



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – October 25, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Co-President Mara Owen

Welcome and Open Comments

30+ members and guests were present.

During introductions, several comments and recommendations were made to the group. Potluck was a wonderful assortment of appetizers, main, side dishes and yummy desserts. The donation from Healthy foods was used to purchase turkey meatloaf and quinoa salad and other healthy snacks. Eco-Cycle provided a basket of appropriate pirate booty which added to the festive mood of the meeting. Several bags of coats, hats and gloves were brought in by members to be donated to Urban Peak. THANK you Everyone for all your generosity!!! What a wonderful way to end the year.

Minutes from September meeting

Minutes from the September 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

A motion as made and unanimously approved to provide \$150 for costs related to

Broadway Parade including reimbursing Eco-Cycle for supplies and food.

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,783.43
Membership Deposit		\$ 20.00
Grants Received/Donations		\$ 100.00
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Paid Checks		\$ -
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 3,898.43
	OPNA Funds	\$ 2,087.04
	Art Funds	\$ 1,811.39
Outstanding	New signage	\$ (150.00)
	Summer party	\$ (150.00)

Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

720-913-1248

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District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

pocketgov.org/police

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.

No officers present at the meeting where they missed a lot of great food!!

Blake Angelo [Healthy Food For Denver Kids](#)

Blake thanked us for taking part in promoting the Healthy Food for Denver Kids and reminded us to please vote for the [Ballot Initiative](#) which will help bring more healthy

meals to kids throughout the city.

Robin Kniech, City Council Member www.kniechforcouncil.com

Robin has been at large city council member since 2011. She spoke to the group about some of the initiatives she has been involved with including making homes more affordable, making Denver sustainable and shaping Denver's future thru transportation and infrastructure.

Jack – asked question about recycling and when city will flip the fee from compost to trash. The city is working on locating a transfer station and to allow everyone to be able to compost. One challenge is how to educate everyone in keeping the recycling clean.

Leslie Herod, State Legislator, Caring 4 Colorado <http://caringforcolorado.org/>

Alma spoke to the group about ballot initiative 301 to increase funding for mental health services

The initiative would increase sales taxes by .25 percent (25 cents on a \$100 purchase) to fund programs that work in suicide prevention, substance abuse, affordable housing and more.

2018 Broadway Halloween Parade

Rob – Thanks to everyone who help and participated in converting last year's river boat float into a fierce pirate ship equipped with lights, a skull flag and even a plank. Special thanks to JC from EMW who has been storing paint for us. Also Jack who donated 2 x 4s used in construction. Eco-cycle who added much enthusiasm and helping hands to complete the process and to walk during the parade. Vape and Play who helped us to light up the float. Allan and Brenna who loaned us the very cool skull flag. Having fun was the best part of the parade! And **THANKS** to Rob for coordinating everything and everyone who came out to help and participate where this year we had 35 people in and around the float during the parade. Visit our Facebook page to see lots of pictures from the event.



Mara Owen and Karen Jackson, Advocating for Zoning Issues

Mara gave an informational presentation about the re-zoning process in Denver.

You can find a link to the presentation on our [website](#).

Karen has created a website Saveoverlanddenver.com where you can go and sign up to receive information regarding zoning updates. She has been working currently on the Cherokee St. proposed 20 units which is in mediation right now. Check out her website and get added to the email notifications.

Here's also some additional sites for information and how to communicate

Zoning Permit Staff 720-865-3000 email zoningreview@denvergov.org

Denver Rezoning [Guide](#)

Denver Rezoning [Map](#)

Community Planning and Development [site](#)

Anyone planning on rezoning should do a public outreach to let other neighbors know what is happening. During the re-zoning process the planning board looks at specific criteria including health and safety. During the process the public can add comments

thru letters to the case manager or to the planner. You don't have to live in the neighborhood to write a letter. Things that can be considered for future development include a neighborhood design with design idea book to be presented to anyone wanting to make changes or for re-zoning. Also, letting the city know what we want in the neighborhood can be done thru Historic Denver which has funds for this where neighborhoods can create a toolkit for new developers.

