

Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – June 23 2016

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

Business

Minutes from May meeting approved

Treasurer Report

(reminder: annual dues are now due for 2016. \$10 per household, \$25 business. Paid members are voting members)

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,906.55
Membership Deposit		\$ -
Grants Received		\$ -
Paid Grants		\$ -
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 3,906.55
	OPNA Funds	\$ 907.00
	Grant Funds	\$ 2,999.55
Outstanding	Check materials M Owen	\$(2,201.58)
	Outstanding invoices	\$ -
	Unapplied Grant	\$ 797.97

Police Report

No police present at this meeting

RTD representative – Jeff Walker

Jeff provided some updates to the RTD openings of A-line and the Boulder bus line. Some problems have been fixed but they are still working on signal issues. At end of July the B Line will open from Union Station to Westminster providing an 11 mile trip in just 6 minutes. Then later this year the G-line out to Wheatridge and the R-line to Aurora will become available. See http://www.rtd-denver.com/LightRail_Map.shtml. They are also continuing to work on improving the ticketing system.

Amy – Is the EcoPass valid for all lines? Every line except the A line which requires \$4.50 extra. The regional or day pass = \$9.00 and can be used to get to the airport.

Jeff met with Mara and Andrew regarding adding art under the bridge where they gave him a rough idea of the dollar amount. He will bring the information back to his office to find out whether there is any money in the budget. There have been deep money cuts although no service cuts. Maybe it will have to be thru partnership with CDOT, the city and RTD. Also the existing history plaque needs some touch up work and he is looking into other materials which could be used for the plaque.

New owners of the previous "Bushwackers" location

Ronnie reached out to the new owners of the previous "Bushwackers" location. The new owners currently own the High Dive on Broadway. They are planning on a Bar and restaurant and want the new place to have a mining motif, maybe related to Montana City? New name will be "The Overland". Rob – asked about what is happening across the street with Performance Cycle. Mara thinks it may become a church but it is still in the process.

Proposed Medical Marijuana Center - recap on the outreach happy hour – Zach Stock

Zach reached out to the neighborhood with a happy hour at Declaration Brewery to collect signatures for his hearing which happened on Monday for his first license for medical marijuana. He is looking to create a medical marijuana center located just south of the light rail station on Delaware. They have already been working on the site – converting an old house into a small shop and they have even installed a new sidewalk. There will be a second separate hearing for recreational licensing where he will reach out to us again for support.

Yoga in the Park (3rd Friday of every month 1-2pm at Pasquinel's)

It's official that there is now Bi-lingual Yoga in the Park. Yoga instructor, **Adriana del Mar Rondón Rivero** will be teaching under the shade of the trees on the 3rd Friday of every month from 1-2pm. This is a donations only class.

VivirYoga at the Park

<https://www.facebook.com/events/129090157513359/>

Broadway Station Area- Urban Design Standards and Guidelines

Mara passed around the completed Standards and Guidelines for the Broadway Station area which has now been passed by city council. The plans are also available on line (90 pages) located [here](#). If you have any questions contact Mara.

Amy – asked about the two pedestrian bridges. Map shows the bridges which will connect the east and west across the RR tracks, Santa Fe and the river, landing in Vanderbilt park west. The purpose of this project is to create a kind of midtown with living and retail space, open area for markets and improved walkability and access in the area. Maggie mentioned that they are also planning a new dog park with plans to be called "Clark Bark Park".

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7)

Maggie was present from Jolon Clark's office and she said we are the best in District 7!!! She spoke again about Denver Days which happens for 10 days from July 30 thru August 7th. It is a chance to meet your neighbors. The city waives any block party fees and park fees. They also waive the fees for barricades. Permits can be obtained quickly from the city.

Regarding the Broadway Station Area plan, she met with the developer and the police district to push for a cop shop in the facility. This would be a permanent location for this area.

Last Monday the short term rental ordinance went through. In the past less than 30 days rental was not legal. Now as long as you are the primary owner, you can do short term rentals. This would include carriage houses. There will be a grace period thru July then licensing will be required through a home occupation permit. The new Law will also include safety measures such as egress, fire extinguishers, etc. Go [here](#) for more information.

Denver Police Department is cracking down on fireworks which are illegal. If you are hearing them in neighborhood, please call into the non-emergency number.

The opening celebration of the new bike park on Ruby Hill will be on July 23rd with a formal ribbon cutting on the Thursday before. The park is staffed in the summer thru the Rec Center. There is also a full time maintenance staff to maintain and make sure it is safe.

Come meet and talk with Jolon and Maggie at Duffy Roll between 9am-3pm Duffy Roll every Friday, except the next 2 weeks where Jolon is out of town.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Mara - Denver Days – Ronnie, Jack, Ray and Jim might be coordinating a block party on July 30th? We are confirmed for a party on Aug 7th – on top of Ruby Hill which will include pot luck, piñata, and games. There is a meeting on Thursday at 6:30pm at Corvus Coffee for planning. Sherona and Erica from Ruby Hill say all are invited to come and help plan.

Phyllis – looking for amateur musicians to play in a new concert band – Metro Band. They are looking for 50 people and they would love to have a bass drum. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights, 7pm at the VFW hall on Broadway. Contact Phyllis if interested at 303-923-8810.

Rebecca – asked about the fund raiser at Eurocrepes and whether it was successful. Mara said that they raised \$450 for the month which is their biggest fundraiser to date. Big Thank you to Eurocrepes!

Rebecca - also asked about our plans for meeting for a social gathering and we agreed on the second Wednesday of the month. Andrew – suggested and it was agreed to meet at Declaration Brewery on July 13th at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to our first “Overland Social”. We will decide on the next location at our next meeting.

Phyllis – asked whether anyone would be interested in starting a Garden Club? There was some interest and we will bring it up again at the next meeting.

Compassionate things in our neighborhood (open to anyone)

Mara was thrilled when her Mom swept the entire house from top to bottom. Thanks Mom

Terry was very appreciative to receive a text from Mara that she was watering our community plot on Ruby Hill. The favor was also returned.

Phyllis – acknowledged Mary and Chuck where several times last winter they used their snowblower to clear the entire block.

Mara – acknowledged Andrew for gifting their extra tomato plants to the neighbors.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm