



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – April 27, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Co-President Amy Razzaque

Welcome and Open Comments

20+ members and guests were present.

During introductions, several comments and recommendations were made to the group.

Minutes from March meeting

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report

Reminder: Annual dues apply to the full calendar year.

\$10 per household, \$25 business.

Paid members are voting members

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,784.00
Membership Deposit		\$ 10.00
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Paid Checks		
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 3,789.00
	OPNA Funds	\$ 1,977.61

	Art Funds	\$ 1,811.39
Outstanding	New Signage	\$ 150.00

Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

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Jim.lopez@denvergov.org

District 3

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Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

pocketgov.org/police

Sergeant Adolf Steinbach District 3.

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BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

Follow the Denver police twitter page to see any information on line.

[Denver Police Dept. \(@DenverPolice\) - Twitter https://twitter.com/DenverPolice](https://twitter.com/DenverPolice)

pocketgov.org/police is the Nextdoor version for police reporting where you can sign up and find out about any crimes in your own or other neighborhoods.

Officer Lopez reported to us that currently in our area, theft from motor vehicles is up where burglaries are way down. Lock your cars!

Questions:

Rob – how is the best way to report the homeless camps? For example, in the area between Overland Pond and AquaGolf? If you find needles and or there appears to be a safety issue, call 911 if emergency. Otherwise send an email to Officer Lopez directly (Jim.lopez@denvergov.org). Currently there are 2 officers assigned for homeless problems.

Amy – Asked about devices for detecting and locating gunshot sounds? Southwest Denver does not have any shot spotter here. If you suspect gun shots in the area, please report and try to provide the location (cross streets

are helpful)

Judy – Any problems currently with the South Platte Trail? Bike path area has been cleared of camping gear. If you see something – say something.

David Ehrlich: Grandoozy Music Festival updates

<https://www.grandoozy.com/>

Taking over the plan administration process for organizing the meetings to review 12 different plans related to the Music Festival operations. He will schedule Community meetings to review those plans which directly impact the neighborhood including safety, traffic, ingress and egress. Our comments will be taken into consideration before submitting to the city for final approval. Looks like these meetings will be scheduled the week of May 20th. David will work to try to get the plans to us before the meetings. He is also working with Rob Lovell to put together a meeting related to female patron outreach in festivals to insure that policies are in place and to address any issues?

David is also involved with the Denver theater district and the upcoming Happy City event.

[“Happy City: Art for the People”](#) is a six-week, citywide art intervention with the purpose of breaking down personal, emotional and social barriers, while nurturing individual and collective well-being. The project is produced by [The Denver Theatre District](#) with artistic direction by [Black Cube](#) and is inspired by British artist Stuart Semple.

See the following link for more

information <http://denvertheatredistrict.com/event/happy-city-art-people/>

Rob Lovell: Lucky District 7 Clean-Up, Fence Update

<http://www.luckydistrict7.org/springcleanup.html>

Lucky District 7 Spring Clean- Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th between 9am and noon followed by a picnic lunch at Johnson's Habitat Park. Rob has volunteered his house for staging this year's cleanup. Where last year, the neighborhood worked on planting trees, this year the plan is to clean up the Overland Pond area including the road between the Pond and Aguagolf. Tools, gloves, safety vests, litter grabbers, trash bags, and water will be provided. Please

use the link above to sign up in order for the organizers to be able to plan for the number of people working that day. Once you have signed up, more information will be provided.

It was suggested that Rob contact Officer Lopez the week before to do a homeless outreach in that area.

Rob also provided an update on the wooden fence that runs along Santa Fe and West Jewell Avenue where several panels fell over the winter and are currently in the process of being fixed by CDOT who owns the fence. CDOT is also working on a possible plan to replace the wooden fence with a dirt berm which would be a better insulation of sound and longer lasting. This would require 70-90,000 cf of dirt where CDOT does not have the money at this time. The area behind this fence has become somewhat of a dumping ground which CDOT has worked to clean up. Rob also offered these suggestion on how to get rid of unwanted lawn debris and trash. Denver's Trash and Recycling page has info on everything from the monthly Extra Trash (large item) Service to Electronics Recycling. The easiest and best way to dispose of yard waste is to do so in the 65 gallon green carts available through Denver's Compost Collection Program. It's only \$90 per year if you pay for the year in advance. It's super convenient, is good for the environment and helps with Denver's abysmal Diversion Rate. Also, found that A1 Organics Mountain States at 2300 W Radcliff Ave, Englewood, CO 80110 charge a very reasonable tipping fee for drop off. There is also a letter at the end of these notes related to removal of fallen trees.

Ronnie Crawford: Float trip, South Platte River updates

A resident in the neighborhood for 17 years where for the past 5 years as provided reports of the river and riparian area. He is a member of Denver Trout Unlimited and is our resident fishing guide for anyone who wants to join him in fishing. Now in the 3rd year of organizing tube floating trip down the South Platte River. Last year was a great turnout with 19 tubes. Ronnie plans to watch the river as the trip is dependent on spring runoff where this year the snow pack is 70-90%. Looking for at least 300 cfs to make it a fun experience. Stay tuned and get your tubes ready for floating.

Heather & Nick: S Broadway boutique liquor store concept - Samurai Cowboy

Nick is working on opening a new boutique liquor store at 1745 S Broadway and provided flyers with information. Currently has submitted an application to the city

and is asking for a level of support from the neighborhood. The liquor store will specialize in Japanese whisky, Sake, and a range of specialty beers. There are 31 parking slots where he looking at this becoming a boost to the neighborhood and destination for travelers.

