



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – September 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by President Mara Owen

Reminder: October Meeting - Board Member Elections and Pot Luck Party

Welcome and Compassion

20+ members and guests were present. During introductions, several acts of compassion were expressed and open comments. These can be found at the end of these minutes notes.

Minutes from August meeting

Minutes from the August 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)

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| Beginning Balance | | \$ 4,139.00 |
| Membership Deposit | | \$ 25.00 |
| Grants Received/Donations Paint | | \$ 275.00 |
| Paid Outstanding | | \$ - |
| Bank Fees | | \$ (5.00) |
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| Ending Balance Per Bank | | \$ 4,434.00 |

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| | OPNA Funds | \$ 1,857.61 |
| | Art Funds | \$ 2,576.39 |
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Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

720-913-1248

Jim.lopez@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

pocketgov.org/police

Sergeant Adolf Steinbach District 3.

adolph.steinbach@denvergov.org

720-913-1300

Open for Questions

Judy – asked about the incident that happened on the 2200 block of Cherokee. Officer Steinbach said as it is still an open investigation, can not discuss although there is no further threat to the neighborhood. Judy asked that when police come door to door to please announce yourself.

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

[Denver Police Dept. \(@DenverPolice\) - Twitter](https://twitter.com/DenverPolice)

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Jack – what to do when find discarded needles on the street? You can turn it into the station where there is a collection bin then they will dispose properly. If more than one – may need to call and have the police handle it.

Ben and Malinda with Urban Peak - 1630 South Acoma St.

They will be going to the city for re-zoning on the new Acoma project. Plan is to re-zone the property – from IA – to IMX3 or IMX5 where they would consolidate services into one building. Same # of beds (40 for the shelter). Add offices and affordable housing units.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the shelter or taking a tour, please contact Clayton Gonzales, Assistant Director of Programs, at 303-974-2905, clayton.gonzales@urbanpeak.org.

They are about to file the application for re-zoning the current shelter site. They asked for a letter of support from OPNA. A motion was made to write a letter of support. It was seconded and approved.

Carp Slam with Ronnie - <http://carpslam.org/>

A fly fishing tournament benefiting the Denver South Platte River. Denver Trout Unlimited working to make the river better from Chatfield to Commerce City. Cold water to warm water fishery.

This was their annual fundraiser – carp tournament – fly rod only. 15 slamateurs – fishing in pairs with 15 pros who came out of the mountains. Over \$4,000 raised which will be used to spend the in the river. Ronnie, our resident fly fisherman will take anyone fishing here for free as he wants to get people in the river.

Broadway Station Development Update and TIF Package overview - Lisa, Brad, Mike

<http://www.broadwaystation.com/>

They are getting ready to go to City council on finance package. They gave a presentation of the project which you can find the details of at the link shown above. They are taking the existing Cherokee redevelopment plan and repealing and replacing with Broadway Station plan.

Judy – any dog park planned? Yes – will be part of the park on the western side of river – Tenn and Santa Fe.

Andrew – commented on how he appreciates how we have been included in this process.

Mara - there is a proposed letter being written and signed by the surrounding neighborhoods. A motion was made to sign a group letter with Athmar Park and Ruby Hill. Seconded and all in favor

Our Denver – GO Bond 2017 - Jordon <http://ourdenver2017.com/>

<http://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-department-of-finance/2017-go-bond.html>

Jordon with Our Denver gave a presentation on the GO Bond 2017 which will appear on the ballot this fall. 937 million total value of all projects. Vote yes, endorse and volunteer. Also helps to Vote as soon as possible. Divided into 7 different areas, there are 2 that directly impact our district which are found under 2A for Transportation and Mobility. Jewell Pedestrian Bridge and Alameda underpass.

Jack – no change in the taxation? Nothing gets worse if things get better

Rob – asked about yard signs – Yes, Jordon can provide.

Maggie – suggested rallying people to hold signs in key areas. Also suggest flyers and posters for Broadway businesses.

Broadway Halloween Parade Planning - Rob

Roblovell303@gmail.com Spoke about getting ready for float building for the parade where we will be using his trailer. Asked the group to pick a theme. It was unanimously decided to go with a river theme.

River Rats Ride the Floatzilla!

We will discuss how this will be put together at the next OPNA social on

Wednesday October 11th - Grandma's House 6:30pm until...

