



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – February 23 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by President Mara Owen

#### **Business**

#### **Welcome and Compassion**

30+ members and guests were present. During introductions, several acts of compassion were expressed, actually more than any other meeting since we declared ourselves to be a Compassionate neighborhood. Here is just a sampling of some of the many thoughtful comments.

Mara - thanked Andrew for shoveling the walk before we came in

Terry - thanked Alex and Amelia for walking neighbor with flyers for public meeting

Tracey – thank everyone who helped working on the bridge and stopping the graffiti

Julia – thanks for the chocolate cookies

Amy – thanked Julia for the black bean brownies

Paul – help with garage

Margaret – thanked Marilyn for helping her to get to the meeting

Andy – grateful to be playing a gig for an event to raise money for bone marrow cancer research

Sydney – thankful for Andy

Grace – grateful for cookies and coffee.

Max – grateful for people being grateful

JC – grateful for Mara – great asset to the neighborhood

Janet – grateful for the number of people who turned out

David – grateful for the venue

Jolon – grateful to the teenager walking by who moved the bins out of the way when he was backing out the driveway

Chris – grateful for all of us and our support

Chase – grateful for his first baby son

Fred – grateful that his kids left for college

Andrew – grateful for our understanding of his challenged techiness

#### **Annual review of OPNA bylaws**

We have a task to review the OPNA bylaws every year in February where suggested changes may be considered to be made to the existing bylaws. President Mara read the current bylaws Mission Statement:

#### **PURPOSE AND VISION**

– to encourage communication and participation among members so that problems can be understood and solved and opportunities recognized and realized

– to allow members to distinguish their own self-interests as a community and recognize how these fit or conflict with those embraced by other

communities and governmental jurisdictions

- to make members better aware of the rights and tools to accomplish these ends available to them within Denver City, Colorado State and Federal government
- to leave the subsequent generation with better neighborhood conditions and possibilities than today's

One addition was presented to be added to the section MEETINGS, ELECTIONS, MEMBERSHIP and VOTING. It was agreed with no objections to add the following

"Each member has a voice in the meetings where ethical and honorable conduct is to be expected."

The new bylaws will be uploaded to our website shortly.

### Minutes from January meeting approved

#### Treasurer Report

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

Thank you to our new Business memberships

Hobby Farms DBA Acut Above

DGS DBA The Kind Room

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,542.40
Membership Deposit		\$ 1,225.00
Payments Outstanding		\$ (34.67)
		\$ (753.73)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 3,979.00
	OPNA Funds	\$ 1,677.61
	Paint Money	\$ 2,301.39

### Police Report and COP shop

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

The Grand Opening for the new COP Shop was held on Saturday, Jan 28 where several people from our neighborhood came to check it out.

Jim appreciated our support.

Broadway COP Shop

487 S. Broadway #300

Denver, CO 80209

Presentation from Denver Arts and Venue, <http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/>

Presenters:

Lisa Gedgaudes, AVD Program Development 1, [Lisa.Gedgaudas@denvergov.org](mailto:Lisa.Gedgaudas@denvergov.org)

Brendan Picker, Public Art Coordinator, [brendan.picker@denvergov.org](mailto:brendan.picker@denvergov.org)

Brendan has been involved for the past few years. He talked about the various projects that they have been involved with including Red Rocks and the Denver Coliseum, Denver Performing Arts and McNichols Civic Center Building. Back in 1988 it became a law that for any project over 1 million dollars approved by the city, 1% of the budget is taken out to be used specifically for art. They are doing an art installation for the upcoming Levitt Pavilion. They are also involved working with schools and also an affordable housing project for artists in River North where 100 units are planned by 2019. They are also working on a music study plan for Denver and working the Chris from Levitt and also the Five Points Jazz Festival.

Lisa spoke about the 2017 funding opportunities which includes Denver's Urban Arts Fund, Imagine 2020 Fund and P.S. You Are Here. They presented a video of some of the ways the funding is used including improving intersection, murals to prevent tagging and graffiti, even a dumpster project in Sun Valley where kids came out and beautified the dumpsters in the area. See the flyer below for more information and proposal dates . Or you can find this information on their website.

