



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – January 25, 2018

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

**Welcome and Opening thoughts**

30+ members and guests were present. Co-President Amy opened the meeting with the following:

*Before we begin, I'd like to take a moment to recognize we are meeting on indigenous land where the Ute and Arapaho nations thrived from time immemorial prior to European colonization and its lasting effects, still felt by Indigenous peoples today.*

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

**Minutes from October meeting**

Minutes from the October 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	17	Oct-	\$ 4,479.00
Membership Deposit			\$ -
Bank Fees			\$ (15.00)

Insurance		\$ (265.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank	17	Dec- \$ <b>4,199.00</b>
Outstanding	Paint	\$ -
	Insurance OPNA	\$ -
	OPNA Funds	\$ 1,887.61
	Paint Money	\$ 2,311.39

**Police Report**

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District 3

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[pocketgov.org/police](http://pocketgov.org/police)

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**BROADWAY COP SHOP**

487 S Broadway

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**Deputy DA Chris Curtis - Denver District Attorney's Office**

Chris who works with Beth McCann in the DA's office provided a handout on the District Attorney's Office Update - November 2017. Then opened up for questions, comments.

Jolon – Merchants on Broadway are concerned that when they call the police on a

disturbance, they come and take the people away but then they come back in a few hours. Everyone is frustrated. What can be done about the loitering and drugs? Need specific reason to hold someone and can only hold them for certain amount of time. Police don't have authority to keep them out unless the person has been put on notice.

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

Steve Kurtz showed conceptual drawings of a proposed new housing project they are working on at 2065 South Cherokee. Currently zoned as industrial area, they were attracted to this area because of access to transit including RTD station and bus lines. This would include 4 stories of residential and 2 levels of commercial. They have already applied for zoning change from IA to CRX-8. Car parking provided with .86 ratio, also designated bike parking. 136 rental units.

Amy – what is the rental price of units? From \$1,300 up to 2b2b at \$2,300 with no affordable housing units.

Kristin - are they part of green roof initiative. Yes, and they plan for a solar array on top to feed back into. The green roof initiative adds about 1% to the total cost

Judy – currently they have permit parking in her area and is concerned with more parking in the area. They are working on some type of ride sharing with the project.

Maggie – also mentioned they should review [TOD](#) and [TDM](#) and what they can do to encourage people to use the mass transit.

Mara – asked if they are looking for our support? Yes. It was decided that no vote would be taken until there are enough voting members. Asked them to come back to a future meeting.

**Urban Peak update Ben Kelly** [benwkelly28@gmail.com](mailto:benwkelly28@gmail.com)

Ben from Urban peak on South Acoma gave an update on the rezoning application submitted back in October.

- The Planning Department gave the application a recommendation for approval.
- The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning.
- They are currently scheduled to be at City Council on Monday, March 5 for the final public hearing and Council vote. Once approved, will require state tax competition and Capital campaign. .

Ben thanked us for the letter of support from Overland Park, and the neighborhood's overall support for the work that Urban Peak does.

### **Andy Stewart with Public Works Wastewater Management**

Andy spoke of the stormwater improvements at Sanderson Gulch. Will be affecting traffic along Platte River Drive and Florida Avenue. As part of the South Platte improvements, will result in some homes being removed out of the existing flood plane. Construction started this week and will last about 1 year with the heaviest construction during March time frame. They will not be affecting the South Platte Regional Trail and are working with Levitt Pavilion and Music Festival to minimize the impact during times of concerts.

Learn more at [denvergov.org/sandersongulch](https://denvergov.org/sandersongulch)

See also flyers at end of these notes.

### **Social Consumption Area Taskforce update**

Mara announced that she is now on the Social Consumption taskforce related to I-300 which passed in the spring last year where businesses can apply for a license to consume marijuana on premise. There are many restrictions where no one has made it through the process. The taskforce was created to review and propose any changes to the process which would need to go to city council for approval.

