



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – May 23, 2019

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

**Welcome and Open Comments**

20+ members and guests were present.

**Minutes from April 2019 meeting**

Minutes from the April 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		\$ 4,789.25
Membership Deposit		\$ 95.00
Ruby HILL		\$ 150.00
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ <b>4,979.25</b>

	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,167.86
	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39

### 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)

### 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](http://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.

No police present at the meeting but Jim Lopez passed along the information regarding their fishing event on Saturday, June 1st at Wash Park between 8am-noon.

**DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION**

**ANNUAL  
CREEK DAY**

**at Washington Park**

701 S. Franklin St. Denver Colorado 80201

**SATURDAY JUNE 1ST 8AM - 12PM**

**Denver Parks and Recreation's Ranger Program is hosting Creek Day, a FREE fishing day for kids and families in Denver's Washington Park!**

**FREE and open to the public. No fishing license required!**

**Chances to win great fishing prizes Fishing equipment will be provided**

**Meet with:**

- Local fishing organizations
- Denver Police Dept.
- Denver Mounted Police and more!

For more information contact:  
Jack Pritchett, Fishing Program Coordinator  
[Fishingisfun@denvergov.org](mailto:Fishingisfun@denvergov.org)



### **Seeds and Seedlings updates (Rob)**

Rob, participating in the Grower program where community organizations share growing tips and tricks with neighbors encouraged all of us to plant and harvest, and then share any surplus harvest to local food pantries that can use the food to serve others. He brought 8 seedlings and several seed packets to share with the group. Thank you Rob!

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

No one present from Jolon's office and the following updates were provided by Mara

Maggie hosted a **Waste Extravaganza** tour of our landfill, compost and recycling facility where 5 OPNA members were educated and enlightened by the amazing ways Denver processes waste. They each came home with a jar of compost as proof that the green barrels really work!

**Grandoozy Community Fund.** There is \$137,000 available to the Neighborhood Fund and \$137,000 for Parks and Recreation provided by the proceeds from ticket sales at the Grandoozy last year. There was a meeting held to review the final projects list based on community input on how the funds should be allocated. Please take some time to review, rate and comment at the following survey link

<https://www.luckydistrict7.org/grandoozy-info.html>

- **Election** – please remember to vote by June 4th where there is a new initiative included in this run off ballot. For more information go to [denvervotes.org](http://denvervotes.org).

### **Platte River Float Trip Update**

Ronnie Crawford, River Rat Extraordinaire, has been monitoring the water flow on the river (CFS) to determine when is the right time to go floating, where there is enough water to have fun but not too much to be dangerous. This is NOT a neighborhood sponsored event, and is open to anyone to join at their own risk. The plan is to start the float from Carson's Nature Center, stop for lunch along the way at the Belleview Promenade, finishing the float at Sheridan River Park. Watch out for the Facebook posting of dates and times. Or you can communicate directly with Ronnie at [falconcentral@gmail.com](mailto:falconcentral@gmail.com)

### **Vape'n'Play (Megan and Taylor)**

Megan and Taylor are the owners of the 2nd licensed cannabis consumption location, Vape and Play at 1753 S. Broadway. For the past 2 months they have been in a joint venture with the event planning company Dean Ween's Honey Pot Lounge where they learned a lot more about their business and the people they attract. In the past months of operation, they have not received any odor complaints or any other bad reports from other businesses or neighbors in the area. Working as a community based business model, Vape and Play initially came to us for a letter of support which included the hours of operation. Currently they are open from Noon-10:30pm Sunday-Wednesday and Noon-11:30pm Thursday-Saturday. Based on what they learned so far, they came back to us with the following 3 requests for our consideration and approval.

1. Hours of operation – Request is to extend the hours of operation to Noon-Midnight 7 days a week with the option to extend to a 2am closure to allow for special events.
2. Spa events - they would like to provide spa events in the facility where topical THC is used in therapeutic massage. This would be a new opportunity for them which is already approved by the department of public health.
3. Edibles - they would like to add to their business model, the education of the usage of edibles where they would work directly with customers to teach them how edibles work and how it can affect them when using.

Mara made a motion to the group to support the addition of these 3 requests to the existing business model. It was seconded by Amy and put to a vote where it was passed unanimously.

### **Levitt Pavilion (Andy)**

Andy Thomas is one of the (4 person) full time staff at Levitt Pavilion at Ruby Hill. Opening on Friday, May 24th, the non-profit concert venue is offering 53 free concerts along with some paid concerts throughout the summer. Levitt Pavilion also has a Community Advisory Board made up of people from the surrounding neighborhoods. Judy Greek is our neighborhood representative who you can talk to about any concerns you might have regarding the concerts including parking and traffic.

Levitt Pavilion is looking for volunteers to help out during their free concerts along with a number of interns they have recruited from CU Denver. Volunteering is a great way to get to know the facility and to enjoy this wonderful space while listening to some

great music. Duties include greeting concert goers, checking in VIPs and selling t-shirts. See

**Levitt Pavilion** [Denver](#)

for a link to sign up as a volunteer.

### **Broadway Development (Ben Hrouda)**

[Flywheel Capital](#) is a local development company, active in our neighborhood where in February they purchased 31,000 square feet of space on the north west corner of South Broadway and West Yale Avenue. They want this project to bring new life to the area. They presented a conceptual rendering of a 5 story building with the bottom floor as retail, second floor business space and 3 stories of rental units. Currently this area is zoned for 3 stories and they are asking for our support of a rezoning change to 5 stories (MS5). Housing would include 88 units which would include 1-2 bedroom and studio apartments, with 10% affordable units. They plan for 94 parking spaces for residents along with some surface parking for retail. Outreach to neighboring Swallow Hill has had a favorable response. They are also committed to seeding a fund for The Greenway Foundation which could benefit residents in the area. They are continuing to do further outreach to the neighbors in the immediate area and also looking for input as to what type of retail makes sense in this location. General consensus from the group was the need for fresh food, grocery/market which would enable local residents better access to necessities within walking distance, improving the overall walkability in this area.

A motion was made by Andrew, to agree to write a letter of support in favor of the project which would include further outreach to the immediate neighborhood area and a good neighbor agreement.

Motion was seconded by Mara. Motion passed with 14-For, 1-Against, 0-Abstained

### **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

### **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

**June 12, 6:30pm at AJ's Pit BBQ** 2180 S Delaware St, Denver, CO 80223 Please RSVP on Facebook.

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

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

Mark Bethel from [Arcadia Properties](#) presented a conceptual rendering for 3 duplexes to be built on the corner of West Jewell Ave and South Huron Street across from Overland Golf Course where no re-zoning is required. As time was limited, we have invited Mark back to do a more formal presentation a future meeting.

**Summer Solstice** – our quarterly celebration of the seasons is scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd – 10am at Grant Frontier Park. Look for announcement on Facebook.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm**

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2019** include the following: June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, June 27, 2019, 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**

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