



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – June 27, 2019

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

**Welcome and Open Comments**

20+ members and guests were present.

**Minutes from May 2019 meeting**

Minutes from the May 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       |  | \$ 5029.25         |
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| Membership Deposit      |  | \$ 75.00           |
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| Jon Collins Church      |  | \$ (50.00)         |
| Bank Fees               |  | \$ (5.00)          |
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| Ending Balance Per Bank |  | <b>\$ 5,049.25</b> |
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|  | OPNA Funds | \$ 3,237.86 |
|  | ART Funds  | \$ 1,811.39 |

### **Police Report**

CRO Jim Lopez

720-913-1248

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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. Now that the warmer weather has finally arrived, just a reminder to lock your cars and keep your garage doors closed. There was a question about a recent letter from the police sent out to neighbors in north Overland regarding a sex offender in the area. Maggie explained that the letter is required by state law to be sent when such offenders are released. There is a national database which holds this information which can be searched by area.

### **Jewell Pedestrian Bridge Update Gabriella**

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Gabby from public works provided the following updates on the Jewell Pedestrian Bridge which was approved last year as part of the GoBond program. Since the approval, more development has happened in this area. The bridge landing that was planned for on the east side of Santa Fe was built out with the new apartment

complex so can not be utilized. As an alternative there is a small parcel of land owned by the railroads that could be used as an easement. On the west side of Santa Fe, the landing would be either on the Golf course, or the parcel of land south of Jewell Ave which is currently owned by RTD.

She presented a conceptual architectural alignment rendering where the bridge will need to be at least 27 feet high to go up and over the trains. The span needs to be 600 feet to reach from east to west which would be the longest in Denver, 5 feet less than the bridge span over Colorado Blvd! Once they have finalized the bridge conceptual design, the next step is to complete the engineering design where they should have a RFQ by the end of this year. Once they have selected the engineering consultant, the engineering design can take up to two years. Some questions asked.

Andrew - The 2 sides of the bridge span shows circling paths down to landing area. Why not an elevator? They don't do elevators anymore due to the maintenance challenge but there would be stairs as an option.

Amy - what is the possibility of buying land parcels for the landing area and could they use 2A money? No. The rail company is not selling the piece of land on the East side and buying land is too expensive.

Judy - can we write a letter of support? Not yet but we will be notified when the time is right.

Gabby also reminded everyone that if you see anything on the streets which need repair, including traffic signals please call 311. You can contact 311 by phone on on their web page. City is trying to track everything using this system.

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

Jolon provided the following updates.

– Changes have been made for construction sites where they are required to make it easier and safer for pedestrians walking in the area. These changes are tied to the permit. Call 311 to file any complaints.

- If you missed the tour of the city landfill and recycling facilities, there is still time to join another tour. Contact Maggie or Jolon through their website. This invitation is open to anyone living within the city of Denver.

- Broadway Halloween parade – set your calendar for Saturday, October 19th. You don't want to miss this fun event!

- Climate bill. City of Denver wants to be in the Paris accord. There is a group of

citizens trying to get this added this to the next ballot. If interested in getting involved with this initiative, please contact Jolon.

### **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)

Waiting for the snow melt to come – mountains still full of snow which will prolonged runoff. Chatfield Reservoir has been lowering their levels to make room for runoff. It may be at least a month before planning the trip. Stay tuned.

### **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

**July 10, 6:30pm** at **Huevos Tacos** 2160 S Broadway, Denver, CO 80210 Please RSVP on Facebook.

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

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

Amy – [Earth Treks](#) is a climbing gym located in Englewood. They are organizing an Overland Park neighborhood climbing night on July 20th afternoon into

evening. More details will be provided closer to the event.

- Denver Day's Neighborhood Block Party scheduled for Sunday, August 4th, 4-8pm. RSVP on our Facebook page. This is a fun event for everyone with food, games, meeting neighbors and enjoying our beautiful park Pasquinel's Landing.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm**

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

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

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, July 25**, 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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