



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

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

Brendan Picker, Public Art Coordinator, 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.

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

Chris provided an update to the Ruby Hill project and introduced Chase, 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 20th. 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 24th. 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, 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 28th, 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

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.*
- *For any other public accommodation requests/concerns contact DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org.*



For more information and to access FAQs, please visit:
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 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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