Mara – 2 years ago we formed an art committee which put together a grant proposal to paint Evans bridge. OPNA obtained a grant from the Urban Arts Fund (UAF) where \$5,000 was provided which went towards the painting of the Evans Bridge. Total cost was around \$13,000. She is looking to form an art committee again and looking for volunteers to join the committee. Please contact Mara for more details on how to get involved and become part of this committee at [mkowen18@gmail.com](mailto:mkowen18@gmail.com).

Lisa will come back and talk to the committee to help to realize our ideas.



## 2017 Funding Opportunities

Arts, culture and creativity contribute significantly to Denver's economy and quality of life by offering unique experiences to residents and visitors, creating jobs, attracting a talented workforce and strengthening the community. **IMAGINE 2020**, Denver's community-based cultural plan, provides strategic vision and implementation support for arts, culture and creativity to thrive.

Three funding opportunities in 2017 drive the momentum for Denver's Cultural Plan and help to make this collective vision a reality. The following provides a top line description and important dates for each opportunity to help guide your application process. Visit [ImagineDenver2020.org](http://ImagineDenver2020.org) for more details.

Be **INSPIRED**, get **CREATIVE** and **IMAGINE** what you can do for you city.



### DENVER'S URBAN ARTS FUND (UAF)

Now in its ninth year, UAF is a graffiti prevention and youth development program which facilitates the creation of new murals in perpetually vandalized areas throughout the City and County of Denver. The program has created over 160 murals, over 228,000 square feet of walls from vandalism and engaged over 2,750 Denver youth and 550 community participants in the development and installation of these murals.

Call for proposals: February 20 – March 20, 2017

Submission deadline: 5 p.m. on March 20, 2017

Award Notification: April 2017



### IMAGINE 2020 FUND

Now in its third year, the I2020 fund will help support and generate awareness of programs that take action on one or more of the 7 vision elements of the cultural plan launched in 2014 for Denver. These are: 1) Integration, 2) Amplification, 3) Accessibility, 4) Lifelong Learning, 5) Local Talent, 6) Economic Vitality, and 7) Collective Leadership, as well as the visions' goals and strategies.

Call for proposals: May 3 – June 16, 2017

Submission deadline: 5 p.m. on June 16, 2017

Award Notification: July 2017



### P.S. YOU ARE HERE (PSYAH)

Now in its fourth year, PSYAH is a citywide creative placemaking and neighborhood revitalization initiative that cultivates collaborative, community-led outdoor projects in Denver's public spaces. PSYAH funds help support creative, short-term physical improvement projects that aim to transform our underutilized urban spaces to increase collaboration, honor heritage, build civic engagement, beautify neighborhoods, enrich communities and inspire long-term change.

Call for proposals: August 7 – September 15, 2017

Submission deadline: 5 p.m. on September 15, 2017

Award Notification: October, 2017



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For more information, visit [ImagineDenver2020.org](http://ImagineDenver2020.org) or contact us at [info@denverartsandvenues.org](mailto:info@denverartsandvenues.org) or [303.733.1234](tel:3037331234)

### 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 March 8th - Euro Crepes 1842 S Broadway #103 6:30pm until...**

Note: There will be an Un-graffiti party on Evans bridge before the social. The plan is to take the green paint we have and cover the graffiti on any of the medallions. We will start at 6:00pm from the South East side of the bridge and work for about 20 minutes. Email Mara for questions.

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

**Update on the progress of Levitt Pavilion at Ruby Hill Park** [www.levittdenver.org](http://www.levittdenver.org)

Chris Zacher, Executive Director, Master of Ceremonies Levitt Pavilion Denver [chris@levittdenver.org](mailto:chris@levittdenver.org)

Chris provided an update to the Ruby Hill project and introduced Chase, [chase@levittdenver.org](mailto:chase@levittdenver.org), who is the production director responsible for booking the music.

Levitt Pavilion Denver is a public / private partnership with the city of Denver where they have been working for several years to bring free music and concerts to the Ruby Hill Park area. Currently, they are under construction where the base of the stage has been formed out. The first concert is planned for July 20<sup>th</sup>. Concerts and events are scheduled for Thursday - Sunday, during the summer, Friday-Sunday in September.

