



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – May 27, 2021

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 April 2021 meeting

Minutes from the April meeting were approved with one correction to the year 2021.

Treasurer Report

Reminder: Annual dues apply to the full calendar year.

\$10 per household, \$25 business.

Paid members are voting members

Beginning Balance		\$ 6,122.84
Membership Deposits		\$ 101.34
Grants Received/Donations		
Paid Outstanding	Reimburse Mara	\$ (100.00)
Bank Fees		\$ (1.34)
Website Host		\$ (8.34)
Soil		\$ (37.48)
Sprouts snacks		\$ (44.75)
Raffle Gift Cards		\$ (95.00)

INC Membership		-40
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 5,897.27
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,344.44
	ART Funds	\$ 2,011.39
	CALC	\$ 541.44
Notes: Mara is owed \$16 for Compost		

Annual dues are due now. They are good for the calendar year. Here are ways to pay for the dues:

Venmo

Overland Park RNO @opnadenver or using this link

https://venmo.com/code?user_id=3183003056472064841

Mail

Make check payable to OPNA and send to:

OPNA

Att: Andrew Gehauf

2255 S Acoma St

Denver, CO 80223

Police Report

CRO **Kate Young**

720-913-1248

kate.young@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

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Update

CRO Kate Young: kate.young@denvergov.org

CRO AJ Pacheco: Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org

Officer Young provided the following stats for the past month

- Burglary - 1 residential, 2 apartment complex storage units, 1 - commercial where person tried to squeeze thru Starbucks window, got stuck, then unstuck and got away.
- Theft - 2 bikes from apartment complex. Please get better locks for bikes and you can also register your bike with the police department which helps when trying to recover.
- theft from motor vehicles – 2 - license plates.
- Note that cop shop is back up and running with volunteers - see info at above.

Please email Officer Young for clubs to use on your car to protect from theft. If you aren't sure if your car is on the top 10 list, email her anyway and she can advise.

Regarding the campsite around West Galapago, they will continue to work on addressing and looking to work with CDOT for help as the camp is on their property.

Question on Catalytic converter theft? They are looking to partner with a auto shop for an etching event to try to help in identification when stolen.

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District

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Maggie maggie.thompson@gmail.com provided the following updates

- Baby announcement from Maggie and Dominic who are expecting in July!! No river trip for them this summer where Maggie will take some time off and be back in September.

- The city is finally enacting the plastic bag fee starting July 1st.

To reduce the number of disposable carryout bags used, littered, and landfilled, Denver will charge \$0.10 for each disposable bag (plastic, paper, or other material

including but not limited to compostable material) provided to customers at checkout starting on **July 1**. Learn more on the program at www.DenverGov.org/BagFees.

- Sign up for Jolon Clarks newsletter thru luckydistrict7.com for new information on libraries, mask requirements and what to do with the upcoming recovery money. This is the best way to get all the updates and comes out monthly. Also check out their social media pages.

Jack asked about any details regarding the old Arapaho plant to be used as a solar farm. Maggie has not heard anything about this area for a while. This is located on Platte River Drive, south of Evans Ave. What is known that if/when the property goes up for sale, the city has the first right to purchase. If/when that happens, Jolon would like to figure out how to reactivate the river edge in that area and also would want to plan for some type of housing development. They will still be doing the solar farm but only on a small part of the property.

Maggie reminded us that she will provide a 6-pack of beer to the first person that sends her picture proof that something is starting to happen related to Iowa underpass and the proposed bike path.

Graffiti on the Evans overpass over Santa Fe – Since completing the mural work on the Evans Bridge several years ago it has been holding up fairly well. Recently there have been taggings found along the mural which need to be dealt with by either trying to re-paint the tagged areas so that it retains the paint-by-number images, or apply a new coat of paint (neutral color) essentially removing the existing mural. Since we still have left over paint from the project, the decision was made to go and do maintenance on the mural. This means first cleaning and then re-paint over the tags. Mara will check with the Broadway merchant association to see whether we can use their pressure washer sprayer to get the dirt off first. Then the plan would be that everyone that wants to volunteer could take a color and walk up the bridge to restore back from the tagging. Jack – volunteered to first walk the bridge to assess and bring back damage report so that we can figure out how much work to expect. Also, once again, the green medalions, which were never part of the original project are continuing to be tagged and should also be painted over. Once we have the damage report, we plan to form a Repaint the Bridge committee to figure out next steps and timing.

Meeting Schedule

Mara proposed to have our upcoming June meeting (24th) at Levitt Pavillion which if you haven't been yet, is a beautiful outdoor venue for free concerts all summer. A motion was made where all approved to meet next month at 6:00pm under the 2 trees on the north side of the venue. Here's a link to the musical act happening that night <https://www.levittdenver.org/freeevents/neworleans>

Overland Social

Overland Social is held every second Wednesday of the month where it is an informal gathering for neighbors and friends at a local business. The next scheduled social is **June 9**, at **AJ's Pit BBQ**, Come join us starting from **6:30pm**.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- Summer Solstice- June 20 – Saturday – 19th – Grant Frontier. Drums welcome. Children welcome.
- Look for more announcements/reminders on our Facebook page as things happen.

Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **June 24**, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Levitt Pavillion on the North Side under the 2 trees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2021** include the following: June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28

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