Amy – will there be any changes to the facade? No – just paint and existing signage – avoiding any tacky beer signs.

Tim – Do you require any zoning variance? No, only looking for a letter of approval.

There was an open discussion among the members as to how the letter should be written and whether it should include a good neighbor agreement similar to pot shops. Maggie suggested that we could build into the letter some good neighbor comments, for example, no plastic bottles with the intention of keeping to the word of boutique and upscale.

Andrew made a motion to write a letter that would support the current business plan with good neighbor comments and expectations for the agreement.

The motion was passed unanimously. Mara will prepare the letter and have the board review before submitting to the city.

Andy Thomas from Levitt Pavilion: update on the upcoming concert season

<http://levittdenver.org/>

Andy Thomas spoke about the upcoming concert season at Levitt Pavilion where 50 free concerts and 10 ticket events are planned for this second season on Ruby Hill. Check out the line-up on their website or download their Mobile App to see whats coming.

This year they will be doing a sound study with K2 who designed Red Rocks where they will monitor 30 concerts and review environmental factors to help mitigate any noise at the top of the hill.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Andy through their website. It is a great way to help out while listening to some great music in an outdoor setting. Andy also spoke of the Advisory Board which has been created which meets once a month and includes some members from the surrounding neighborhoods. The board provides perspective and input on how to improve year to year. Please contact Andy if you are interested in being on the board.

Paul – asked about the temporary fence and will it become permanent this year? Still temporary until after sound study.

Ray – asked about bike racks. Yes they have expanded the bike valet this season.

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) www.luckyDistrict7.org

Jolon provided the following updates:

- 2018 Lucky District 7 Spring Cleanup!

Join your neighbors for a district-wide spring clean up. We will be working to clean up the neighborhoods of Lucky District 7 on Saturday May 19th. Also, you can apply for a free tree! Looking for captains who can help to pick a project, for example picking up litter or helping out neighbors in need, or tree planting. There will be a party at the end of the event. See more here

[Learn more about the event and register to volunteer here.](#)

– Jolon schedules early morning coffees and evening happy hours where anyone is welcome to come and talk. Next coffee session is on May 12th at 8am at Marie Empanada

– The first draft funded GOP bond of 250,000 where Jewell bridge is included. Money will be used to work on engineering plans. The abandoned rail line owned by BNSF on Jewell avenue will be ripped up and then repaved.

– [Rainbow Crosswalk](#) – Really close. Trying to get in by PRIDE.

Questions:

Eloise – recent wind storm left blue tarp in the trees? How to get it removed? Jolon will contact Parks and Forestry.

Paul – the soft trail which was installed by the River between Evans and Florida, is that for pedestrians only? Yes. Is it possible to provide some signage so the pedestrians are not threatened by bikers that are using this trail as a bike trail? Jolon will talk to Parks and Rec about possible signage.

Rob – Is there any timeframe for improving the aquagolf area? Army corp is the group which controls that area.

Amy – Rainbow crosswalk – any chance to volunteer? No because of thermoplast requires special installation.

Compassion

We are a compassionate neighborhood. Any acts of compassion? Shout out to Samurai Cowboy painted the back wall of the Vape and Play for free.

- Amy: new dates/times and official sign-up sheet for Urban Peak. Also Maggie mentioned that Urban Peak will have a cleanup day. Find the link on their Facebook page.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- Amy - Volunteer Opportunity: School Garden Cultivators with DUG - See email at the end of these notes for more information

- Mara: Historic Denver Neighborhood Action Fund

We have until June 1st to submit where we will have a meeting to talk more about it before the next OPNA social. If you are interested, plan to meet at 5:45pm on May 9th before the social

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 is

- May 9 Chuy Fu's

[2950 S Broadway](#)

[Englewood, CO 80113](#)

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, May 24**, 2018, at **6:30 pm** at **Studios at Overland Crossing** **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](#)

Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA

Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com

Hello Neighborhood Leaders,

Many of you may already know these procedures, but wanted to send this info along in case there are downed branches in your neighborhood from yesterday's wind. This could also prove helpful to folks in your area if there are damaging snows as trees leaf out in spring:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-council-district-13/news/2017/what-to-do-with-weather-damaged-trees-and-branches.html>

Thank you – as always please stay in touch with any neighborhood questions/concerns.

-Joe

Joe Wood

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From: Mikhaela Mullins <mikhaela@dug.org>

Date: Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 2:28 PM

Subject: Volunteer Opportunity with Denver Urban Gardens

Hello there!

I am reaching out regarding the [Denver Urban Gardens](#) volunteer program School Garden Cultivators, and am hoping that you might be willing to share this program with those in your RNO network. The Cultivator program is a six-week "train the trainer" course designed to educate community volunteers in all aspects of working with youth to foster gardening skills and to promote healthy eating. Through the Cultivator program, volunteers will work with students, schools and local communities to cultivate gardeners, grow food and nourish community. Volunteers accomplish this by providing support to the [Garden to Cafeteria](#), [Youth Farm Stand](#) and/or to the DUG in-classroom nutrition education program, [Healthy Seedlings](#), throughout diverse communities in Metro Denver. To learn more about this program and to apply, please visit: www.dug.org/school-garden-cultivator/.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks so much,

Mikhaela

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