



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA)  
August 25th, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES

**DPD District 3 - Officer Kate Young and AJ Pacheco - Community Resource Officers**

Officer Kate Young | kate.young@denvergov.org | 720-913-1248

Officer Antonio Pacheco | antonio.pacheco@denvergov.org | 720-913-1245

- Gave overview of property and miscellaneous crime reported as these are preventable.
- Reminders to close and lock your garage and your vehicles.
- Coffee w/ cops - on the first Wednesday of each month 10-12.
- CAB 9/13 at D3 Station- 1625 S University Blvd- from 6:00-7:00pm
- Explorer Program
  - Want to become a Denver Police Explorer? The Denver Police Explorer Program is designed for youth between the ages of 15 and 21 years-old who are interested in a career in law enforcement. The program emphasizes leadership, teamwork, strong values and a host of other skills to help them succeed in life. If you or someone you know is interested in this program, swing by their open house on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Denver Police Training Academy. To apply: ● Fill out application which can be obtained at the open house or by contacting Sgt. Sheridan at raymond.sheridan@denvergov.org or by phone at 720-913-1167 ● Applicants will be subject to a background check ● Interviews will be scheduled for September/October
- Neighbors expressed concern of vandalism in the neighborhood, both in commercial biz and neighbors cars etc. near Acoma and Florida. Wondering if it's possible to get increased patrol in the area. Kate recommends that email her block numbers and can put in extra patrol requests. She noted that the more reports the higher priority, so if there are lots of neighbors expressing concern more likely to get increased patrolling.
- Neighbors can report non emergency concerns to either 311 or pocketgov.org - <https://www.denvergov.org/pocketgov/#/report-a-problem>

**Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) - Maggie Thompson representing**

- If you have questions or concerns please reach out to D7 office  
[maggie.thompson@denvergov.org](mailto:maggie.thompson@denvergov.org) - [district7@denvergov.org](mailto:district7@denvergov.org) - 720-337-7777
- Maggie noted that if the trash pickup team needs any event gear - let D7 know as they have event kit and resources.
- D7 has Reusable shopping bags - can be distributed through hood.
- Electrification rebates have been used up for the year, but still have e-bike vouchers available. The home electric incentive program will have more incentives in 2023.
- Monday vote in council for new library fund - special district - allow lib to have guaranteed funding through prop mill levy - will be on the November ballot. Libraries are more than books, classes for immigrants, computer and internet access, and more.
- Reminder 1/1/23 new trash service and billing.
  - Bin for compost will be medium size - if you want small - you can request smaller ones once you receive your bin. If you already have compost you can stick with what you have. The change will be you can downsize black bin for the lower trash tier. Put in a request through 311 (recommending that you do sooner than later beat the rush at the end of the year).
  - Weekly recycling pickup will start in January.
- Halloween Parade - Overland should plan their entry. Save the date for Saturday 10/22/22.
- Jewell Bridge - no update since Gabby left. Maggie will request the new PM to come to the next meeting and provide an update. Noted that the city is short staffed and still hiring. So they are swamped, but will try to get an update.
- New Bike bath on Santa Fe along Overland Golf Course -Question from community on who is responsible for maintenance as we want to avoid the situation on the Evans bridge where there is little cleanup and maintenance. Maggie believes its city ROW, and will see what maintenance plan is and report back to the community.
- Neighbors expressed a need for traffic slowing at Jewell and Santa Fe to slow people turning onto Jewell with no sidewalks and speeding there are safety concerns. A bike lane on Jewell could help. Also concerned for vehicles safely turning at the "Right In and Right Out" at Jewell, neighbors expressed interest in exit speed limits in the exit lane from Florida to Evans. Maggie will bring that up with DOTI.
- Neighbors asked about the golf course chopping down lots of trees and would like to know what the plan is to replant what they are removing. Maggie is aware that the city has funds for trees and guesses that they will be replanting in the fall. Maggie will follow up and confirm there will be replacement trees.

**Approval of July meeting minutes and Treasurer Report**

- Unanimous approval of July Minutes.
- Treasury report:

Beginning Balance		6447.22
Deposit		\$ 25.00
Bank Fees		\$ (4.00)
Website Host		\$ -

Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 6,468.22
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,757.54
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68

