



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – August 27, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara via Zoom conferencing where 20+ neighbors and friends were in attendance.

A link to our **COVID19 resources page** is found [here](#) on our OPNA website.

**Minutes from July 2020 meeting**

Minutes from the July 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		\$ 4,838.85
Membership Deposit		\$
Paid Outstanding		\$
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ <b>4,833.85</b>
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,022.46

	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39
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Andrew: Exciting news – got the debit card for new account with First Bank which will allow us to charge. Not exciting news - still working on the final hurdles to complete the transfer from old bank to new. Should be completed soon!

### Police Report

CRO Kate Young

720-913-1248

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District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

### BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

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

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### Update

CRO Kate Young: [kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org)

CRO AJ Pacheco: [Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org](mailto:Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org)

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: [Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org](mailto:Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org)

- **Kate Young:**
  - AJ provided crime stats between Jan-July
    - Burglary up 43% - out of 10 total only 1 was residential where someone left their garage open and bike was stolen, otherwise marijuana facilities and storage units.
    - Larceny up 28% - mainly porch pirates
    - Theft of motor vehicle up 98%. Theft from motor vehicles typically license plates where anti-theft screws are available from police department. Theft of motor vehicles typically older Chevy Tahoe and Silverados, Honda accords, crx civics.
  - Regarding homeless camps in the area, there is now a full time outreach team of 2 personnel working Tuesday - Friday where they go and visit the encampments to offer resources. Mandy is the city case worker.

- Clean up was planned for the big encampment just south in Englewood but currently placed on hold due to homicide in the area. There is a meeting on Monday to discuss a cleanup by Sept. They will offer covid tests, mental health resourcing and housing resources. Currently there are lots of shelter spaces and hotel rooms available throughout the city.

**Spencer Mccullough, Denver Internet Initiative** <https://dii2020.org/>

- Spencer from the Denver Internet Initiative spoke of the goal to have everyone have internet access in Denver.
- In 2005, Colorado passed Senate Bill 152, a law which prevents municipalities from being involved with their own Internet. That means they can't provide Internet, invest in Internet infrastructure, or create policies to make sure our Internet will be able to meet our future needs. Over 1/5 of all counties have already done this.
- There is an issue on the ballot this Nov endorsed by city council and Mayor Hancock to opt out of Senate Bill 152.
- 80% of Denver's population already have internet access. By opting out of this bill can work towards better contracts with Comcast and century link. Also state and federal grants would be available.
- Interesting note: Longmont currently has solution where they own and operate their own infrastructure.

**Ben Hrouda and George Meier - Discussion of new project and update on Yale project Flywheel Capital** <https://www.flywheelcap.com/>

- Ben and George from Flywheel Capital have been working in our neighborhood for a while where their long term focus is to be a part of the neighborhoods where their projects are located.
- Other projects include the completed condos and retail at 1616 So. Broadway and DPS campus at 1617 S. Acoma.
- They came to us last year on a project on the NW corner of Broadway and Yale where the property was fully rezoned in February and they hope to start construction in March 2021. The plan has changed from original where they have reduced the number of residential units. Plan for 100 parking spaces for the 80 residential units of which 10% are affordable housing units. There will

be space for 3 retail units along Broadway and looking for ideas of what might work in that area.

- New project at 1501 S. Acoma on the SW corner. They are wanting to change the zoning from the current I-A industrial to I-MX-5 mixed use. They are looking to do something similar to what they are doing at Broadway and Yale where parking would be on the ground floor and residential 4 stories above.
- A motion was made to support the rezoning request presented to us where the vote was passed unanimously with the attending members. Mara will write a letter and work to put together a good neighbor agreement.

