

July MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2023 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID

DPD -Officer Kate Young and Officer AJ Pacheco

- National Night Out August 1st 6-8 PM at Cook Park Rec Center
- Coffee with the Cops Aug 2nd 10 AM - 12 PM at Nixons 695 E Louisiana Ave

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

- Yvonne Miranda - Chief of Staff for Flor Alvidrez office joined the meeting. Councilwoman Alvidrez is coordinating who on her staff will regularly attend OPNA meetings, but the Councilwoman plans to attend when she can, rotating through neighborhoods throughout the year.. They are onboarding and getting organized and will have more to share at upcoming meetings.
- Couciwomen's focused area are transportation, clean and efficient energy, substance abuse and unhoused support and small business support. Those were things she campaigned on.

OPNA - Discussion on Mayor State of Emergency on Unhoused

- Jack provided the gorup with an overview of information he received while attending a meeting the mayor's office held with RNOs and community stakeholders.
- Mayor is looking at all options to meet goal of housing 1,000 people by the year end.
- All options from SOS sites, Tiny homes, hotels/apartments are being explored
- SOS and Tiny homes need land - CDOT is a lot of unused land in Overland.
 - Sites looking for are with in ½ mile of transit ½ mile food
 - Potential sites will be announced soon.
- There is a Dashboard proposed - coming soon to interact, support and report concerns.
- Neighbors discussed how we can support these initiatives and how they will impact us.

OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - See report:

Beginning Balance		\$ 5,809.85
Membership Deposits		\$ -
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Website Host		\$ -
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 5,804.85
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,094.17
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
Notes		

- June Meeting minutes approved

Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- OPNA Membership and Connection Initiatives:
 - Jenn attended an INC meeting and how to grow membership.
 - Ideas are to have Quadrant advocates - "Quad-ads" coined term from Jack
 - Rob - suggested we find an AI or automation tool that can help with social media outreach - media. Yvonne with D7 suggests a app tool called planoly that she's used.
 - Discussed "Why should people participate in OPNA meetings and events"
 - Yard Signs - Jack shared his prototype. Ask of our neighbors is to put out near dates of events, or if willing to keep up. Help spread the word and grow our community activities. Please email OPNA if you are interested in hosting a yard side on your property.
- PRAB UPdate from Amy
 - Things are in flux with administration changes
 - Equity and the inverted L - Tree canopy and access to rec facilities has been areas of focused and advocating for improved parks and services
 - Community meeting to discuss park and rec issues was hosted - over 100 pickleball users showed up and it was a very active topic. Lot of other issues were identified in addition to pickleball

- [Huston Lake Park](#) getting updates - community planning meetings starting - get involved if you want your voice heard.
- PRAB Public Comment Form - [Feed back form - link HERE!](#)
 - This form is a way for the Denver community to share concerns or questions directly with PRAB member. Please note that PRAB and PRAB committee meetings are held monthly, so a response to your question could take up to 60 days, depending on the topic and need. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us!
 - The Denver Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) is comprised of 19 volunteer community members appointed by each City Council member, the Mayor, and Denver Public Schools. Advisory Board members work closely with their appointing authority, the community and the Department to be stewards of the Denver Parks & Recreation system. Regularly scheduled meetings are open to the public and occur on the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Learn more at www.denvergov.org/PRAB
- Monthly trash sweeps - on hold.
- Food Access Resources in the vicinity of Overland - Neighbors in our community are impacted by cost of living and cost of resources increasing. Some local food bank/pantry resources were shared. If neighbors know of other please share with OPNA and we will try to add links and info on these to our website.
 - Ruby's Market has a [food pantry](#)
 - Sneaky Squirrel Garden - In the front yard at Mississippi and Clay (Ruby Hill), there's a free neighborhood garden called the Sneaky Squirrel Garden - all produce there is available to anyone who wants/needs it
 - <https://comministry-denver.org/>
- Tiny Art Gallery on Bannock between Vassar and Harvard on East side about mid block - [article in denverite](#) - or check out their instagram <https://www.instagram.com/freelittleartgallerydenver/>
- Monthly Overland Social - August 10th Social will be at [Maria Empanada](#) this month - 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Social August 10th 6:30pm at [Maria Empanada](#)

Next Meeting August 24th 6:30pm