The key issue is knowledge and being aware of any re-zoning issues currently happening which would affect our neighborhood. There was some open discussion as to what is the best way to communicate rezoning issues out to everyone. Maggie provided some insight into how other RNOs are handling this including Baker and West Wash Park where they have formed a separate zoning committee that meets outside of the regular meeting to review and bring any important information back to the main meetings for further discussion or action plans. This is something we would like to find out more about and will be setting up a meeting between Maggie and other RNO contacts to learn more on how best to implement this into our own process of communication.

Everyone is encouraged to take the 5 minute Denveright [survey](#) to let Denver know what the priorities are moving forward.

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

Maggie - Broadway Halloween Parade. Thanks for participation in the Parade – we set the bar high last year and higher this year!

LeafDrop: Get FREE Compost Friendly Leaf Bags

Denver Recycles, Be A Smart Ash, and Ace Hardware stores are teaming up to give away FREE 5-packs of 30-gallon paper leaf bags to help Denver residents keep leaves out of the landfill! Unlike plastic bags, brown paper bags can be composted along with the leaves; saving time and reducing plastic waste.

Composting Your Leaves This Fall is as Easy as 1-2-3

1. Redeem your leaf bag coupon at an Ace Hardware store near you.
2. Fill the paper bags with your leaves.
3. Drop off your paper leaf bags at a Denver LeafDrop site near you!

For more information visit DenverGov.org/LeafDrop or call 311 (720-913-1311).

Rainbow Crosswalk receiving the Mayors design award which will be presented

possibly on Nov 6th at Ellie Caulkins opera house.

Green roof changes – City Council passed a [green buildings ordinance](#) to replace the green roofs initiative approved by voters in November 2017. The new law was carefully designed to honor the will of the voters who called for more sustainable development in Denver, while fixing the legal and practical challenges of the original ordinance.

Solid waste funding – working on how and where to build transfer station and working on continued education to get more people into the system of recycling and composting.

the Mayor's office, police dept and related agencies have been working together on issues surrounding Urban Peak where some bad people have been targeting kids in that area. Urban peak does not want them there. The agencies are working to remove the bad people so that the kids that are being serviced thru Urban Peak can focus on learning healthy life skills.

OPNA officer candidate declarations

Rob – expressed the need for more people to carry the load and proposed adding a community outreach coordinator position where the duties would include working to grow the membership, outreach to businesses, updating social media, marketing, etc. Jack made a motion to add the position where Mara seconded and it was unanimously approved. There were no contested positions for the current members on the board this year.

The OPNA Board

Co-Presidents - Mara Owen and Amy Razzaque

Vice President - Ronnie Crawford

Treasurer - Tracey Hardeman

Secretary - Terry Pasqua

NEW Community Outreach Coordinator - Rob Lovell

Amy - Asked for input for 2019 Priorities. If you have anything you would like us to consider working on in 2019, please contact us through opnainfo@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

History Corner with Jennifer Hill

Check out our [website](#) to watch neighbors telling historic stories from Overland Park neighborhood. Let us know if you have a story you would like to share in one of our

upcoming meetings

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

November 7 at The Taste of Thailand 2120 S Broadway Unit J, Denver, CO 80210

December 12 at Euro Crepes 1842 S Broadway #103, Denver, CO 80210

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

[Color Up Therapeutics](#), a new company located at 1487 South Broadway sells CDB infused products along with holding yoga classes in their space. They also provide education related to the many uses of hemp. They hold community gatherings which are open to everyone. On Nov 10th, at 7pm, they will host a meet and greet with local artists who have their works displayed.

And look what we received from the Mayor for our awesome block party with Ruby Hill!!



Compassion

THANK you to everyone for all the wonderful food for the potluck and the donations for Urban Peak.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2019** include the following: January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25,

May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, January 24, 2019**, 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](#)

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