

Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – October 23 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by President Mara Owen

Business

- Minutes from September meeting approved with one correction of misspelling of Shattuck Superfund site.

- **Treasurer Report**

Beginning Balance	\$624.05	
Deposit/Payments	(50.00)	Insurance Denver Days
Ending Balance of	\$574.05	

- **Police Report**

Lieutenant Michael reported numbers continue to go down in the neighborhood. There is a concern with homelessness on Broadway where any ideas are welcome ideas from the neighborhood. The Commander's meeting is held on the first Monday of each month, second Monday in November due to elections. Judy – reported license plate stolen from her Toyota Corolla, the second time in 5 years. Officer said that sometimes, plates from another car are taken to put on stolen car. Please be careful.

- **Housing Rehabilitation Programs available! -Denver Urban Renewal Authority Mark Tompkins**

Denver Urban Renewal Authority – DURA <http://www.renewdenver.org/> (303) 534-3872
DURA is a full-service redevelopment agency engaged in neighborhood and downtown revitalization, economic redevelopment and housing rehabilitation throughout the City and County of Denver. Provides very low interest loans for qualifying low and moderate income Denver homeowners to make emergency repairs or needed improvements to their home. Michael Sapp from the mayor's office is the neighborhood liaison. There is a meeting scheduled for District 7 on Dec 5th, no location yet. Looking for potential items to submit to Michael regarding issues in our neighborhood. More information will be provided.

- **Broadway Station Partners, the owners of the Gates site - Kim Kucera**

Lisa Ingle is the local point person for the project. She presented a map of the Broadway site where the boundaries are Mississippi, Broadway, Santa Fe and I-25 Currently working on the infrastructure where 26 acres have been cleaned and remediated and will continue into the end of 2016. Laura from the Matrix Design Group <http://www.matrixdesigngroup.com/> – talked to the vision of the project. Where the principles included – creating a dense high quality urban environment. Communicate and reconnect with the past and transform brown to green. To be a transit hub at the heart of the site and to enhance connections for bikes, buses, walk transit. The

plan is to enhance connections, going saving North-South and East-West. There would be a mixture of residential and business areas, some retail and a town square. Bike and pedestrian friendly streets and walkways. Judy asked about a pedestrian bridge. There would be elevators on both sides of walking bridge and 2 pedestrian crossings over the railroad tracks. Helene – how is it financed? Collaboration with DURA – tax generated on the site that doesn't exist today where a portion of that would go to pay for the infrastructure. Also financed thru the developers which is currently not established or approved. There will be public hearing and city council will be involved. Ronnie – what is the planned height? Planned 140 ft which is 12-14 stories high. Judy – What is projection of # of parking spaces? There would be residential parking but zoning requirement needed, proposing .75 space per unit. Because of the transit urban renewal where the RTD at Broadway is the busiest transit area in the region, the requirement for parking is the highest priority. Mara – stated that RTD wants to keep the parking – maybe a parking garage.

- **Elections - Executive Board**

Mara Owen - President still residing
Ronnie Crawford - Vice President elected
Tracey Hardman – Treasurer still residing
Terry Pasqua – Secretary still residing

Delegates to the INC – Ray Ehrenstein and Jim Sample reselected.

- **Compassion**

Thank you to Peter for being an awesome Vice President for the past year. We hope he will consider being President of a committee for the upcoming bridge project.

- **Announcements**

- o Leaf Drop 2015

- ♣ Compost – leaf bags

- o Denver 311. <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-311-help-center/contact-us.html>

Operations manager Penny spoke about the many reasons to use 311 for example, to find out when Council in session, trash pickup, animal protection, DMV questions and any other non-emergency questions. Started in July 2006 by Mayor Hickenlooper to insure that access to city government was made easy. They track the calls by zipcode which helps council people see what's going on in different areas. Staffed Mon-Fri 7am 8pm Sat-Sun 8-5pm. They take over ½ million calls a year where they strive for hold time under 1 min. The office is located at 201 West Colfax. All are welcome to come down and visit.

- o Pocketgov.org <https://www.denvergov.org/pocketgov/#/>

- o Is an interactive web app which can do most of the things you do when you call 311. Can check trash schedule – regular and overflow. Report abandoned vehicles. Report general complaints and voting questions.

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- o Sustainable Neighborhood – something to think about for 2016.
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- o Volunteer for Art Nov 5 to Nov 23rd. We now have all the permits for painting the Evans Bridge. Please sign up for volunteering and for helping to get the volunteer word out. Volunteers needed for cleaning, priming, painting, varnish and touchup.
- o Ronnie asked about the <http://overland.nextdoor.com> Andrew will look into becoming liaison.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 6:30 pm at The Studios at Overland Crossing 2205 South Delaware St. Come join us and find out what is happening in our neighborhood. Also, check us out and Like us on Facebook.

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