

OVERLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION -2025

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 23rd 2025 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID - Raito

COMMUNITY COMPASSION

- Thanks and appreciation were shared for the following: [CLS local street artist](#), Neighbors buffing gang graffiti on Warren and Bannock, Snow Shovel Helpers, Book loaning amongst neighbors, [Fellow Traveler in Englewood](#) - great Vegan spot. Billy - Snow Shovel Angel! Empathy to the small single family home owners that are across the street from the Residence on Acoma construction. For all who participate, strengthen the Denver community. Neighborhood feral cats that patrol and those that care for them.. Jerry - eyes and ears around Galapago in the southwest quadrant. Mini Splits working through the cold winter nights. [Gennaro's](#) - new owners (live in the neighborhood) Rob and Amy have welcomed their new baby. Fence improvements by CDOT on Santa Fe - not great but better than nothing - small win for the community.

DPD - Officer AJ Pacheco

- A summary of the neighborhood Crime Stats was given. [You can review these stats at the city's website](#). Generally crime is down but we are one month in to the year. Larson and thefts are up most others crimes are down.
- Kate is in training. John Silva John.Silva@denvergov.org will be the new CRO for our community, Manny moved departments. Kate should be back in March.
- District 3 Coffee with the Cops
 - **3rd Wednesday of the month 10-12**
 - Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
- District 3 CAB Meeting
 - **1st Wednesday of the month 6pm**
 - District 3 Community Room, 1625 S University Blvd, Denver, CO 80210
- Neighbor asked a questions:
 - Info requested on new cameras/security system that the city has installed near LaPaz site, community wants more details and info on how this works, where its coverage lies and who is monitoring.

- Firearm safety training available through the police department was requested - DPD doesn't do this and suggested group talks to a local gun club. Hunter safety courses were recommended by neighbors as an alternative.
- DPD has no new info to share on the home invasion on Jewell there is a \$2k reward for info.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 - Councilwomen Flor Alvidrez

- Caleb was present from councilwoman' staff to share updates.
- They will be restarting in person meeting hours - stay tuned to newsletter for more info.
- Rezoning hearing Monday for 2000 S Bannock - info in newsletter. Jenn reminded the group that these property owners did come to community meetings last year to get neighborhood input and share their vision.
- Parking changes in zoning code are under council review. Neighbors are concerned about missing signage on parking in the community - Concerns on signage - email D7 and get with DOTI for us. 311 request and ping D7 they will push issues - Distric7@denvergov.org
- Denver is looking at a new bond - if we have projects in overland that we want to see we should bring info to D7 - Caleb suggest we make a list and prioritize. Things that were mentioned - Pedestrian crossing of the Platte at Jewell or near Ruby Hill. Evans Underpass utilization and clean up, John Collins Church, the old Mike's building on Iliff and Broadway.
- River Improvement Projects - improving infrastructure on walks and bridges. Don't know the details but will find out more.
- No updates on Iowa underpass or Jewell bridge.
- Business Improvement District in process for south Broadway. Discussed window decals for community partners. Caleb to get info to explain BID.
- 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

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| Beginning Balance | | \$15,035.79 |
| Dues In | | \$ 30.00 |
| Activity Charge | | \$ (11.00) |
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| Ending Balance per Bank | | \$ 15,054.79 |
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| | OPNA Funds | \$ 3,344.11 |
| | D7 Support Funds | \$ 10,000.00 |
| | ART Funds | \$ 1,710.68 |

- October meeting minutes were approved

Community Announcements (open to anyone) -

- OVERLAND GROWS - Volunteers needed day off and in advance for planning and prep. Ticket system was successful and will do so again. Library has offered to bring the book mobile that day. Mara and Andrew are willing to help do the compost this year. Discussed using cannabis neighbors for spent soil. Also maybe doing a plant swap as well this year. Motion was made to approve \$1000 of OPNA funds for the event costs and plants - \$500 from D7 funds and \$500 from OPNA General funds was approved.
- OPNA Meetings for 2025 will alternate between Ratio and The Table each month. February we will be at The Table.
- FutureEvents were discussed: Free Little Library Crawl - Bikes and Beers tour of the neighborhood - Block Parties OPNA can help with permit fees - Discussed neighborhood post card and distribution - Website - LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBER THAT CAN HELP IN NEW WEBSITE.
- RTD Updates - lightrail is moving slow due to rail damage and issues.

NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 27th at 6:30pm - The Table Public House