

OVERLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

# MAY MEETING MINUTES

May 23rd 2024 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID - at the John Collins Church

## Compassion Action - OPNA Board

- Items of compassion were shared amongst attendees. People shared compassion for the Table and OPNA for the Plant Giveaway. Mara’s Free Library is in need of some new fresh books if you have some to put in rotation (S. Acoma).

## OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - See report.
  - *Some expenditures for INC dues, sponsored INC meeting sponsorship, bank charges. Deposit of 602.11 will be credited back this was a venmo customer transfer error.*

Beginning Balance		\$ 15,760.34
INC Dues Payment	5/20/24	\$ (19.98)
The Table Payment	5/20/24	\$ (480.00)
INC Delegate Meetings Deposit	5/13/24	\$ 250.00
Venmo Deposits	5/3/24	\$ 602.11
Bank Charge	4/30/24	\$ (11.00)
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 16,101.47
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,390.79
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
	D7 Support Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Notes		

- April meeting minutes approved

## DPD - non officer’s could make the meeting resource below:

- [District 3](#) Community Resource Officer: Technician Kate Young - [kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org) (720) 913-1248 -
- A summary of the neighborhood [Crime Stats](#) can be found at that link.

- Events:
  - **District 3 Coffee with the Cops**
    - **First Wednesday of the month - 10:00am - 12:00pm**
    - Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
  - **District 3 CAB Meeting -**
    - **First Wednesday of the month - 6:00pm - 7:00pm**
    - District 3 Community Room, 1625 S University Blvd, Denver, CO 80210

## District 7 - Councilwoman Alvidrez's Office - *Senior Aide Mark Antony Montoya* -

- [Councilwoman Flor Alvidrez's City Web Page with contact and info](#)
- Safety Town Halls - are being held around the city with Mayor and Councilmembers. They are exploring improvements along Lincoln/Broadway corridor from 6th to I25. Concerns were shared that south Broadway through Overland is not included.
- D7 has been hearing some concerns around La Paz community. Concerns have been shared that the messaging to GNC is that there have been no incident reports, however community members disagree with how that is measured. There have been a few unsavory incidents that have been addressed, and nothing was a severe public health or safety concern that would warrant aggressive action. More discussion on La Paz below in GNC info.
- No updates on residential parking plan, but hear there is momentum building. Adjacent to the city is working on BRT - Bus Rapid Transit improvements in the city.
- The D7 office is applying for micro grants for infrastructure improvements to access communities divided by highways and rail.
- Neighbors asked for updates on the sound barrier fence along Santa Fe. The community understood the full extent of the fence would be replaced and currently it's only updated at La Paz. Neighbors and OPNA will share correspondence and documents from meetings where this was discussed to attempt to hold the city accountable.

## Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- **5th Annual Plant Giveaway** was a great success. Over 2,250 plants were distributed. Over 170 community members received plants. All served in less than an hour. Largest group of volunteers!!! Big thanks to Jack for posters and signage. Gratitude for Jenn for creating the new ticket system. Lots of community members brought extra seedlings to donate, and will encourage more of this next year.
- **QUAD NOTES:**
  - NW - exploring ideas for space under the bridge

- NE - encampments and parking concerns are hot topic
- SW - ongoing La Paz concerns, South Platte Restoration will replace ped bridge and regrade banks to improve water quality and river flow.
- SE - Parking around Alexian is problematic. Fit45 customers take over street parking. 4-way stop requested at Acoma and Warren was denied by the city for not meeting criteria. They are looking at improving signage for parking.
- **By Laws discussion group** is forming - Rebecca, Terry, Paul, Mara and Jack. Rebecca will coordinate a meeting for the group.
- **Rezoning notes** - as more developers come to the community we are forming a list of FAQ that we will ask them to respond to before presenting at meetings. Looking at ways to distribute flyers to neighbors directly adjacent to the rezone site as they are most impacted, we want to be sure they are aware and know OPNA can help navigate where to find out more from the city..
- Property Owner at **2000 S Bannock spoke to neighbors about the zoning request**. They would like to develop the site into a small multi-family - 3.5 stories with garage - looking at 4 units total. Would be Liv/Work style units - with office space on ground floor. Currently zoned industrial. Neighbor is also looking for a similar rezoning.
- There is a **liquor license hearing for "The Delorean" at 1753 S Broadway, 6/13 at 1pm**. Info in newsletter.
- Looking for **volunteers for spanish translation** of non web communications.
- **La Paz Good Neighbor Committee has formed**
  - Learned communication is important. Important who you talk to. Must report to 311 to get something on official record. Just talking with La Paz staff will not generate a report. CVC is required to bring records of incidents to GNC.
  - Geotag fencing isn't what some thought it would be trying to find out more. .
  - Two incidents have been reported and there have been some unsubstantiated complaints that can not be verified are associated with the community.
- The Table is still raising funds to purchase the building. Neighbors discussed ways to support. A motion was made to "Invest the 10k District 7 funds, if the Table makes it to their pledge goals, and only if this use of funds meets the authorized and intended use of such funds. A vote was held, there were nine voting members present. Jenn recused herself as her husband is a board member for The Table's non-profit. 7 of the 9 voting members voted in favor. This vote was quickly taken at the end of the meeting as the building was closing and it was noted that the board needed to verify the by-laws and procedures for expenditures in order to determine the validity of the vote. After further review by the board, it was determined that while members can certainly bring forward a motion to vote on, this particular vote did not meet the criteria set in the by-laws for membership to approve an expense/donation/investment of this amount. Therefore, the vote is declared null and void. The board will follow up with Councilwoman Alvidrez regarding the intent of the District 7 funds and are suspending votes on these funds until further

information is obtained. If you have questions, please contact the OPNA board at OPNAinfo@gmail.com.

- Monthly Overland Social - TBD stay tuned to newsletter and socials. Coordinate a site tour/volunteer event with Urban Peak in July.
- 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 June 27th 6:30pm**