### **Overland Festival Accountability Meeting Debrief**

Rob and Terry are part of the Oversight committee which was created to view the Overland Music Festival from the 10,000 foot level. 14 people on the committee and representatives from the neighborhoods around the area including Overland Park, Athmar Park, Ruby Hill, Platte Park. Also included are representatives from the golfing community and neighbors most affected by the location of the festival. They will meet several times and after the festival will report back to the mayor with their observations and constructive feedback. Amy - What are the Key takeaways so far? it's a good well rounded group with representatives from all neighborhoods and golf community. The first meeting purpose was to set the stage for expectations of the group. Will meet several times during the planning, setup process and the festival to record observations.

### **David Erlich - Overland Music Festival Update**

David Erlich [dehrlich1156@gmail.com](mailto:dehrlich1156@gmail.com) reported that the festival prep is going well. Regarding traffic and ingress and egress, they have hired **Creighton Manning**, a company who has provided parking and traffic planning services for music festivals and major special events for more than 30 years. Regarding the various plans related to the festival, there will be time to review and give opinions before

going to the city for final approval. They are working on finalizing the ticketing company. Have advisory group of chefs for ambassadors for local food community. The lineup is coming together with plan for a broad range of types of music. Marketing group is in town next week to listen to us for marketing ideas and feedback. **They are locking in March 1<sup>st</sup> as the formal announcement, location to be determined, maybe the golf course club house. Tickets will start to go on sale March 16<sup>th</sup>.** The community foundation is moving forward where they plan to give back to the community directly. They have already allocated fund to Levitt Pavilion. Looking to give out 10 smaller distributions instead of 1 large amount. Three representatives from OPNA will help to decide. The festival is a non-driving event, although they are seeking parking within the neighborhood for staff.

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

Updates

- City council – now has 1 billion dollar bond projects and working on how to get people on the projects. They started a pilot program where they mapped the city to find local people in jobs in the area of each project. For example, people in construction get to the front of the line for employment in their own zip code for the project. If that works, then they will apply this to other projects.
  - Green roof initiative – Jolon will sit on the committee to help review and see if needs to be tweaked. Any changes will need to go to city council. Reach out to him with any ideas.
  - Second Spring Cleanup scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at [www.luckydistrict7.org](http://www.luckydistrict7.org).
  - GO bond – Jewell pedestrian bridge included with no date yet. A consultant team has been selected to run the project.
  - Composting is now city wide. Sign up to participate.
  - In order to meet with people informally, Jolon has setup to meet for Happy Hour once a month and early morning coffee once a month. Next Happy Hour is on February 15<sup>th</sup>, at Mutiny Information Cafe, 2 S. Broadway 8:00pm- 10:00pm.
- Jack – asked about the 2 doggie doo bag containers at the 2 parks but no bags. He reported to 311 but no response. Jolon will find out what happened to the bags and why they are not being replenished.

**Compassion and compassion charter**

**In 2014, Overland Park Neighborhood declared ourselves to be a Compassionate Neighborhood. Jack and Amy provided a handout with more information related to this which you can find at the end of these notes. Moving forward the intention is to open each meeting with introductions including expressions of gratitude and/or recommendations for the neighborhood. At the end of each meeting, when time allows, we will close with a few compassionate stories where neighbors are welcome to tell their story.**

### **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.

**- February 14th Alternation Brewery - 1539 South Broadway**

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

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

Rob - Denver Digs Trees 2018 applications are now available... Deadline February 15th. Order your trees today at <http://theparkpeople.org/Plant-Trees>

Ray – Broadway Cop Shop is always looking for more volunteers. Refer to the information provided under the Police Report.

Kevin Dickson – looking at a parcel at 2101 South Cherokee wanting to make a slight change in zoning – GMU3 from current UR2H5 in order to build a multi-unit housing development. He is in the pre-application phase now. He will come back to next meeting when there is more time to present the information to the neighbors.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm**

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, February 22**, 2018, at **6:30 pm** at **John Collins Church** 2320 S. Bannock 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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