

# AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

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August 24, 2023 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID

## OPNA - Discussion on Mayor State of Emergency on Unhoused - Potential Site for Tiny Home Village at Illif and Fox

- Information was released today about multiple potential sites the city has identified for a future short term housing -  
<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Office-of-Emergency-Management/News/Mayor-Johnston-Announces-Potential-Short-Term-Housing-Locations>
- Council Women Flor Alvidrez attend the meeting to share her knowledge and support neighbors in advocating their concerns and understanding the community needs. Flor noted the site in Overland is CDOT owned land. The City would be working with CDOT to use this land. Flor hopes this will open up opportunities to improve the “sound barrier” fencing along Santa Fe. She also noted that there is another site in District 7 near the Denny’s off Alameda and Santa Fe.
- There were lots of questions on what this village might look like - here is an example of a village that was operating in Denver:  
<https://www.coloradvillagecollaborative.org/beloved-community-village>
- There were questions on the timing and schedule. This announcement is a first step in the city evaluating potential sites. The process for site evaluation, selection and construction for a village can take at least a year. This is not something that will happen overnight. District 7 office and OPNA will keep neighbors informed on next steps and opportunities for input.
- There were lots of questions and concerns about who will occupy the site and how it will be managed. There are no specific details at this time as the city is only in a phase of site identification and evaluation. If this property is deemed a desirable location for a village there will be additional conversations with the community.
- Feedback form here: <https://us.openforms.com/Form/2c10388e-6129-49e1-bd4e-2f7ccb4b21b5>
- An update will be given at the next neighborhood meeting.

## DPD -Officer Kate Young and Officer AJ Pacheco

- Coffee with the Cops Sept 6th 10 AM - 12 PM at Nixons 695 E Louisiana Ave
- District CAB Meeting Sept 13th 6pm at District 3 Station - 1625 S University Blvd

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

- Yvonne Miranda - Chief of Staff for Flor Alvidrez office joined the meeting -  
yvonne.miranda@denvergov.org
- TOWN HALL - with Mayor Johnston, Councilman Hinds and Councilwomen Flor Alvidrez, Tuesday 8/29 at 4:30pm - Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman Street Denver CO 80203
- OPNA neighbors asked for an update on the Iowa Bridge Improvements and the Jewel Evans Bridge.

## OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - See report:

Beginning Balance		\$ 5,804.85
Membership Deposits		\$ -
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Yard sign printing		\$ (223.06)
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 5,576.79
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,866.11
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
Notes		

- July Meeting minutes approved

## Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- Fall Equinox will be September 23rd at Grant Frontier Park - Stay tuned for more details as the event gets closer
- OPNA Membership and Connection Initiatives:
  - Yard Signs - Jack has signs ready. Please email OPNA if you are interested in hosting a yard side on your property.
- Monthly trash sweeps - on hold.
- Monthly Overland Social - September 14th Social will be at The Table Public House this month - 6:30pm

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

**Next Social August 10th 6:30pm at The Table Public House**

**Next Meeting September 28th 6:30pm**