

Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – July 28 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by President Mara Owen

Business

Minutes from June meeting approved

Treasurer Report

(reminder: annual dues are now due for 2016. \$10 per household, \$25 business. Paid members are voting members)

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,906.55
Membership Deposit		\$ -
Grants Received		\$ 2,500.00
Paid Grants		\$ -
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 6,406.55
	OPNA Funds	\$ 907.00
	Grant Funds	\$ 5,499.55
Outstanding	Check materials M Owen	\$(2,201.58)
	Outstanding invoices	\$ -
	Unapplied Grant	\$ 3,297.97

Police Report

No police present at this meeting

Denver Days block party - Saturday, July 30

Jack Unruh – promoting our first of hopefully many neighborhood block parties on Iliff between Fox and Gallapego. Left posters at 111 homes in the SW quad. Ice cream and cookies, dancing and socializing. Fun times in Overland..

Ruby Hill/Godsman/Overland Neighborhood picnic- Sunday, August 7

This is a Community picnic between the three neighborhoods held in the small picnic pavilion by the playground, overlooking the new Bike Park. There will be a Cookie contest (last year's honorable mention goes to the chocolate chip jalapeno cookies. Everyone is asked to also bring a dish to share. We will be playing another "Get to know your neighbor" game along with many other games for kids and adults to participate. Starts at 6pm.

Denver South Platte River- A good time to tube

Ronnie – He has been talking for years about floating down the Platte River and finally made it happen with others from the neighborhood. After the showers we had the week before the river was flowing nicely. The group met up at the light rail station, tubes in tow, and headed south to Mineral station where they hiked over to [Carson Nature Center](#) and took the tubes and put in. The water was slower than expected but it was smooth sailing. Lots of wildlife sighted including snowy white egrets, blue herons, king fishers and sandpipers. The water was about 3-5 feet deep along the way. They stopped at Jack and Grill at Oxford where they had to get out and portage just for a few minutes. The 7 hour trip ended when the group finally pulled out at Evans. Contact Ronnie if interested in planning the next trip before winter sets in.

Denver Public Schools- Bond and Mill Levy

Cameron spoke to us about the Bond and Mill Levy Override which the DPS Board has voted to move forward on the 2016 ballot. The Bond & Mill will help recruit, train and maintain the best teachers possible, and improve the learning environment for Denver's kids and teachers. Would be used for maintenance including heat mitigation in the classrooms. Also would be used to increase access to technology and to modernize classrooms. Looking for volunteers to promote the Bond and Mill Levy so that it is better understood and passed by voters. Find out more [here](#).

Jack – made a motion to have the OPNA members approve this initiative. Mara wants to push the vote for consideration in the next monthly meeting when more members are present.

The Overland, welcome to the neighborhood- Josh Terry, Owner

Josh announced that they are now open as of last Friday and are very happy to be in our neighborhood. Located at Asbury and Broadway. Open at 11am. They have a new kitchen and updated the sunken bar with a custom made white oak bar top. They are planning to start brunch next month. Check out the menu at [theoverlanddenver.com](#)

Bee Safe neighborhood Updates

People and Pollinator Action Network (PPAN) – this group wants to document and connect neighborhood initiatives to build a strong voice for a pollinator friendly change in Denver. We are on their neighborhood list where they are trying to create a Bee Safe highway connecting between bee-safe neighborhoods. See [here](#) for more information regarding this group. Here is a link to their most recent [newsletter](#).

Overland Social

The first Overland Social was a great success with a good turnout from the neighbors at Declaration Brewery. We plan to do it again this month. Come join us Wednesday, August 10th again at Declaration Brewery.

Cherokee Redevelopment of the Former Gates Rubber Factory General Development Plan Repeal

The Broadway Station Area plan took over from the Cherokee Redevelopment plan so they are repealing it so there is only 1 development plan. See meeting details below if interested in attending.

An application has been proposed by Community Planning and Development in accordance with Former Chapter 59 Section 59-314 to repeal the GDP, originally approved in 2005 for the 69 acre site at the former Gates Rubber Factory, generally bound by South Broadway, West Mississippi Avenue, South Santa Fe Drive, and Interstate-25. The City and County of Denver has determined that the GDP is no longer necessary to implement the vision established in the [I-25 and Broadway Station Area Plan](#), adopted by the Denver City Council in April of 2016.

Date: Thursday, August 4th
Time: 5:00-6:30 P.M. (open house format)
Where: Wellington Webb Building, Room 1.D.1
201 West Colfax, Denver, CO 80202

Use the entrance on Court Place, and the room is on the left after passing through security

Please RSVP or direct questions to

ryan.winterberg-lipp@denvergov.org or [720-865-2973](tel:720-865-2973)

To view the proposed repeal and other materials, please visit the [Plans in Progress](#) page at denvergov.org/planning

Ruby Hill Bike Park

The Ruby Hill Bike Park is now open to all riders from novice to advanced. This includes small and large pump tracks where the idea is that you don't peddle to get over the bumps and berms. The park is funded by Winter Park and the volunteer crew which runs the park is stellar. They enjoy teaching kids how to use the paths which are rated by color (green being the easiest). Also, the perimeter trail around Ruby Hill Park is now fully open. Come check it out!

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7)

Jolon – reminded us that city council is now open for public comment. This is available to the public on the first Monday of each month (excluding Holidays). You need to sign up by showing up around 4:30pm and it starts at 5pm. Limit is 3 minutes per person. Jolon continues to campaign for our connectivity issues in the area including the Jewell Pedestrian Bridge where he took the city Chief Financial officer on a 2 hour tour through district 7. Regarding the Iowa underpass – looking to see if they can have the area designated as business improvement district which would help to get money to help get the bond for the proposed project to move the bike/ped path off of Santa Fe to the west side of the berm of the Golf course. There is plenty of space to accommodate the path both north and south between Jewell and Florida. Levitt Pavilion is breaking ground next month with planned opening July 1st 2017.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Mara - Harvard Gulch Public Meeting see announcement below

PUBLIC MEETING



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Harvard Gulch: Neighborhood Integration Plan

You are invited to attend a public meeting to give input on neighborhood enhancement ideas in and around Harvard Gulch. The City and County of Denver is working to assure that neighborhood needs are considered as we develop a preferred plan for the gulch with the US Army Corp of Engineers.

Neighborhood Enhancement Ideas include:

- » *Trail Connections*
- » *Improved Access*
- » *Connections to the neighborhood*
- » *Recreation Activity Opportunities*

Your feedback will help the City focus investments and enhance the Denver Urban Waterways Restoration Study.

There will be brief updates from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the Denver Urban Waterways Study and from Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) on the floodplain mapping. Results of those studies are not complete and will not be presented at the meeting. The USACE preferred plan will be presented at a public meeting in the winter of 2016/2017.

www.DenverWaterways.com



Wednesday, August 31st
5:30-7:30 pm
Harvard Gulch Rec Center
550 E. Illiff Ave., Denver

*This is a
family-friendly event.
Light refreshments
will be provided.
Spanish language
interpretation will
be available.*

Compassionate things in our neighborhood (open to anyone)

We are a compassionate neighborhood.

Andrew – thanks Ronnie for his passion for tubing on the river and being a great tour guide.

Eloise and Jack were thankful for their neighbor's compassion in patiently evicting a roommate who was succumbing to meth.

Eloise and Jack were thankful for the concern of a young Hispanic woman who stopped and insured that a collapsed woman got help from Denver Health.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm