

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

June 27th 2024 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID

Compassion Action -OPNA Board

- Neighbors offered lots of compassion for the table as well as follow neighbors
 - The Table is hosting a closing party on Sunday at live music at 3pm. Toast at 5.

DPD - Officer Kate Young

- [District 3](#) Community Resource Officer: Technician Kate Young - kate.young@denvergov.org (720) 913-1248
- A summary of the neighborhood [Crime Stats](#) was given. Generally crime is down 18%. Violent crime has gone up over 26% - mostly due to domestic violence incidents. Also road rage incidents. Property crimes are down 21% which is really good. Keep White collar crime is also down 21%.
- Events:
 - **District 3 Coffee with the Cops**
 - **Wed July 3rd 10:00am - 12:00pm**
 - Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
 - **District 3 CAB Meeting -**
 - **NO MEETING THIS MONTH.** Next meeting in September.
 - They are hosting a fishing event July 20th in Wash Park, First 50 Families get one free pole.
 - Youth Art Contest - 7/3 Submissions due. Winners get tour of crime lab and gift cards.
 - Bike to work day was great. D3 registered over 150 bikes with 529 Garage - <https://project529.com/garage/>
- La Paz - DPD was involved in one incident. From what Kate understands is that an individual was setting up camp outside the community CVC staff asked the person to leave. A neighbor was also there during the incidents. Situation escalated into an assault. DPD was called and responded within minutes, believed to be attributed to the extra presence in the area. Believe this took place in early May. GNC will have more details.
- Request for increased bike patrols in the park as a neighbor is concerned there is increased drug abuse. Kate will pass on concern to Park Rangers. Sometimes they can respond faster in the parks to non-violent/non-life threatening crime, as the police have to prioritize more dangerous crimes in the area.

- ENCAMPMENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO 311. Parking Complaints are addressed differently than homeless encampment calls. Kate estimates the city gets 100s, maybe 500 complaints a day, so they are addressing these. First response is the Mayor's outreach team, then if encampment remains, it escalates, eventually DPD is the last resort to remove people and the city cleans up.
- Text "hello" to 439311 (HEY311) or click on the Sunny icon on the bottom right of Denvergov.org. Welcome to a new era of seamless city interactions! - <https://denvergov.org/Sunny>

OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - See report.

Beginning Balance		\$ 16,101.47
Bank charge 5/31		-11
Reversed transaction due to erroneous deposit from Andrew Geuha		-602.11
Membership deposits from Venmo 5/23		63.27
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 15,551.63
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,840.95
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
	D7 Support Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Notes		

- Meeting minutes from May have not been published. Will get distributed with June minutes and will approve next month.

District 7 - Councilwoman Alvidrez's Office - Jake

- In budget season. Councilwoman is working collaboratively on neighborhood safety and interviewing for the oversight committee. Stay tuned to D7 communication for Blg 4th of July event at Wash Park. Ballot initiatives are in - expect a LARGE ballot this fall. Maybe 4-5 page.
- Working on getting details for La Paz GNC by next GNC meeting. Note when you report to 311 your report will quickly close, this doesn't mean the issue is addressed, it means its been moved from 311 to the Mayor Response Team. So the case isn't closed, its in their department, and

closed out of the 311 triage.

- Flor is working to get a meeting with DOTI head to discuss areas of concern in the community, they will let us know what they find out.
- Sound Fence and CDOT - no update. GNC team intends to continue to follow up. Suggest reaching out to State legislators as CDOT is a state level agency.
- FLor has paused in person constituent engagements for safety reasons. Currently working on a pilot to have virtual hours. You can go to the D7 site and through the web portal you can schedule either zoom or team meeting. There will be 3 sessions, 7/11, 7/18 and 7/25. If it is popular they will continue.

Barbara McManus for RTD Board of Directors District D -*Jeff Walker*

- Jeff, attending on behalf of McManus as a former board member, supports McManus for this position. He shared info on candidate and collected signatures to get her on the ballot.
- <https://mcmanus4rtd.com/>

Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- Solstice was well attended. Thank you to Jack for coordinating.
- **URBAN PEAK TOUR and VOLUNTEER FOR GOOD DAY**
 - **Building Tour - SUNDAY 7/7 2pm.** - 20 spots. (14 spaces remaining after this email). Active construction site, although they are finishing soon. Wear closed toed shoes and be prepared to climb over 4 flights of stairs - the elevator is not active yet. Well behaved children are allowed, but must be accompanied closely by their parents. Again, its an active construction site.
 - **Cost:** free, **suggest participants offer a Donation of \$25 or volunteer contribution** strongly encouraged but not required.
 - Rebecca motioned we vote to match all tour donations raised up to \$251 with OPNA funds.(people questioned the amount, it was thought this should be a voting amount). Motion was seconded and a vote was held there was a unanimous vote to match donations up to \$251 without opposition.
 - If you would like to join the tour please email OPNAinfo@gmail.com
 - Volunteer For Good Day Event - OPNA has 4 volunteer spots Wednesday 7/17 9-1
 - Volunteer work will include all sorts of activities to prepare for opening. Moving in setting up spaces, and organizing. The event includes breakfast.
 - If you are interested and able to commit to this event please email

OPNAinfo@gmail.com

- OPNA SUPPORTED MEAL PREP & SERVE AT URBAN PEAK SHELTER
 - Rebecca plans to coordinate future, ideally quarterly OPNA meal serving opportunities with Urban Peak. If you are interested in helping with these efforts on a regular basis please let us know. You can learn more here:<https://www.urbanpeak.org/volunteer>

- LAPAZ GNC UPDATES: Jenn, Jack and Daniel all shared updates and next steps. Below is a brief summary of this eventings discussion. Stay tuned to OPNA email newsletters for latest updates from GNC group.
 - The group discussed the volume of calls that CVC has tracked. They are reporting 9 total. And as of 6/20 had zero calls for over a week. Most of the calls they have received were related to a camping trailer that was alleged to have people living in.
 - A flyer regarding an alleged fugitive was residing in La Paz. What GNC understands is that Denver Marshalls came to the site with an incomplete warrant. CVC's policy doesn't allow law enforcement to enter the site without a complete warrant. CVC fully cooperated and requested they return with the info correct. Companies and businesses often have these types of policies for complete warrants, not uncommon. CVC contacted the marshalls office to clearly explain what is needed. They set up a meeting with the marshall, but the marshall canceled, and they are trying to reschedule. As soon as OPNA or the GNC Group find out more we will share information. There is an emergency meeting with the GNC next week to get clarity on this so all in our community can feel safe.
 - Resident placement is a big concern. Neighbors want to understand how a person is at the site if they have an outstanding warrant. What is understood is that the Mayor's early intervention team is placing residents, so the city is believed to be responsible for the placement of this alleged criminal. Neighbors are concerned that the screen process is not in place.
 - Comment was made that GNA needs more contact information and clarity on who to contact.
 - Neighbors would like to understand the city schedule for expanding the site as its still unclear if they determined a date that the 6 month period for the first 60 residents started
 - GNC team will share updates after the next meeting and let folks know what is learned.

- 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 Meeting July, 25th at 6:30pm