### **Neil Shea, Vision Acquisitions - discussion on the 1974 S Huron St. Rezoning changing to include 1978 & 1990 S Huron St.**

- Neil Shea and Kevin Dickson did an initial presentation to the group in October 2019 where they proposed to rezone the property at 1974 S. Huron from E-TU-C to U-TU-B allowing them the option to build 3 small detached houses on the 9375 sf lot. The current zoning only allows for 1 large duplex.
- Each house would be under 19' wide and 2.5 stories with detached garage off the alley.
- Previously we voted for the rezoning request and they came this time with the request to include 2 other properties adjacent to the first property on Huron where the lot at 1990 is the same size of 9375 sf and the lot at 1978 is smaller which if rezoned could allow for 2 small houses. A total of 8 houses could be developed on the 3 lots.
- A motion was made to support the additional lots for rezoning and a vote was made where the members in attendance approved unanimously. Mara will provide a letter of support contingent upon the signing of a good neighbor agreement.
- If you have any perspective / comments to share please communicate through our email at [OPNAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:OPNAinfo@gmail.com)

### **Jolon Clark's Office (Council District**

**7)** [www.luckyDistrict7.org](http://www.luckyDistrict7.org) [maggie.thompson@denvergov.org](mailto:maggie.thompson@denvergov.org)

- City council has gone 100% virtual, where you can tune in on Channel 8 or via Zoom to keep everyone safe (also recorded and posted on city council website)

- Public comment via Zoom between 5-5:30pm, and there are additional listening sessions
- Voting – register to vote – if you are already registered, don't forget to vote and submit your ballot. This may be the longest ballot in Denver history where it is very important to get to the last page which pertains specifically to Denver.
- See [Denver Elections Site](#) for voting information.
- The following initiatives will be on the ballot for Denver –
  - Citizen oversight board for Transportation and Infrastructure. Made up of citizens who would provide feedback on traffic and streets.
  - Municipal broadband. Opt out of the current Senate Bill 152. See **Denver Internet Initiative** <https://dii2020.org/>
  - City council approval of the head and cabinet level positions made by the Mayor's office which would provide more balance between the city council and the mayor's office.
  - Repeal of the Pit bull Ban - City council passed earlier to remove as there are other measures in place regarding dangerous dogs and best practices but the mayor rejected. On the ballot for voters to decide.
  - New taxes – applied to current sales taxes. A tax for funding to combat climate change. A tax for providing funds to build and run homeless shelters where currently there is no core city service. Note: Most sales tax revenue comes from visitors coming to Denver and spending while here.
- Judy - Can you comment on the recent request thru city council to disband the Denver police and create a "peace" force instead. Is that done or do we need to have it on radar? It was a citizen created document that CW CeDeBaca decided to file as-is (not in bill format) at the last minute with no time for committee or other discussion. It was not in a format that was possible to vote on. Jolon and other council people are having continued conversations with the citizen groups to find a better way to address these concerns and make movement on these issues.
- Question on where to find information on air quality in CO. Maggie's response... there are tons of good things on the Regional Air Quality Council website. See <https://raqc.org/> They have both a forecast of air quality (top right) and programs to help folks upgrade things like lawnmowers and other heavy polluters!

## Art on the Bridge Discussion - Mural clean up

- With Evans Bridge lane closures happening beginning in September, this is our opportunity to refresh the paint work we already completed on the North side and may consider adding paint to the south side. Since the work on the bridge will go thru November we have time to decide and put into action.

## Overland Social

Overland Socials occur on the second Wednesday of the month: It is a chance to get together with neighbors and hang out and support our local restaurants. The next social is planned for **September 9th**. Pick up some takeout and meet us at **Grant Frontier Park** for a socially distanced outdoor dining event starting at **6:30pm**.

## Community announcements (open to anyone)

- Santa Fe Resurfacing - see [message](#) Also the website <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us85-denverresurfacing>
- [Petition for a new Street Light or Alley Light](#)
  - You can request a new street light or alley light by going the link provided.
- The Rosedale school site will be leased out by DPS and they have an RFP out for that. Find the PDF on our Website [here](#) along with these notes.
- Equinox gathering happening in September. Stay tuned for announcement.
- Ronnie: The Table Public House (former VFW at 2190 S. Platte River Dr.) gives out free veggies from 10 am to 2 pm every Tuesday and Friday to anyone who comes by. Organic and garden grown! Wear a mask and bring a bag and take what you can use and share.

## Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **September 24**, 2020, at **6:30 pm** via Zoom. Look for announcement with link to meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm**

OPNA meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month, excluding November and December.

