE! Please share

the information with your community, networks, and through social media. Those who have an account are able to save classes to sign up later.

Click here to view the Spring 2020 Activity Guide. Learn more about Denver's recreation centers and how to register for classes

at www.denvergov.org/recreation. Each Recreation Center has one hard copy of the activity guide available to view at the recreation center only.

[Registration begins Tuesday, February 25th at noon.](#)

Input Wanted | Park Activity Survey Open - Sanderson Gulch & Villa Place Parks

Input wanted!

Denver Parks and Recreation and the Community Active Living Coalition (a program of Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure) are considering partnering to pursue a funding opportunity that would allow for improvements in either Sanderson Gulch or Villa Place Parks. Improvements could include exercise and play equipment; mile markers & other signage; shade/shelter structures & more!

[Take the survey via web link.](#)

[Share the survey on Nextdoor.](#)

[Share the survey on Facebook.](#)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2020** include the following: March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22

Next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **March 26**, 2020, 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