



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – May 25 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Vice President Ronnie Crawford

Welcome and Compassion

25+ members and guests were present. During introductions, several acts of compassion were expressed and open comments. These can be found at the end of these minutes notes.

Minutes from April meeting

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report

(reminder: annual dues are now due for 2017. \$10 per household, \$25 business. Paid members are voting members)

Beginning Balance		\$ 4,039.00
Membership Deposit		\$ 10.00
Paid Outstanding		\$
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 4,044.00
	OPNA Funds	\$ 1,742.61
	Art Funds	\$ 2,301.39

Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez
720-913-1248

Jim.lopez@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

Officer Lopez was not present at this meeting.

Presentation by Chris Zacher and Andy Thomas with Levitt Pavilion

<http://levittdenver.org>

Chris Zacher, Executive Director chris@levittdenver.org

Andy Thomas, Community Outreach Director andy@levittdenver.org

Chase Wessel, Production Director chase@levittdenver.org

Sydney Linden, Administrative Production Assistant. sydney@levittdenver.org

Saturday, July 22, 2-6pm – Open house for community at Levitt Pavilion (no concert that night)

Chris and Andy provided updates on the construction and to let us know that July 20th is still the opening date which plans to feature Colorado based bands. There are 33 concerts planned for this year between July 20th and September 23rd (last paid concert on Oct 7). The goal is to have a minimum of 50 local acts next year, Concerts run from Thursday-Saturday, ending at 10pm. Sunday concerts will be between 5-8pm. They are currently working on the parking plan. They plan to come back after a few weeks after opening to discuss any issues with the neighborhood.

Maggie – very excited about have the presence of Levitt in Ruby Hill park and thinks that the good actions will outweigh any bad actions happening there. Chris said they are working with police in district 4 and with homeland security plans. There will be park rangers and Denver police presence during the concerts.

Jack – asked whether the promenade is still planned on the east side which he saw on the map? Yes, The park road will turn into one-way, south to north (Jewell to Florida) during the concerts. This is part of the promenade which plans to be done by 2020 as part of the bond. They plan to improved roadways and provide more parking where currently there are 390 spots inside the park. At the bottom of the park, they will redo the existing parking lot and overflow parking.

Jack – concessions? With the free and paid concerts, it will be the same. Will provide local food trucks, 4-5 per show.

Jack – with the other Levitt Pavilion venues were there lessons learned? Really dependent on each city but they have seen economic improvements in the areas where there are Levitt Pavilions.

Ray – will the food trucks be favoring local vendors and thinking of Declaration Brewery for the beer? Levitt already has a beer contract with CO based company, Coors and Great Divide who are able to provide the amount of supply they need which will be canned beer.

Amy – bike parking and security? Bike denver donated a bike coral with 350 bikes

capacity where it will be free to park.

Jack – any plans on how people get from RTD and bike path to Ruby Hill? They are talking about a light rail loop service and have partnered with Lyft. There will be a dedicated dropoff and pickup location at the top of the hill. Also, wayfinding signs and barricades for larger concerts.

Paul - What is the process to get a new band booked for concert? This season is full but they are starting to book for 2018. Anyone interested should send email thru the website or directly to Chase Wessell.

Any employment opportunities? Currently 4 on staff permanently. If you want, you can check the companies that are servicing the concerts.

Need Volunteers? Contact Andy or Sydney. Plan is for 5-6 per show. Volunteers will help with setup, VIP seating, information booths and taking donations.

Paul – possible for community events in off days where other groups can use the facility. Also would like to see more dance promoted at concerts? They are very interested and the space would be affordable for rent.

Also check out the new mobile app for Levitt Pavilion Denver which provides schedules, seating map and parking plan.

Kevin Dickson regarding accessory dwelling unit zoning. Duplexes in neighborhood.

kevdictson@gmail.com

In 2010 the 2200 block of Cherokee to Bannock was designated to allow for accessory dwellings for 50ft. lots. Most of the lots in this area are only 38ft. where you would need to get a variance in order to be able to build. Mara and family built a new carriage house by obtaining a variance. Kevin is working on trying to get this area rezoned so that the variance would not be required on smaller lots. He needs 51% of the homeowners in this area to agree. If you know anyone in the 2200 blocks of Cherokee to Bannock who would like to be involved in this process, please contact Kevin Dickson.

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) <http://www.luckydistrict7.org>

Jolon provided the following updates:

GO Bond process – vote will be in November. He is pushing for the Jewell pedestrian bridge and the South Platte River bridge which are both on the list. The bridge over South Platte river and the South Platte river drive are part of the river master plan and 2nd in the list. Jewell pedestrian bridge over Santa Fe has been on the list for 10 years ago and may have a better chance of passing.

Goes to executive committee and then City Council. If you want to support this happening, please send email to the executive committee.

Halloween Parade in District 7 on Broadway, from 3rd Avenue to Alameda planned for October 21st starting at 6pm. See broadwayhalloweenparade.com

Social consumption of marijuana. Rules – in a few weeks - Wash park is pushing for changes. Can't smoke indoors. Social consumption would need to be outdoors. No buffer right now between neighborhood – 500 ft between. Let Jolon know what you think.

There is a question of re-zoning of old churches in single family residential neighborhoods, where in one neighborhood, a church was converted to the International Church of Cannabis. Working on what determines re-zoning to repurpose the old churches and how do we become smarter about what we do/don't want to replace?