Upcoming meeting dates for **2020** include the following: September 24, October 22

Also, check us out on our [Website](#) and also to read the **minutes** from past meetings.

And like us on [Facebook](#) **Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA**

Contact us at: [OPNAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:OPNAinfo@gmail.com)

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**Santa Fe Resurfacing**

### US 85 Denver Resurfacing

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Colorado Department of Transportation will resurface the two mainline travel lanes of both northbound and southbound Santa Fe Drive (US Highway 85). Construction will start at the junction of Hampden Avenue (US 285) and will continue northbound to Florida Avenue.

This two-mile resurfacing project will also replace damaged panels, bridge expansion joints on the Evans Avenue bridge over Santa Fe, and curb ramps. The resurfacing will create smoother pavement and improved driving conditions, which in turn will improve safety.

#### TRAVEL IMPACTS

Beginning in May motorists will encounter road work on Santa Fe Drive. Most work will occur overnight on Monday through Friday between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. with some day work occurring from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. During nighttime activities, traffic flow will be reduced to one lane in each direction along Santa Fe Drive, with the use of flagger control. During daytime activities, traffic will only experience a single lane closure in one direction. Motorists may encounter reduced speeds within the project limits. No work will take place May 22 through May 25 for Memorial Day weekend. Traffic fines will be doubled in the work zone. Motorists should slow down as they approach the work zones, drive with caution, allow extra space between vehicles, and give themselves extra travel time.



#### US 85 DENVER RESURFACING

- Resurfacing on Santa Fe Drive
- From Hampden to Florida
- May–Nov 2020

#### PROJECT & TRAVEL INFORMATION

For additional information about this project:

- Call the project information line at 720-477-2737
- Email the project team at: [santaferesurfacing@gmail.com](mailto:santaferesurfacing@gmail.com)
- Visit the project website at: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us85-denverresurfacing>







## **US-85 Santa Fe Resurfacing Project Florida to Hampden Construction Alert**

American Civil Constructors, Inc. (ACC), contractor to the Colorado Department of Transportation is working in close proximity to your home for the next 30 days. This work is performed at night and in all weather permitting. ACC anticipates construction noise levels could exceed allowable limits and will use noise barriers and other BMP's to diffuse the noise. Despite these efforts, because of your home's proximity to the work zone, your comfort may be disrupted. If you are concerned about the potential disruption, we have hotel vouchers available. These vouchers will cover the cost of your hotel but not the cost of transportation, such as movies, meals, or damage. If you would like a voucher, or have other questions or concerns, please call our noise hotline at 970-287-0033.

**We look forward to working within your community and encourage you to contact us with  
General Project Information Hotline: 720-477-2727**

**ACC Noise Complaint Hotline: 303-210-5422**

To receive project updates via e-mail, please contact [santaferesurfacing@gr](mailto:santaferesurfacing@gr)

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## **US-85 Proyecto de Rejuvenecimiento de Santa Fe Florida a Hai Alerta de Construcción**

American Civil Constructors, Inc. (ACC), contratista del Departamento de Transporte de Colorado, está trabajando en el proyecto de rejuvenecimiento de la US-85 en Santa Fe, Florida, a Hai. Este trabajo se realiza de noche domingo a jueves por la mañana. ACC anticipa que los niveles de ruido de la construcción podrían exceder los límites permitidos por las barreras y otros BMP para difundir el ruido. A pesar de estos esfuerzos, debido a la proximidad del trabajo, su comodidad puede verse afectada. Si le preocupa la posible interrupción de su sueño, hay cupones de hotel disponibles. Estos cupones cubrirán el costo de su hotel, pero no el costo de imprevistos como comidas o daños. Si desea un cupón o tiene otras preguntas o inquietudes, **llame a la línea directa al 287-0033.**

**Esperamos con interés trabajar dentro de su comunidad y lo invitamos a contactarnos con preguntas.**

**Línea directa de información del proyecto: 720-477-2727**

**Línea directa de denuncia de ruido: 303-210-5422**

**Para recibir actualizaciones del proyecto por correo electrónico, póngase en contacto con [santaferesurfacing@gmail.com](mailto:santaferesurfacing@gmail.com)**