



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – October 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Co-President Amy

Welcome and Open Comments

20+ members and guests were present.

Minutes from September 2019 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		\$ 5094.25
Membership Deposit		\$
Paid Outstanding		\$ (400.00) Picnic Expense
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 4,689.25

	OPNA Funds	\$ 2,877.86
	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39

Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

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District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

pocketgov.org/police

BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

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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 this meeting

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) www.luckyDistrict7.org

Jolon and Tate were present at the meeting and provided the following updates

1. Jewell Pedestrian Bridge – still moving forward.
2. Iowa Underpass – bad news. Had funding through [DRCOG](#) where they were moving forward with the design. CDOT is involved and they were required to present the project to a historic group (unknown at this point) to make sure there was no historic impact. This group came back stating that yes, there was historic value in the original green handrails. This is causing a delay which could lead to losing the funding source which is 50% of the funding, Jolon is working to try to find out who this group is and try to find out why this is important from a historical standpoint. We expressed to Jolon to keep us informed and to let us know whether we can do anything to contact those involved and voice our opinions.
3. Policy work – Robin Kniech is championing to have minimum wage increase

for Denver only as opposed to working on it from the state level. She is working thru a committee to come up with a 2 year step up plan to increase the minimum wages for Denver workers.

4. Climate bills – We are still in the Paris accord but not doing enough. Negotiating with Mayor to form a new office for climate change where the position would be effective in December thru Earth Day. There is money in budget which needs to be determined how to spend. Promote more solar?

Bicycles? City wide eco-pass program with RTD?

5. Breaking up with plastic. No 1 issue with reducing plastic usage is plastic bags where proposing to start charging a fee. Boulder has done this where they have seen 75% reduction due to charging. The plan with allow for reusable bags in grocery stores.

6. Newsletter – sign up for the District 7 newsletter [here](#) to find out more of what is happening in our area including announcements of happy hours and coffee hours with Jolon. Next Happy hour is planned for November 13 at [Dos Luces](#) on Broadway between 6-8pm.

7. Imagine 2020 – is a program designed to get art into community. The first project was installing fairy doors on Pearl St. The second project was painting electrical boxes on Federal. They are looking to continue to create and install more fairy doors and spread them out in the neighborhood. If you are interested in learning about the process, there will be a workshop on November 9 at the Decker Library.

8. Provided Flyers related to proposed change to mapping in our area. Please note

Notice of Community Meeting Regarding a Proposed Change to the Blueprint Denver Future Places Map in Your area

Currently there is an area within our boundaries that has been zoned as industrial only. This would affect anyone who applies for re-zoning in that area. They will hold 2 Community Meetings regarding a proposal on making a change to the Blueprint Denver's Future Places Map on

November 13 and November 21

Time 6:30pm

Location: Fellowship Denver Church (1990 S. Broadway)

See Flyer at the end of these notes.

2019 Broadway Halloween Parade

Another successful year for the Broadway Halloween Parade where more people

lined the streets to watch the various creative floats from business and neighborhoods going down the street. This year they even had commentators who provided fun information while the parade made it's way down Broadway. This year we became the "Pollinators of the South Platte" where so many people helped to create a flowery float on top of astro-turf grass. We even had a Queen/King bee riding along while various bees and butterflies handed out Bit-o-Honey candies to the kids. Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) provide 500 flower seed packets and flyers which were quickly snatched up by the adult gardeners along the route. Shout out to the following people who help to put this together... Andrew, Mara, Julia, Michelle, Anthony, Helene, Xavier, Rob, Amy, Jack, Terry, Ronnie, Kevin. See our Facebook page for pictures.

OPNA Officer Election

The only change to officers this year is with Tracey resigning as Treasurer, Andrew Gehauf was voted in for next year. Thank you **Tracey** for all your hard work over the years with keeping us in balance!!!

The OPNA Board

Co-Presidents - Mara Owen and Amy Razzaque

Vice President - Ronnie Crawford

Treasurer - Andrew Gehauf

Secretary - Terry Pasqua

Also note that our delegates to INC remain as Jim Sample and Ray Ehrenstein.

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 this was the last meeting for the year, we have tentatively scheduled the following Socials.

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30pm, AJ's Pit BBQ

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30pm, Gypsy House Cafe

Wednesday, January 8, 6:30pm, Dos Luces

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- Decker After Dark: The Haunting - Tuesday, October 29 6-8pm. See Flyer below

- Sarah Woodsman – new owner of 1753 South Broadway where she is working on obtaining a license for new business called "Smoke and Paint". She is looking for neighborhood support and will come back to our January meeting with further details and request a letter of support from OPNA.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2020** include the following: January 23, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22

Next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **January 23**, 2020, 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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