



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – July 22, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara via Zoom conferencing.

A link to our **COVID19 resources page** is found [here](#) on our OPNA website.

Minutes from June 2020 meeting

Minutes from the June 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

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| Beginning Balance | | \$ 4,838.85 |
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| Membership Deposit | | \$ |
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| Paid Outstanding | | \$ |
| Bank Fees | | \$ (5.00) |
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| Ending Balance Per Bank | | \$ 4,833.85 |
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| | OPNA Funds | \$ 3,027.46 |
| | ART Funds | \$ 1,811.39 |

Andrew: We will have to wait a couple of months to get new free bank account because they are requiring us to obtain our own 501c3

Mara: we might want to start with the regular bank account and then switch to 501c3 later

Police Report

CRO **Kate Young**

720-913-1248

kate.young@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

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Update

CRO Kate Young: kate.young@denvergov.org

CRO AJ Pacheco: Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org

- **Michelle Fuller:**
 - Has been in law enforcement for 20 yrs, also paramedic background; married, gay; female in law enforcement; has done a lot of training in various subject areas.
- Here is the statement that OPNA and other SW Denver neighborhoods released around supporting racial equity and an inclusive community: <http://www.opnadenver.org/inclusive-community.html>
 - Are there any resources or commitments that you feel DPD aligns with?
- Some questions to eventually address (at a later meeting). This isn't meant to bombard you, or anything like that, and these questions may be better answered by someone else, but I thought it could be a starting point to get some hard facts out to folks.

- What is DPD's strategic plan to address changes to establish more racial equity in its practices?
 - Available online on Denver Gov site:
 - 5 tenets: prevent crime while treating people w/ respect
 - Reducing social harms (MH, sub abuse, reducing fear of crime, traffic & ped safety)
 - Precision policing- using various metrics to meet outcomes
 - Robust data system
 - Assess data to see how they can be more precise in addressing root cause
 - Resiliency and wellness within DPD
 - Increasing info via social media
 - Decreasing high frequency crime
- What is being done to address implicit and explicit bias? What education does DPD offer around systemic oppression and culturally responsive practices? Are these mandatory or optional?
 - Takes about a year to get into police dept; mandatory anti-bias training; all officers attend at least 40 hrs of Crisis Intervention Training; recruit officers attend Special Populations panel to hear diverse voices and gain exposure
 - Street patrol officers attend another 40 hr class that goes into topics above in more depth. This training is more flexible and oftentimes more current issues (i.e. coronavirus)
 - District 3 w/ Commander Kyle- one of the original pilot Co-responder program: Mental health professional responds alongside officer
 - Response model is to educate, provide resource, then enforce
- Would you be able to speak to DPD's alignment with Campaign Zero's demands?
 - Has additional funds to address community care needs, and they were able to hire a new Outreach Case Coordinator to bridge gaps
 - Already many areas of alignment w/ Campaign Zero, and DPD had already had initiatives toward these goals
- Any thoughts to share on SRO's leaving DPS?

- Value relationships with students, and will continue trying to build and keep relationships, as well as address early intervention on the front end.
- Additional thoughts
 - Seeking equity and community; also seeking to address hiring inclusive officers and also dealing with already hired officers who violate policies
 - Multiple community pathways to get involved

Andrew Davis (Owner of the CenturyLink Building at 235 W Evans)

- Andrew lives nearby and invested in the neighborhood
- Century Link has the ability to stay for another 10 years should they choose
- Andrew wants to plan ahead for community input
- Wants to bring more residents into this previously industrial neighborhood
- Considering local architect who would preserve character of neighborhood: HCM
- Anyone is encouraged to reach out to Andrew, he is open to getting thoughts from anyone in the community, and wants to think proactively about this space. See map [below](#)

Steve Jusseaume (Dr. Fix-it Plumbing) discussion on leasing the lot under the Evans overpass for parking

- Business has grown quite a bit in the last couple of years, and has new business which will require a lot of parking.
- Space has been dormant for 60 years, lots of trash collects in this area, some instances of needles, encampments and fighting. A parking lot (22-25 spaces) would activate the area and keep it clean
- Andrew D. mentioned the new business going in to Declaration Brewing may have use for this lot during evening hours and could work together if Dr. Fix-It just needs it during daytime
- Andrew asked about pedestrian access—the lot wouldn't be fenced off and Steve is fine with people being able to walk through it to cross Evans
- Jack mentioned prior collaboration w/ Steve and asked if he will be in this location for the long-haul. Steve said he definitely wants to stay in this area
- Next step would be to let Jolon know if we support

