

OVERLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

# SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

September 26th 2024 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID

## OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - See report.

Beginning Balance		\$ 15,687.58
LLC Filing Fee	8/23/24	\$ (25.00)
Table Public House facility fee	9/20/24	\$ (50.00)
Bank Charge	8/30/24	\$ (11.00)
Bank Charge	7/31/24	\$ (11.00)
Membership	5/23/24	\$ 24.43
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 15,615.01
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,904.33
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
	D7 Support Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Notes		

- August minutes were approved.

## DPD - Officer Kate Young and Manny

- [District 3](#) Community Resource Officer: Technician Kate Young - [kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org) (720) 913-1248 -
- Kate and Manny shared an updated on the new Urban Peak facility. Its state of the art. Employees want to partner with them.
- A summary of the neighborhood [Crime Stats](#) was given. Generally crime is down 16%
- Jack asked about reports for non-emergency response at LaPaz. Kate explained that reports are completed on the calls that were made which could include welfare checks, narcotics and issues applicable to LaPaz. She will go thru the report to figure out whether calls are within the geofence. Jack requested stats for the GNC.
- Neighborhood watch – October 10th at 5pm Oct 10 at the Table. This is specific to Overland. Flyers to be distributed to get the word out. Daniel will also talk with NOON about distributing flyers.
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- Events:
  - [October 5th Hero Fest at the old Bed Bath and Beyond Parking lot](#). - Rescue vehicles, a flight for life helicopter. **12-4pm** Free Event - Lots of fun with bouncy castles etc.
  - **District 3 Coffee with the Cops (first wednesday of the month typically)**
    - **Wed October 2nd 10:00am - 12:00pm**
    - Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
  - **District 3 CAB Meeting -**
    - **Wed October 2nd 6:00pm - 7:00pm**
    - District 3 Community Room, 1625 S University Blvd, Denver, CO 80210

## [District 7 - Councilwoman Alvidrez's Office](#) - Caleb Todd provided Updates:

- Oct 17th Red box event – at the Table. They want to work with LaPaz to integrate into the community.
- Meeting for the Southwest area plan – huge turnout. A lot of interest. Overland was well represented.
- D7 office is planning to release next week thru social media and newsletter a ballot initiative guide for the 26 local and state initiatives on the ballot.
- Red box event – October 17th, 6:00 – 8pm Grant Frontier. This event is mostly for helping to register voters. There will be a Ballot Drop Box where you will be able to bring mail in ballots. This drop box is only for this election cycle but they are working on getting a permanent location in Overland.
- Flor attended the Equinox party and said that it was a great event where many neighbors and friends turned out.
- Caleb gave a short presentation to the group on Flor's team and their responsibilities. See attached PPT.

### Our Team

- Councilwoman Flor Alvidrez
- Mark Anthony Montoya, Senior Aide – Finance and Communications
- Caleb Todd, Policy Aide
- Jake Yolles, Administrative Assistant – Scheduling and Constituent Services,
- Jonathon Serrano Cuevas, Administrative Assistant – Constituent Services

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- District 7 Newsletter – please subscribe on District 7 website. Every 2 weeks. <https://mailchi.mp/denvergov/newsletter-sign-up-2024>
- Jack – Requested that we be notified when the contract is released from CDC pertaining to the next phase of the community. We want to be able to do public comments as soon as possible. NOON also. Caleb will keep us informed. [caleb.todd@denvergov.org](mailto:caleb.todd@denvergov.org)

## Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- **Developer working south of Evans bridge – Enrico** – looking to activate the space under the bridge. Where there are no encampments right now, there are many compost carts currently found under the bridge. DOTI owns the space where heavy duty fencing would need to be installed for any type of park. Some ideas include a dog park? Pickleball court?
- It was noted that the street lights are out on the bridge and also out in the parking lot at Grant Frontier.
- **Neighbors – parking situation – 2100 2200 Acoma** – too many cars and pedestrians. Requesting a 4 way stop added at Warren and Acoma looking to increase safety. Jenn has been searching for another apartment building in the city with no alley access? Community believes the site needs better parking plan with DOTI. Brian noted that there is also an increasing parking issue in the 1200 – 1600 blocks of Acoma where there have been beach volleyball and indoor pickleball courts. This is causing more people driving into the neighborhood affecting parking for residents in the area. Using 311 calls to bring to attention. Daniel also mentioned that with increased ADU's where the garage needs to be in the alley, how does that affect parking for the front unit? City reduced the number of parking spot for the apartment complex with paid retail parking. Because of this people revert to street parking. To report parking issues, take pictures and documents to DOTI. They will only handle parking issues related to retail where the businesses are taking neighbor parking.
- **Neighbors in SE portion of hood** reporting people living in school buses where DPD working with those inhabitants.
- **CDOT fencing on the Santa Fe.** Still no movement.
- **John Collins Church – Bannock and Illif** owned by Methodist Conference. There is a woman pastor running the church on Sundays, leasing the space. This is an old historic property which does not receive enough financial assistance. OPNA Took pictures and sent to Methodist contact – they are required to maintained. Helping them to connect to grants. Could be a community center. Would District 7 – take on the property? We have permission to do some 'guerilla gardening' to mitigate the overgrown weeds on the property. Also the irrigation system is not working where. Mara – offering garden gloves for weeding. Proposed maybe handing out bags with gloves and chalk (just for fun).
- **Grant Frontier Park** also needs weeding – dead brush. All are welcome to help where OPNA does not assume any responsibilities. Andrew – volunteered to deal with wasps and yellow jackets.
- **Project to redress some of the bank erosion along the S. Platte** and to reposition the bridge at Grant Frontier. The plans are out and projected to start in 2025. We will request to have the Army

Corp of Engineers come to present at future meetings to better understand the process and provide feedback.

- There is a **pocket park proposal for the lot at 2685 So Cherokee**. Near Yale – Englewood and Denver to create a pocket park. Parks for the people.
- **South Broadway Halloween Parade** Saturday, October 19th.
  - Do we want to do it? YES.
  - There may be a fee for the float, Jack to register and organize.
  - Mara offered to use their truck and will drive.
  - Need to work out a better plan to distribute the candy fairly (30,000 people came out last year).
  - Saturday October 19th.
  - Jack will organize. Motion made and passed unanimously to allocate \$500 cost for registration and float building. We will be requesting donations for candy thru Sign up genius.
  - Even if you don't help build the float, please note ALL are welcome to come and walk the parade with us. This event is fun for everyone!
- La Paz: Update from Good Neighbor Committee Meeting
  - Report provided from LaPaz every month. Looking for details on how many residents, exit and or have successfully moved into stable housing? There have been challenges. GNC sharing list of complaints from neighbors.
  - Issue within the perimeter – email, call or text. Please do it expediently. Don't wait... More helpful to report asap so that they can address it in a timely manner.
  - New signage was added to Grant Frontier Park to designate hours open as 5am – 11pm. Also a night crew has been going through the park to make sure the park is cleared after closing. It was noted that the park has been much better since this action was taken.
- **Cannabis Bar 1196 S. Santa Fe –Phillip** – South of Mississippi License Hearing October 7th.
  - Bringing up to code. Parking lot – 1 level building – add bathrooms and on-site –
  - Newer type of license – qualify as a social equity owner.
  - Will have onsite cannabis consumption. Live music and food truck. Mobile coffee bar. Amsterdam feel. Private events... Only cannabis. Goal to provide mature adult space with more cannabis hospitality. Drink cooler for sodas.
  - Contact info philip@thunderbuzzch.com
- **Chase Patterson – making a documentary on Shaddock superfund site mitigation process** where he is focused on time period of April 91 thru January 92.

NOTABLE EVENTS:

- Neighborhood Watch Training: The Denver Police Department will be hosting a Neighborhood Watch training in the back room at the Table Public House (2190 S Platte River Drive) at 5 PM on October 10th. Everyone in Overland is welcome - homeowners, renters, and business partners. The presentation will be geared towards promoting neighborhood connectivity, encouraging responsible reporting, and increasing awareness through implicit bias education. You can RSVP for this training by sending an email to [Christie.Mochoruk@denvergov.org](mailto:Christie.Mochoruk@denvergov.org).
- How About Them Apples! Several neighbors will be harvesting apples in Overland on Saturday for Grow Local Colorado - wave if you drive by! :) You can sign up to help pick apples from local trees or let them know about your fruit trees that need to be harvested. Grow Local Colorado's Inaugural Citywide Glean of Fruit Trees is happening on Sept 28, followed by ApplePalooza on the 29th. Press local apples into cider, enjoy live music and more!
  - Register today: <https://www.facebook.com/share/a72ZMxUwqbLNA3nJ/>

## **NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Next Social Halloween Parade October 19th 6pm**

**Next Meeting October 24th 6:30pm at Ratio**