



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – October 26, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by President Mara Owen

Welcome and Compassion

20+ members and guests were present. During introductions, several acts of compassion were expressed and open comments. These can be found at the end of these minutes notes.

Minutes from September meeting

Minutes from the September 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		\$ 4,434.00
Membership Deposit		\$ 50.00
Grants Received/Donations Paint		\$ -
Paid Outstanding		\$ -
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 4,479.00
	OPNA Funds	\$ 1,902.61

	Art Funds	\$ 2,576.39

Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

720-913-1248

Jim.lopez@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

pocketgov.org/police

Sergeant Adolf Steinbach District 3.

adolph.steinbach@denvergov.org

720-913-1300

Officer Steinbach was present and spoke about the homeless issue around the river where most of the people have moved along, unfortunately, maybe to another neighborhood.

Maggie – as it is getting colder, would like to continue to help the homeless get to a warm place, what is the best number to call? You can always dial 911 for both non-emergencies and emergencies.

Kevin – is there any policy how long you can stay in your RV which is parked? There is no law regarding living in RV's. They are currently using park rules to move them along and also by adding No parking signs.

Judy – asked about the incident that happened last month on Cherokee. The investigation is still open where a warrant has been issued and one person arrested so far.

Follow the Denver police twitter page to see any information on line.

[Denver Police Dept. \(@DenverPolice\) - Twitter](https://twitter.com/DenverPolice)

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Mr. Henderson, speaking about the I-300 "Green Roof" initiative

Mr. Henderson was unable to make this meeting and Ronnie spoke of what he knew about

the project. You can learn more [here](#)

Colin Wattleworth, Metro Reality Advisors, speaking about a variance

Colin represents the building which was recently built on South Gallapago and Evans. This is zoned as a mixed use which includes offices, warehouse, and rental housing. Residential is on the North Side of the building. Currently they are applying for approval of a variance in a setback on Evans for a utilities transformer as the utilities have been installed underground.

Jack – do you want help in applying for the variance? Yes – the support helps.

Rob – what is the parking per occupancy? By receiving approval for the variance, there will be enough parking. If they have to move the transformer it would eliminate parking space.

Terry - what does District 475 mean? It is a brand name for the rental properties just as K2 is brand name for general contractor. These are permanent signs on the building.

Ray – how much are rents? 1,300 – 2,000.

OPNA Elections

The following positions were up for re-election

- President
- Secretary

Ray proposed that we just keep everything the way it is.

Mara proposed to make the change to have co-presidents as they do in the Ruby Hill / Athmar Park neighborhood. With this proposal, she asked Amy to join the board as co-president.

Vote was taken to keep all officers the same and add Amy into the co-president position. Vote passed unanimously in favor. The board members are

Co-Presidents	Mara Owen, Amy Razzaque
Vice President	Ronnie Crawford
Treasurer	Tracey Hardeman
Secretary	Terry Pasqua

Broadway Halloween Parade Debrief

River Rats Ride the Floatzilla!

It was a huge success where we built the float and took it down Broadway. You can find pictures on our Facebook page. Find link below

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) <http://www.luckydistrict7.org>

Maggie provided the following updates

As election date is approaching, Nov 7th , get your ballots in now!

The Broadway parade was awesome where the best feedback was that it was neighborhood-centric. They want to continue this theme where the emphasis is on cool and funky.

Judy – looking for a copy for facebook of the A2 to AG bond items? You can find in on Our Denver 2017 [GO Bond](#)

Jack – how much will the GO Bond raise our taxes? Zero. They were able to submit a larger bond this time due to larger tax base. Remember the Jewell Pedestrian Bridge is one of the items on the GO Bond.

Eloise – also libraries are on there.

Amy – if approved, when would construction begin? 2 steps have to happen before they begin. 1 - make sure all the land acquisition is complete on the east side. 2 - Design process – which could take a few years. The landing on west side is still on the golf course.

Any word on the VFW Property? The building on Gallapago and Evans (south side) was sold but still have not heard of VFW. Kevin – said he found out that there are title issues.

Rob – any time table to fix the fence/wall on Jewell and Santa Fe. That fence is owned and maintained by CDOT where Maggie will check on it.

OPNA History Corner, Jim Sample, lifetime resident of Overland.

To view the full video of his stories, please visit our website opnadenver.org.

We are looking to highlight a historical story during each meeting (5 minutes maximum time limit). Please contact OPNA to become a part of this interesting and important retelling and recording of our neighborhood history.

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. Since there are no meetings for the next 2 months due to Holidays, the following socials are being scheduled.

- November 8th Taste of Thailand
- December 13th Euro Crepes
- January 10th Brutal Poodle - new brewery on Broadway

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Pioneering on the Platte Saturday, November 4th, 2017

Join The Greenway Foundation's SPREE program for our last family event of the year! Pioneering on Platte will be your family's chance to time travel back to learn about Native Americans and pioneers with games, crafts, our western photo booth, and gold-panning! This event will take place at the newly renovated Grant Frontier Park from 11 am - 2 pm.

[Four Mile Historic Park](#) will also be sharing their expertise and their artifacts at our event!

This event is FREE to attend, and lunch will be provided, but prior registration is required. [Check out our website to learn more and register for the event!](#)

Paola – campaign manager for [Angela Cobian](#) running for Denver Public School Board - South West Denver. Reminded us to get out at vote and to learn more about Angela position on schools.

Jack – Reminder that we will celebrate [Winter Solstice](#) in December at Grant Frontier Park where we will be jumping over fire to bring back the light.

Judy – adult trick or treat – Saturday 28th – noon until 5pm, look for the orange pumpkins.

Jeff – Decker branch Library Tuesday afternoon

[Halloween Party and Trick or Treat](#)

Decker Branch Library

Meeting Room

October 31, 2017 - 3:00pm - 5:30pm

Arts and Crafts | Kids

The Post – all day Halloween carving mini pumpkins and gourds.

Compassion and open comments

Mara - Thankful for all the great food people provided for the potluck

Eloise - Thankful for Jack who showed compassion to a homeless person who was reading and Jack brought more reading materials to him.

Charlie - Thankful for the medical system in Slovakia and for beautiful Budapest

Judy – Rob and Amy's hospitality – and for Terry, Paul, Mara, Andrew who helped build the float and for Maggie for organizing the parade.

Amy – thankful for the Float – so much fun.

Jeff – Decker Library – security dept – willing to meet with people that are banned to help them return back to library again.

Ray – Thankful for so many good neighbors that care about our neighborhood

Rob – Thanks to Ronnie for being an enthusiastic supporter of the float theme providing lots of fishing stuff and the large cement fish statue. Also thanks to Andrew who built the frame for the giant fish.

Mike – A long time resident and very thankful for all of us in the neighborhood.

Andrew – Thankful for the District 7 Cat who appeared in many facebook postings and helped in swaying city council decision to ban declawing in the city of Denver.

Colin – Thankful to be in Denver, a very friendly place to live

Maggie – expressed compassion for everyone who came out for the parade.

Paola - Thank you for making her feel so welcome when she came in

Kari – Ronnie for bringing her to these meetings and compassion to Ray and Jim for the loss of their long time friend.

Ronnie – Autumn, Maggie and Jolon – parade's – unsung heroes that did so much behind the scenes to make it a success.

Jack – Andrew for helping out a friend – Eloise – for visiting and caring for those friends and family that are not doing well. Also for her continued work in the community

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 6:30**

pm at **Overland Studios** 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. <http://www.opnadenver.org>

And like us on [Facebook](#)

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