

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

August 22nd 2024 / 6:30 PM / Virtual via Zoom

Compassion Action -OPNA Board

- Neighbors shared experiences of compassion in the community.
- The Table will be reopening soon.

OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update was not available during the meeting but included here for the month of August -

Beginning Balance		\$ 15,687.58
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 15,687.58
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,976.90
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
	D7 Support Fur	\$ 10,000.00
Notes		

- July Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved

DPD - Officer Kate Young

- [District 3](#) Community Resource Officer: Technician Kate Young - kate.young@denvergov.org (720) 913-1248 - Kate was not available this meeting resources below:
- A summary of the neighborhood [Crime Stats](#) can be found at the link.
- Events:
 - **District 3 Coffee with the Cops**

- **Wed September 4th 10:00am - 12:00pm**
- Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
- **CAB Wed 9/11 at D3 Station 6pm - Will have a State Auto prevention Task Force.**

Barbar McManus - Running for RTD Board

- 908-720-7007, www.Mcmanus4rtd.com, Mcmanus4rtd@gmail.com
- Barbra is looking for votes this fall and will be on the ballot for our district board director. See her website above for more about her platform and feel free to contact her for more info.

District 7 - Councilwoman Alvidrez's Office - *Aide Caleb Todd*

- Councilwoman Flor Alvidrez's aide provided some updates and info:
- Flor is working closely with La Pax GNC. Mark is putting together a communication list to help residents know who to contact and when.
- They are working on a weekly newsletter, stay tuned.
- It is budget season. If there are projects, priorities or goals that are important to the community please let the councilwoman know. Becky advocated for community space, like a rec center, community center or library as Overland doesn't have any indoor public space. Bill advocated for pocket parks. Neighbors also advocated again for activation of the area under the Evans bridge east of the rail.
- Judy asked for relief or changes to residential permit policy. As the fee increases and is an added burden to residents already stressed with other cost of living increases.
- Main Office Number: 720-337-7780, caleb.todd@denvergov.org; district7@denvergov.org

GNC - La Pax Update -*Jenn and Jack*

- Neighbors on the GNC are frustrated with the clear and consistent communication they are working to get solutions to this.
- CVC shared some recent stats: In 6 months they have had 93% or residents utilize the social support resources such as substance use disorder support, medical or mental health support, support in maintaining critical documents and id for establishing residency in an apartment etc...
- GNC neighbor reps are hearing the frustrations from the community that they aren't advocating enough. Jenn assured that they have a voice but not a lot of power in this situation. They are working to navigate the bureaucracy and red tape to get the needs of overland neighbors met. They are hearing lots of concerns on crime and issues in the park and advocating for the city to respond to these concerns. IF neighbors have questions or concerns please reach out to the GNC they continue to be our best advocates. .

Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- Compost Bins are on the way - be on the lookout for a bin size selection form.
- Santa Fe Fence “sound barrier” Mayor's office clarified they intend to replace north and south of the site, not north and south of Evans. Neighbors are working on an email campaign to state representatives to try to get some attention to the failing fence. ‘
- John Collins Church - Jenn continues to work to connect with the UMC on upkeep and care as well as potential community partnerships.
- 2221 South Delaware - Stalled construction site issues - neighbors shared concerns and challenges with a construction project that has been delayed. Continue to see dumping, squatting and theft in the area. Recently I have experienced fires in the building. Neighbors are concerned and looking for help. Jenn connects with the Mayor's office as well as with the Council Women's office. Supposedly a team for the city zoning/building inspection division went out and flagged concerns with the property owner and GC. It was noted that there was a change in the contractor and they are working to mitigate the issues by installing the final privacy fence for the property and getting the portolet and dumpster out of the area. If neighbors have info and pictures of issues on site please send along to opnainfo@gmail.com and Jenn will get past on to the city to try to get some resolution.
- MEMBERSHIP:
 - \$10/household - \$25/business
 - Venmo Account for OPNA Overland Park Neighborhood Association - @OPNA-Denver



NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Social TBD
Next Meeting September, 26th 6:30pm