Also need to register by October 8th with a bio included. Rob and Mara to work on that. Sunday, October 15th is planned date for construction for the parade on October 21st.

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) <http://www.luckydistrict7.org>

Maggie provided the following updates

- The City and County of Denver and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District will host a **second public meeting** on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 **to gather public input on ecosystem restoration solutions for degraded habitat along portions of the South Platte River** in Denver, Colorado. The proposed project area includes approximately 1.8 miles of the South Platte River from West Harvard Avenue downstream (north) to West Mississippi Avenue.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Presentation at 6:30 pm; Open House before/after

WHERE: Harvard Gulch Recreation Center | 505 E Iliff Ave, Denver CO
80210

For any questions please contact Cincere Eades in Parks and Recreation at cincere.eades@denvergov.org/ [720-913-0655](tel:720-913-0655) or Jennifer Williams in Public Works at Jennifer.williams@denvergov.org/ [303-446-3549](tel:303-446-3549).

- Saturday October 14th – Neighborhood Fall Leaf Drop. Broadway COP Shop 487 S. Broadway Blvd. Free leaf bags. Will also take any the garden cleanup stuff.
- 2018 budget working on it now. Alameda underpass. 215,000 for study and plan for Alameda bridge. Funding for bike lane and sidewalk funding. General paving and gutters.
- Eloise – asked about mail in ballots? You can mail in ballots with every election. Ballot trace – provides texts on what is happening with your ballot.
- Jack – VFW was shutdown and is under contract to an unknown party. Really would not want another pot facility. Instead want a community facility. Habitat for Humanity is building 8 houses behind that area. Maggie will find out developer and invite to our meeting.

Update on Music Festival - David Ehrlich – Superfly

Things are moving forward with the festival with more people from Superfly coming out on a regular basis. First plan of action is working on the traffic plan - ingress and egress. Also meeting about programming with arts and music. Please communicate any local talent that might be interested. Also will be working on concessions where looking for local restaurants that might want to staff the booths. Also will be asking for three representations for the community foundation. Reach out to David with any questions, suggestions. dehrlich1156@gmail.com

OPNA History Corner, Jim Sample, lifetime resident of Overland.

To view the full video of his stories, please visit our website opnadenver.org.

We are looking to highlight a historical story during each meeting (5 minutes maximum time limit). Please contact OPNA to become a part of this interesting and important retelling and recording of our neighborhood history.

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 will be

Wednesday October 11th - Grandma's House 1710 S Broadway, Denver, CO 80210 6:30pm until... NOTE: We will be discussing our Halloween Float so please bring your ideas. The theme is 'River Rats Ride the Floatzilla'

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Compassion and open comments

Terry – kudos to the Levitt crew – Chris, Andy, Sydney and Chase – thank you for a wonderful summer of music at Levitt Pavilion on Ruby Hill!!

Mara – appreciated her neighbors being so nice during recent house painting project.

Jack – shout out to Levitt – the last concert – the rain – everyone invited on the stage. Party in the green room. Also if you want a feeling of compassion – come to community meetings –as it gives you healthy boost equal to a pay raise!

Maggie – Thanks for everyone who shows up and looks for answers and solutions instead of complaining.

Jordan – from Our Denver – thankful for the engagement in the community

Judy – thanked her neighbors and the police dept who helped to deal with a difficult situation happening in her backyard where they helped with communicating what was going on and making sure everyone was safe.

Paul – appreciated Terry for handling him being gone for 3 weeks and showing up sick. Also mentioned Blue zone project which could be interesting topic for our neighborhood.

Tracey – Thanked Jack for planning the fall equinox party on such short notice. Great turnout with 20+ people showing up on the first cold day of Fall.

David – with Superfly – he is glad to be back and looking forward to working with us.

JC – appreciated everyone that organized the block party which was another great success. Also thanked Mara for supporting Post chicken and beer permitting for more outdoor eating space.

Melinda – grateful for the time given at our meetings and also for the police dept where there has been a lot going on and they help a lot

Ben – compassion for Maggie with her dealing with the difficult phone calls.

Rob – also for Maggie and listening to her talking about greatest hits of call ins.

Lisa – of all the RNO meetings she has been to so far, this is her favorite - with butterfingers and beer!

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, October 26**, 2017, at **6:30 pm** at **Overland Studios** 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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