- Straw poll to assess general neighbor support, then we will take a formal vote once we know more specifics: 8 in support, 2 did not have video on

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District

7) www.luckyDistrict7.org maggie.thompson@denvergov.org

- City council has gone 100% virtual, can tune in on Channel 8 or via Zoom to keep everyone safe (also recorded and posted on city council website)
- Public comment via Zoom, and there are additional listening sessions
- Free Covid testing at Pepsi center, plus additional pop-ups across the city
- Community support for rent/mortgage, small businesses, people experiencing homelessness, etc.
- Social justice and equity efforts are also top of mind
- Climate crisis task force have written a report with sustainability recommendations for Denver, through an equity lens so the investments go into communities who have been historically underserved. Initiative will be on the ballot
- Initiative for new and dedicated funding for people experiencing homelessness
- City is experiencing massive revenue loss
- Iowa underpass: non-“historic” section moving forward
- Amy Razzaque is new District 7 rep on Parks and Rec Advisory Board
- Jolon completed his presidency; Denver made historic gains this terms with an all-female presidency: Stacie Gilmore was named president and Councilwoman Jamie Torres was elected president pro tem
- Discussion around support for people experiencing homelessness and encampment on Platte River Dr

Art on the Bridge Discussion - Mural clean up

Michelle Brown, who was the artist for our Evan Bridge mural, approached us and asked if we would want to do the other side of the bridge if she is able to secure external funding (may or may not cover the whole cost, and in the latter case, consider if we would be ok supplementing with our art funds).

Little Free Libraries in the Neighborhood - discussion and vote to participate

We were approached by Book Gives, who works w/ the Little Free Library organization, to supplement the cost of books to participate in the program. OPNA

could throw our hat in the running to work with them to provide books to people during coronavirus

Jack: coronavirus is not as transmittable on surfaces as we previously thought months ago; loves the idea of being able to personalize LFL's; he and Eloise would enjoy more access to books

Mara: supportive of thoughts above. Proposed a vote to participate. Vote passed

Overland Social

Overland Socials occur on the second Wednesday of the month: It is a chance to get together with neighbors and hang out and support our local restaurants. The next social is planned for August **12th**. Pick up some takeout and meet us at Pasquinel's Landing for a socially distanced outdoor dining event.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- o Santa Fe Resurfacing - see [message](#) Also the website <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us85-denverresurfacing>
- o Wind chimes art installation on bridge that runs across Grant Frontier Park, thanks to Denver Arts & Venues. See [announcement](#).
- o Several neighbors got together for a river tubing happy hour gathering a couple of weeks ago, and it was a nice way to connect. We'll be doing it this Sunday July 26th at 6:30pm, and on most Sundays moving forward
- o Ronnie: The Table Public House (former VFW at 2190 S. Platte River Dr.) gives out free veggies from 10 am to 2 pm every Tuesday and Friday to anyone who comes by. Organic and garden grown! Wear a mask and bring a bag and take what you can use and share.

Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **August 27**, 2020, at **6:30 pm** via Zoom. Look for announcement with link to meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2020** include the following: August 27, September 24, October 22

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

Andrew Davis (Owner of the CenturyLink Building at 235 W Evans)

Property Location

Long-term the CenturyLink site is ideally located for future redevelopment. Located one provides access to the C & D rail lines which opened in 2000 with 8.7-miles connecting I along 6 stations. Additionally, a 2.5-mile extension is planned as part of FasTracks to bri stops including Englewood, Sheridan and Downtown Littleton. The CenturyLink site is lc residents to arrive at Evans Station 3 minutes by foot. This station also serves Denver's I transit system, which stretches from Downtown Boulder, through the heart of Denver to Evans Station, residents can take the RTD rail lines to Downtown Denver (14 min), Denv Denver International Airport (74 min). During peak hours, trains from each line arrive ev



US 85 Denver Resurfacing

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Colorado Department of Transportation will resurface the two mainline travel lanes of both northbound and southbound Santa Fe Drive (US Highway 85). Construction will start at the junction of Hampden Avenue (US 285) and will continue northbound to Florida Avenue.

This two-mile resurfacing project will also replace damaged panels, bridge expansion joints on the Evans Avenue bridge over Santa Fe, and curb ramps. The resurfacing will create smoother pavement and improved driving conditions, which in turn will improve safety.

TRAVEL IMPACTS

Beginning in May motorists will encounter road work on Santa Fe Drive. Most work will occur overnight on Monday through Friday between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. with some day work occurring from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. During nighttime activities, traffic flow will be reduced to one lane in each direction along Santa Fe Drive, with the use of flagger control. During daytime activities, traffic will only experience a single lane closure in one direction. Motorists may encounter reduced speeds within the project limits. No work will take place May 22 through May 25 for Memorial Day weekend. Traffic fines will be doubled in the work zone. Motorists should slow down as they approach the work zones, drive with caution, allow extra space between vehicles, and give themselves extra travel time.



PROJECT & TRAVEL INFORMATION

For additional information about this project:

- Call the project information line at 720-477-2737
- Email the project team at: santaferesurfacing@gmail.com
- Visit the project website at: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us85-denverresurfacing>





US-85 Santa Fe Resurfacing Project Florida to Hampden Construction Alert

American Civil Constructors, Inc. (ACC), contractor to the Colorado Department of Transportation is working in close proximity to your home for the next 30 days. This work is performed at night and in all weather permitting. ACC anticipates construction noise levels could exceed allowable limits and will use noise barriers and other BMP's to diffuse the noise. Despite these efforts, because of your home's proximity to the work zone, your comfort may be disrupted. If you are concerned about the potential disruption, we have hotel vouchers available. These vouchers will cover the cost of your hotel but not the cost of incidental expenses such as movies, meals, or damage. If you would like a voucher, or have other questions or concerns, please call our noise hotline at 970-287-0033.

We look forward to working within your community and encourage you to contact us with

General Project Information Hotline: 720-477-2727

ACC Noise Complaint Hotline: 303-210-5422

To receive project updates via e-mail, please contact santaferesurfacing@gr



US-85 Proyecto de Rejuvenecimiento de Santa Fe Florida a Hai Alerta de Construcción

American Civil Constructors, Inc. (ACC), contratista del Departamento de Transporte de Colorado, está trabajando en el proyecto de rejuvenecimiento de la US-85 en Santa Fe, Florida, cerca de su hogar durante los próximos 30 días. Este trabajo se realiza de noche domingo a jueves por la mañana para minimizar el ruido y permitir el tráfico normal. ACC anticipa que los niveles de ruido de la construcción podrían exceder los límites permitidos por las barreras y otros BMP para difundir el ruido. A pesar de estos esfuerzos, debido a la proximidad del trabajo, su comodidad puede verse afectada. Si le preocupa la posible interrupción de su sueño, hay hoteles disponibles. Estos cupones cubrirán el costo de su hotel, pero no el costo de imprevistos como comidas o daños. Si desea un cupón o tiene otras preguntas o inquietudes, **llame a la línea directa al 287-0033**.

Esperamos con interés trabajar dentro de su comunidad y lo invitamos a contactarnos con preguntas.

Línea directa de información del proyecto: 720-477-2727

Línea directa de denuncia de ruido: 303-210-5422

Para recibir actualizaciones del proyecto por correo electrónico, póngase en contacto con santaferesurfacing@gmail.com

"Upriver Commute" by Helicopter Copter is a wind chime sound installation.

Made of reclaimed wood, steel cable, reclaimed plastic and aluminum tubing, single-note wind chimes are spread along the South Platte River in Denver, between Globeville Landing and Grant-Frontier Park. Structures are attached to pedestrian bridges throughout the transportation corridor, creating an immersive sound experience as folks move through the space.

This project is funded through a Denver Arts & Venues #PSYouAreHere grant. Nearly all wood and plastic was scrapped from residential development waste from West Colfax and Highlands neighborhoods in Denver.

The tenuous relationship between humans and natural resources inspired "Upriver Commute." According to National Geographic, water use has grown more than twice

the rate of population in the last century. "By 2025, an estimated 1.8 billion people will live in areas plagued by water scarcity, with two-thirds of the world's population living in water-stressed regions as a result of use, growth, and climate change." "Upriver Commute" hopes to bring people along the South Platte to consider fresh water and its fragility.

Upriver Commute was supported by The Greenway Foundation and Bicycle Colorado.