

OVERLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION -2025

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February 27th 2025 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID - The Table Public House

COMMUNITY COMPASSION

- Thanks and appreciation were shared for the following: Jenn For all she does to keep OPNA running strong. For Asbury Elementary. Snow shovelers. Molecule Coffee. The Table Public House. Neighbors helping neighbors and caring housemates/flatmates. Safety in community. Bambinos Child Care.

DPD - Officer Young and Officer Silva

- A summary of the neighborhood Crime Stats was given. [You can review these stats at the city's website](#). Generally crime is down 40%.
- John Silva John.Silva@denvergov.org will be the new CRO for our community.
- District 3 CAB Meeting
 - **1st Wednesday of the month 6pm**
 - District 3 Community Room, 1625 S University Blvd, Denver, CO 80210
- District 3 Coffee with the Cops
 - **3rd Wednesday of the month 10-12**
 - Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
- DPD encourages neighbors to report all safety concerns, response times are frustrating, but if there is an increase in reports there are better stats for the department to utilize while allocating resources across the city.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 - Councilwomen Flor Alvidrez

- Caleb was present from councilwoman' staff to share updates.
- Lucille's on Logan is hosting a mardi gras event with D7 Staff member Mark who will be DJing.
- No updates on Iowa underpass or Jewell bridge.
- QUESTIONS:
 - CVC's contract has been renewed and there was some clarity sought on the resident numbers. It was noted the contract is for 120 total individuals, only 60 people at a time

will live on the site. The expectation is that a typical resident stay is 6 months, so the 120 total is for the amount of people that could be served at the site in a year.

- D7 had a list of questions on the contract they got clarified, Caleb will share that info with the community.
- It was clarified that no language changed in the contract; it was only clarified to ensure expectations were clear. Contract was approved with a vote of 13-0. Typically contracts don't go to a vote; they are often on consent agenda. Caleb will share the info from the proceedings.
- Contract is good through the END of 2025 and will need to be renewed again in 2026.
- Neighbors are requesting the plan for the spring and summer when there are warmer months? No update.
- Neighbors expressed concerns with the following traffic intersections and safety:
 - Acoma and Warren
 - No protected Left from South Broadway to Iowa
 - No stop sign at Evans Station curb cuts and crosswalks.
- Neighbors advocated for a return to weekly recycling.
- Neighbors advocated that the Councilwoman and City support and advocate for Federal workers. Many were represented at the meeting.
- District 7 has a regularly published newsletter as well as shares loads of helpful info on city events and happenings. Sign up, follow.

INFO:

<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Denver-City-Council/Meet-the-Council-Members/District-7>

NEWSLETTER:

<https://denvergov.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c850024d6982f55b23278441e&id=2f30134b66>

OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - No update this month Brian had to miss meeting
- Minutes were not distributed from January, will be approved at next meeting

Southwest Area Plan:

- Advisory Board offered update - draft plan is coming out this spring and the city will be doing another round of community engagement and input.
- May OPNA meeting will include a focus discussion on our neighborhoods' input on the draft. There will also be another large community meeting with all the neighbors.

- We are advocating for better outreach to members of the Overland neighborhood that might be underrepresented at community meetings.

Community Announcements (open to anyone) -

- OVERLAND GROWS - MAY 17th! Volunteers needed day of and in advance for planning and prep. Going to invite DPD community officers. Thinking about other organizations we might invite... DHA was an idea mentioned. CPD area planning team has been invited.
- Westword's best of Denver is open for voting. Neighbors advocated for voting for community favorites.
- LAPAZ GNC UPDATES:
 - GNC is working to improve response times and manage safety concerns.
 - DPD's Investigation into NW quadrant shooting is ongoing. Video has been shared from neighbors cameras. DPD has not made an arrest. Most recent news is they are waiting on lab reports - no one knows what the reports are for or what kind. Case is open.
 - There was a death in the LaPaz community - neighbors are requesting compassion and discretion is speaking about this matter. There is no information to share, this is a private matter.
 - Next GNC meeting they will have updates from the park rangers on safety plans. GNC is looking for feedback about what is and isn't working around the park.
 - REporting concerns - if you see any issues or concerns within 1000 feet of the la paz site please tell them as quickly as you can they want to address concerns. Police response is long, CVC has been good about dealing with concerns or breaking things up. They are walking in the area regularly. DPD appreciates reports from staff and neighbors as they are trying to help reduce issues.
 - Minutes from GNC meetings are on the find solutions website.

NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 27th at 6:30pm - Ratio Beerworks