

OVERLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

JULY MEETING MINUTES

July 25th 2024 / 6:30 PM / Virtual via Zoom

Compassion Action -OPNA Board

- Neighbors shared experiences of compassion in the community.

OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update presented and unanimously approved - See report.

Beginning Balance		\$ 15,551.63
Urban peak donation payment from Mara via Venmo		\$ 98.00
Bank charge		\$ (11.00)
Dues		\$ 48.95
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 15,687.58
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,976.90
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
	D7 Support Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Notes		

- May and June Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved

DPD - Officer Kate Young

- [District 3](#) Community Resource Officer: Technician Kate Young - kate.young@denvergov.org (720) 913-1248 - Officer Manny had a baby all are happy and healthy.
- A summary of the neighborhood [Crime Stats](#) was given. Overall Crime is down 19%. Violent crime offenses have included sexual assaults, two were known parties, one was in a retail shop, last was actually outside of Overland but got coded to this community for unknown reason. Aggravated assault is up over 3 years avg, but down over last year. Offenses included mostly road

rage, and brandishing weapons in a road rage incident. Some domestic violence and assault reports as well as arson incidents.

- Events:
 - **District 3 Coffee with the Cops**
 - **Wed August 7th 10:00am - 12:00pm**
 - Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
 - **No CAB as hosting National Night Out at Cook Park Rec Center -**
 - **August 6th 6:00pm - 8:00pm**
 - **Food Trucks and Games**
 - **Next Cab will be 9/11 Will have a State Auto prevention Taskforce.**
 - **District 3 Back to School Celebration and Backpack Giveaway**
 - **Sat Aug 10th 10:00am - 12:00pm**
 - 1000 S Holly Street

District 7 - Councilwoman Alvidrez's Office - *Flor Alvidrez*

- Councilwoman Flor Alvidrez's aide provided some updates and info:
- Jewell Bridge and I 25 / Broadway interchange construction updates can be found on city websites;
- <https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Department-of-Transportation-and-Infrastructure/News-Outreach/News/Southbound-I-25-Ramp>
- Jewell is in contracting procurement so this is a really exciting step as we are getting closer to construction starting hopefully by the end of the year.
- Links to the project website and others that were mentioned.
 - Here is the link to the [West Jewell Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge](#).includes lots of answers to frequently asked questions.
- DY and Mayor combine community Safety Meeting - must RSVP -
 - <https://forms.office.com/g/4Q0kUqnNcp?origin=lprLink>
- Main Office Number: 720-337-7780

GNC - La Pax UPdate -*Jenn and Jack*

- Working to get clarify on who and how to contact for various needs, support, or issues.
- Overland GNC is the first of its kind for the city and they are learning some lessons on how to organize and communicate better. The process is improving but group is continually looking for feedback and assessing to make this successful.

- Issue with resident and felony charges with warrant processing issues was frustrating but all learned through that where we can improve language on understanding the intake process for the site as well as the guardrails for safety for residents and neighbors.
- Looking to add contact details to GNA with clarity on who to contact for what type of needs or concerns.
- Reminder: the city is not involved in the GNC. But Overland and the CVC as well as other community stakeholders are committed to continuing the open dialog. The city is financially providing the facilitators.
- GNC has the ability to amend the GNA and is looking already to improve the document with two specific items
 - Amend the GNA to include a description of the intake and admission process for new residents at La Paz
 - Revisiting Section 3 - Program participant expectations.
- Clear and timely communication is important to all but how to communicate amongst all the entities and parties has challenges so the group is clarifying this.
- Jenn is looking for opportunities like flyers for adjacent neighbors for critical communication or may there is some type of magnet that has a contact tree for residents so they know what to do for different issues or concerns. In turn GNC is asking neighbors and community to work to follow proper reporting channels so that the needs can be quickly prioritize and addressed without having to redirect communication and lose information in the turns of “telephone” across the agencies and residents

Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- An Urban Peak tour was held and the team will confirm the donations raised. Also had a volunteer group from overland that helped unpack and wash housewares for the staff and community kitchens.
- Bylaws group is working on updates. Started with reviewing and defining.
- Zoning and Licenses:
 - Request for liquor licenses transfer for Pearl Wine Co moving to 1935 S Pearl
 - Gennaro’s 2598 S Broadway ownership changes and liquor license transfer
 - 2000 S Bannock Proposed change from IA to CRX5.
- Southwest Area Plan - City Neighborhood Planning Initiative has kicked off. Rebecca Greek is on the committee and looks forward to sharing updates and getting input from neighbors.
 - Upcoming Kick Off Meeting for all on 9/11 at 6PM-8PM at Westwood Community Center
 - 1000 S Lowell Blvd, Denver CO 80219
 - [Denvergov.org/SouthwestPlan](https://denvergov.org/SouthwestPlan)
 - Take Survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWKickOffPlanWebsite>

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- MEMBERSHIP:
 - \$10/household - \$25/business
 - Venmo Account for OPNA Overland Park Neighborhood Association - @OPNA-Denver

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NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Social TBD
Next Meeting August, 22nd 6:30pm