- Pay dues to e a voting member - \$10/household - \$25/business
- Technology - Andrew proposed we look at investing in an Owl Speaker/Camera that we have been borrowing courtesy of Shopworks Architecture (Becky's employer, that we so appreciate,) as well as maybe a projector as we've been using Andrews.
  - OPNA owning these tools will ensure we are able to continue hybrid meeting options. Becky noted that she has looked up the cost for the Owl and they are roughly \$1000. Will do some research and see if there is a more affordable option.
  - Mara has explored using our current grant funds, not allowed.
  - The group discussed fundraising efforts, maybe we get some sizable donations to help support. Ben Bryan from Blueline offered a donation of \$100. Thank you to Blueline.
  - If anyone is interested in donating to the OPNA Meeting Tech let a board member know.
- Good Neighbor Agreements - In dialogue of change in developers/owners of multifamily projects and other business that hold GNAs with OPNA group would like to start including language in agreements that preserves agreements with Overland if there is change in ownership.
- Halloween Parade - need theme, need truck/car for float, and need a budget.
  - Theme ideas shared - Rob-in Hood (nod to odd crimes in community), Compassionate - Bleeding hearts.
  - The budget last year was \$300. The neighbors suggested a \$600 budget. In past years lots of individuals contributed extra, we always run out of candy, and we could minimize the DIY efforts with more funding. A motion was made to allocate \$600 for the Halloween Parade funds and was unanimously approved.
  - Ronnie and Jack will chair this year's parade committee.

### **OPNA Board Positions for 2023**

- Consider running for an OPNA board position! Candidates for office must declare and attend at least one meeting prior to elections to explain positions and qualifications so plan ahead now!
- Positions were reviewed with an overview of the roles, responsibilities, estimated time commitments and rewards of the civic duties. Position for Treasurer will be open with Andrew departing - Brian is self-nominating for this position. Secretary - Becky is prepared to stay in position for the recommended 3 year term, still in first year. Vice President - Ronnie is currently in this position. The President position will be open as Mara is departing.
- Mara noted that with our structure and bylaws we have the availability for Co-president or Co-any position for that matter. We can also create committees as we need to in order to share responsibilities.
- The president has the big job - communicating issues, being a liaison.
- Helene noted in the zoom chat her gratitude to Mara and Andrew for their years of service. She was concerned the elections are being rushed and she was aware of people that are interested in representing the neighborhood. It was noted that the board positions have been discussed for the last few meetings and that neighbors are wanting to move forward to fill current vacancies to

allow for as much transition time as possible as both Mara and Andrew have been in their roles for some time. We encourage those interested to reach out to current board members to learn more about these positions as well as attend meetings and announce their nominations or self-nominations for the board. As noted in the last meeting, Andrew and Mara are prepared to fulfill their duties through October remotely if needed.

- It was also noted that OPNA meets 10 months in the year as there are no meetings in November and December. This allows some time for orienting new board members.

**Trash Committee Reminder** - monthly trash sweeps of the 1300-1500 blocks of Acoma, part of the 1200 block, and the alleys between Acoma and Broadway @ 3pm monthly) Any and all volunteers are welcome! Meet at 1563 S Acoma and proceed for the cleanup from there.

- Remaining 2022 Trash Pick-Up Schedule include September 9, October 7, November 11, December 9

### Community announcements

- **Monthly Overland Social - 9/8 Levitt Pavilion for concert** - New Orleans Brass Band on 9/8. The meeting spot is under two tree hill. (two trees on the hill near levitt)
- **PRAB Update** - Amy Razzaque.
  - Reminder that Amy is the D7 board member for Denver Parks and Rec Advisory Board.
  - Updates - several facilities - including Denver Botanic Gardens, and others will be raising fees for large groups/organizations - individual fees will stay where they are mostly, but these have not been raised in a long time.
  - Rules and Regulations will be changed at a lot of parks to allow more use of non-motorized watercraft, such as paddle boards and sail boats
  - Note that Denver Parks and Rec - sends out quarterly recreation guides and you can sign up for all sorts of activities - example snowshoeing trip 3 days and a couple hundred dollars. They have lots of class options. Accessible and adaptive classes, things for families or aging folks, lots of options. So you have to know about it. Amy will share when the next one goes out, neighbors should watch out for the announcements as spots get snagged up fast.
- **[Historic Baker Neighborhood Home Tour](#) - Sat, August 27 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**
- **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in Denver** is hosting an online open house on Friday, August 26 – Friday, September 2, more info on the [project webpage](#).
- **1772 and 1788 S Acoma (NE of Acoma and Colorado). Justin Archuletta - Rezoning** two lots with old single family homes in current industrial zoning - looking to rezone to IMX5 (misstated in July meeting minutes) - Clarifying from last meeting, reason they are requesting five stories is relatively small site so feasibility for development is with height, likely viable for affordable housing as the lots are too small to develop and meet parking requirements for non-affordable housing. Justin is happy to share info or answer questions after meeting with anyone interested. He also noted , as he is a member of the Jefferson Park RNO, they have a free concert in Jefferson park.
  - **The Music @ Jefferson Park summer concert series finally returns this Sunday, August 28 from 4-7pm.** Join your friends and neighbors in the center of the park for this free concert with local band Hillbilly Demons. There will be food trucks plus local favorites Sexy Pizza and Little Man Ice Cream.

*Adjourned at 7:45 - Next Meeting 9/22*