Dogs tied to ropes – the laws on dog tethering are antiquated. Running ordinance to change the law – which will go to City council

Recycling Report – Denver is not good at recycling coming in at only 20% where 80% still goes to landfill. This is half the national average. Loveland does 60%. Stay tuned to push for more composting routes.

Jack – regarding compost. If rate structured changed, there would be more people doing it.

City Council is looking at the initial design for Iowa underpass to happen early next year!

Rob – Any update on small parking lot and related to carriage houses where could be increase of parking? Final vote on small parking lot moratorium on allowing zero parking. There have been amendments to Bill related to preserving existing structures and limiting the parking issue. Also need to work on transportation and promoting more mobility thru other ways than cars.

Rob - what is with the large pot signs cropping up in the neighborhood? Jolon will look into this.

Jack – rescheduled date for Grant Frontier grand opening? No haven't picked yet, possibly late July, early August.

Get ready for Lucky District 7 Sprint Cleanup and Tree Planting

When: **Saturday, June 3, 2017**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cleanup and tree planting

12 to 1:30 p.m. District cookout and municipal fair at Johnson Habitat Park

Get a FREE tree - Help a neighbor - Volunteer for your Community - Meet your neighbors
Denver – Councilman Jolon Clark and Lucky District 7 are looking for projects and volunteers for their first Spring

If you want to volunteer:

Volunteers are needed to help with various projects throughout the district. To sign up,

visit

www.LuckyDistrict7.org/springcleanup.html and fill out the form. Details about your volunteer assignment will be given to you prior to the event. Registration for volunteering closes May 22, 2017.

If you need help:

Neighbors (especially those 65+ or those with disabilities) needing help with cleanup or planting a tree, should visit www.LuckyDistrict7.org/springcleanup.html and click the “I have a project that I would like help with” button. You will be contacted by the District 7 staff for more details. Requests projects received by April 20, 2017 will be given priority.

If you want a FREE tree:

Neighbors who would like to apply for a FREE tree should visit www.LuckyDistrict7.org/springcleanup.html and Click “I would be interested in a tree at no cost to me.” Requests projects received by April 20, 2017 will be given priority.

Let’s celebrate!

When the work is complete, join your neighbors for a cookout and municipal fair at Johnson Habitat Park.

Looking for volunteers and suggestions of small projects to be completed in the neighborhood. Part of Denver Dig programs where you may have seen some blue trees planted downtown recently. The idea is to also plant blue trees randomly around the city. This is more of an art installation and not forever. If you are interested in planting a blue tree, contact

Autumn.bjugstad@denvergov.org

720-337-7777

Our Neighborhood Captain is Andrew Gehauf agehauf@gmail.com

Volunteer station will be in **Rob Lovell's** driveway at the corner of W. Jewell Ave, and S. Elati St.

Overland Social

Overland Socials occur on the **second Wednesday** of the month: It is a chance to get together with neighbors and hang out at one of our local restaurants. The next social will be

Wednesday June 14th - Acero Lounge 1446 S Broadway 6:30pm until...

Watch for reminders on our Facebook page **Overland Park Neighborhood Association -**

OPNA

Community announcements (open to anyone)

OPNA Tubing anyone? Ronnie is proposing a trip down the Platte River, starting from the end of the light rail at Mineral, floating down to Evans. Contact Ronnie for more info and dates falconcentral@gmail.com

Ronnie – he has beehives – anyone welcome to come and see at his house.

David Ehrlich Q&A on Music Festival

David gave an update on the progress of the music festival where they are now working with city on the contract and are continuing to outreach to the surrounding communities. The core contract terms are already done and they are starting the conversation now with council members.

Regarding the non-profit component to the festival, they are working with Denver Foundation for the administrative services to help administer and distribute money to the neighborhood. He is also looking for people to be on the board.

Rick Farman from Superfly met some of the the neighbors and walked the site . A few issues came up which they are currently working on.

1 – transit and parking. How to eliminate the thought of parking in neighborhood.

Engaging with Chariot which is a point to point shuttle service. Also, Lyft.

2 – RTD – possible free weekend on the ticket – working to put this on the ticket to have RTD transportation included.

3 – Recycling – working with Clean Vibes who has worked with Bonnaroo where they achieved a 65% diversion rate.

The festival plans to be a local celebration of foods and culture and they are looking for any recommendations of ideas and of any local non-profits. Email [David Ehrlich](mailto:David.Ehrlich@denver.org)

David plans to be back when the contract is in the final draft to discuss.

Eloise – will you coordinate with Levitt on the festival weekend so there is no conflict?

Yes! Will do our best to work together.

Compassion and open comments

Eloise – she and Jack took the lightrail train from the airport, then transferred to Evans station and walked across the bridge to return from a trip and it all went very smoothly!

Amy – thanked Ronnie for picking beautiful flowers from his garden which he gave to her.

Ronnie – thanked Overland Crossing for the awesome space that we meet in

Terry - Congratulations to Amy for completing her Doctorate in Education

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, June 22** , 2017, at **6:30 pm** at **Overland Studios 2205 S. Delaware St.**, Denver, CO 80223 Come join us and find out what is happening in our neighborhood.

Also, check us out on our **Website** and also to read the **minutes** from past meetings.

<http://www.opnadenver.org>

And like us on [Facebook](#)

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