



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – July 28th, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

- [DPD District 3](#) - **Officer Kate Young and AJ Pacheco - Community Resource Officers**
 - No CAB Meeting in August do to National Night Out at Cook Park.
 - Coffee w/ Cops first Wednesday every month from 10-12 at Nixon's.
 - Report of property crimes was shared as that is what we have most control over preventing:
 - Burglaries reported of storage units, fenced yards - bikes stolen from racks, construction materials and windows/garage's left open. Lock your stuff.
 - Theft from Motor Vehicles - licenses plates, valuables left in cars.
 - Motor Vehicle theft - a few cars, van and a truck were stolen last month. They are catching some thieves, and recovering most vehicles.
 - Neighbors expressed concerns of unsafe urban encampments and that a few neighbors are depended on to report for all concerned. DPD encouraged that both homeless outreach and public works are all hitting area heavy. If you have a concern of an encampment you can call in to 311 to start city response process. If there are safety concerns call 911 or non emergency police line. The laws allow RVs and trailers to park in public street parking. They only have to move 100' every 72 hours. Early intervention and street enforcement team are getting upwards of 500 emails a day. If more concerns are reported they can elevate the need to address the area versus few reporting. Neighbors can report concerns to either 311 or [pocketgov.org](https://www.denvergov.org/pocketgov/#/report-a-problem) - <https://www.denvergov.org/pocketgov/#/report-a-problem>
- **Jolon Clark D7 Councilmen** - No representation for July.
- **Rezoning for 722 Acoma** - Justin Archuletta

- Justin (representative) and Dave (property owner) presented on potential rezoning request for 722 S Acoma.
 - Current properties are two single family homes that don't conform to current IA-UO2 zoning. Looking to change to UMX5.
 - Blueprint Denver has envisioned area for innovation-flex district which is mixed residential and light industrial.
 - Through City concept review they are suggesting IMX5.
- Attendance at this meeting was intended to be informational: share current city process and start to communicate and get input from neighbors. The property owner, Dave, has a desire to do for rent, potentially workforce housing. Has family history in education and would like to provide housing to serve educators or something that could serve aging-in-place/assisted living for LGBTQ community. Dave hopes to remain an owner or have ownership through development.
- Concerns from the neighbors that were discussed. Conversation focused on traffic, parking, small sight, feasibility of five stories and impact to lower adjacent existing properties. The group discussed the values of the neighborhood centered on multi-transit options, looking for bike/walk solutions with our current retail is difficult, especially grocery. Affordability and accessibility beyond checking the box for city required minimums. Compassion for safe and inclusive community. Seeking an understanding and commitments to building and strengthening our neighborhood and community.
- **Puff, Pass and Paint - New Marijuana Hospitality License Application at 1910 S. Cherokee St. Unit A, Denver, CO 80223**
 - Ownership and representatives from Puff Pass Paint attended the meeting to communicate their current consumption licenses application process with the city and be a good neighbor in looking for support and communication as a growing business in our community. Have been operating since January of 2014 at the dawn of recreational cannabis sales. Saw an opportunity to create community inclusive art classes. Current operations permit consumption of hemp only. They are not looking to be a lounge. Sell tickets to painting classes where you could bring your own cannabis for consumption. Expect to have increase in walk in traffic if approved. No alcohol is allowed. Since they have operated under similar business mode, through evolving regulation over the last 8 years, they have had no violent incidences at their establishment. The team is aware of and considerate of the incidences that were occurring at the old hookah bar location that was looking for retail + consumption license. Puff, Pass and Paint is looking to create economic growth in the neighborhood in providing a safe, fun activity for cannabis users.
 - Hearing set for 8/30 for license. Public hearing info here:
 - A virtual hearing on this application will be on 8/30/2022 at 9:00 A.M. Please contact the Department of Excise and Licenses at

720-865-2737 for participation information. If you would like to request a night hearing, please do so by 8/25/2022. The request must be made in writing at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

- Though conversation and vote OPNA is looking to write a letter of support with GNA (good neighbor agreement), similar to GNA with Vape and Play buisness. Neighbors requested an agreement of hours of operation as group was not aware of any restrictions. Neighbors also requested the GNA include process for addressing concerns in the community that may result in the operation of this buisness. Other items that are important for agreement are, prior communication for special events (special hours of operation), ensure agreement allows buisness to succeed and isn't overreaching, and some assurance that the buisness model won't be swapped without dialog.

- **Approval of June Minutes and treasury report.**

- Minutes for June were approved unanimously.
- Treasure Report below:

■ Beginning Balance		6332.85
Deposit		\$ 118.37
Bank Fees		\$ (4.00)
Website Host		\$ -
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 6,447.22
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,736.54
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68

- **Board for 2023 -**

- Typically elections are held in October, but both Andrew (treasurer) and Mara (president) are stepping down due to opportunity to be abroad for a year. Conversations on elections are starting early. Mara and Andrew plan to remain in their positions (even remotely if needed) through the end of the year, but filling these positions sooner could help the transition. A few neighbors have expressed interest and per bylaws declaration at a meeting to run for a positions is required prior to meeting when election is held. **We are asking for those interested in running to declare in August** so that we can host an election ASAP and start transition sooner.
- Jack suggested we put detail of responsibilities and estimated time commitment into minutes for potential candidates understanding. Andrew as automated treasury duties to a point that he often spends about 30 minutes a month depending on activities. President role varies, but can be about 2-6 hours a month typically.
- Mara is willing to continue to support in grant writing while aboard.

- Rebeca is continuing as secretary and able to offer a bit more help in administrative duties to relive some of the time commitment from traditional presidential role when it comes to email and communication.
- **Trash Committee**
 - Reminder monthly trash sweeps of the 1300-1500 blocks of Acoma, part of the 1200 block, and the alleys between Acoma and Broadway @ 3pm monthly. Any and all volunteers are welcome! Meet at 1563 S Acoma and proceed for the cleanup from there.
 - Ratio is offering free beer if you help.
 - Remaining dates: September 9, October 7, November 11, December 9
- **Community Announcements:**
 - **PRAB** - Amy shared that there is a new name for a park in Valverde being proposed to city council. Reach out to Amy for more info.
 - **Urban Peak is getting ready to start construction** on their new facility soon. They will be temporarily relocating their current services to start construction in October hopefully
 - **Baker Historic Tour**
 - The Historic Baker Neighborhood Home Tour is back this year and features an eclectic mix of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and community locations that showcase the neighborhood's rich diversity. Take a peek inside some of the most creative spaces in Baker and see how individuals are making tiny homes look like living large! Join us on **Saturday, August 27** from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm for this look inside little homes that are making a big difference. A portion of the tour proceeds benefit DCIS at Fairmont. "Early bird" tickets are [available for purchase](#) for \$20 - please buy your tickets today! Click [here](#) for more information about the tour.
 - **ADU in Denver Open House through City Planning and Development** - in person and online:
 - **ADUs in Denver Open House**
 - 4:45 - 7:15 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2022
 - Carla Madison Recreation Center
 - 2401 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80206
 - [Visit the event page for complete details](#)
 - And online August 26 - September 2.
 - **Next OPNA Meeting - August 25th at 6:30pm** - meeting details to come out with agenda .

Neighborhood Meetings:

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, August 25th, 2022, at 6:30 pm**. Stay tuned then for agenda and zoom links.

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

Upcoming meeting dates for 2022 include the following: June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, &

October 27

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

Here are ways to pay for membership 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

Keep in touch:

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

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Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com