The plan for this year is to have 33 concerts in total, closing the weekend of Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. The types of music is eclectic and varied with focus on local bands. There will be 10 paid ticket events where UB40 is the first one scheduled on Saturday, July 21st. See the website for more details and to purchase tickets.

Andy, [Andy@levitt.org](mailto:Andy@levitt.org), is working on community outreach with plans to meet quarterly to discuss what we might want to see in the community. Currently working with Ian Harwick from Athmar Park to install a movie screen projector for summer movies in the park. Also working with other groups such as Colorado Ballet and other art forms to be a part of the pavilion offerings. They are also working with the local community youth in a program call Band Start where kids take lessons provided by Swallow Hill and those in the program are able to keep the instrument at the end of the program. Also working with Denver Health, Bonfils, Global Downs Syndrome and are looking for other partnerships along with more philanthropic money.

Comment – Sounds great and very exciting!

Question: Would the proposed music festival at Overland Golf course compete with your activities? Yes, where it is up to the community to decide. Levitt is not connected with the proposed Music Festival.

Rob – asked about the concessions and whether there are sales tax generated? There will be alcohol and various food trucks during the events. The city maintains the building.

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

Jolon provided the following updates:

1. Iowa underpass – they have received the grant to improve the underpass where the city has to find matching dollars. The plan is to remove the steps and replace with ramps for bikes and pedestrians. Also plan to move the bike path to the west side of the berm along Santa Fee connecting from Florida to Jewell.
2. This spring they are hosting a district wide event – "cleanup and beautify" where the focus is on planting trees. The Emerald ash bore program is continuing. See <http://beasmartash.org/>.
3. Grant Frontier park is officially open. Ribbon cutting is tentatively planned for May 15th.

Amy – asked if any results from gobond? Not yet. Mayor putting together committee where he is hopeful that the pedestrian bridge at Jewell will be considered.

#### **Community announcements (open to anyone)**

Ronnie – spoke about Trout Unlimited and Denver South Platte River where Rhys Duggan and his company have committed to stocking the river with 3,000 rainbow trout, where 1,500 will be release in the Invesco area and 1,500 at Overland.

Mara - see flyer for meeting next Tuesday regarding South Platte River Restoration



## South Platte River



### South Platte River Ecosystem Restoration Public Meeting

February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Presentation at 6:00 pm; Open House before/after

Fleming Mansion, 1510 S Grant Street  
(Adjacent to Decker Branch Library)

#### Project Description

The City and County of Denver and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District will host a public scoping meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 to gather public input on ecosystem restoration solutions for degraded habitat along portions of the South Platte River in Denver, Colorado. The proposed project area includes approximately 1.8 miles of the South Platte River from West Harvard Avenue downstream (north) to West Mississippi Avenue.



Mara - see flyer below for next public meeting of proposed music festival at Overland Golf Course on Tuesday, March 14th.



## Public Meeting



Tuesday, March 14

6:00-7:30PM

Overland Golf Course Clubhouse  
1801 S. Huron St.  
Denver, CO 80223

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**Project:** Potential Music Festival in District 7

**Purpose:** Please join the City and County of Denver, the Overland Park Neighborhood Association, the Ruby Hill-Godsman Neighborhood Association and the Athmar Park Neighborhood Association for the second public meeting to continue the conversation regarding a potential music festival at the Overland Golf Course.

- *Spanish language translation services will be provided.*
- *A sign language interpreter or CART will be provided upon request. Three business days' notice is requested. Contact [SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org](mailto:SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org).*
- *For any other public accommodation requests/concerns contact [DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org](mailto:DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org).*



For more information and to access FAQs, please visit:  
[www.denvergov.org/specialevents](http://www.denvergov.org/specialevents)

### Open forum and discussion of potential music festival at Overland Golf Course

An open forum was provided for everyone to have an opportunity to express why they are for or against the proposed festival.

The direct link to the Festival website where you can read the questions and answers from the first public meetings can be found [here](#).

For more information about the festival and how to make your voice known, please visit our website [here](#).

Please contact [mkowen18@gmail.com](mailto:mkowen18@gmail.com) if you would like to help with continuing to outreach to the neighborhood on how to find out more information about the proposal and the next public meeting being held at Overland Golf Course, March 14th.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm**

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, March 23**, 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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