

## OVERLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

# June MEETING MINUTES

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June 22nd 2023 / 6:30 PM / Virtual Only due to weather

### DPD - N/A

- CRO's were unavailable for this meeting. They will be back next month.

### CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

- Office changes hands officially July 7th.
- No representation from Jolon's office this month.
- Flor Alvidrez, councilwoman elect, was in attendance and the group discussed multiple topics on how to work together to support Overland neighbors.
- Overland is slated to be included in some of the city's upcoming master neighborhood planning efforts. More details should be announced soon, stay tuned to learn more.
  - What do Neighborhood and Area Plans do? They bring communities together to identify a vision for an area and provide recommendations on how to achieve that vision. They provide a level of analysis, detail, and guidance on issues affecting local areas that citywide plans cannot. They help implement citywide plans at a local level. Find out more on the [city's website](#)

### OPNA Community Initiatives

- Summer Quarter focus is on bringing neighbors together in more social events.
  - Look forward to more small outdoor gatherings to connect on issues and ways to support the community. This might look like small area trash pickup meet ups, coffee on the front porch/lawn with neighbors. If you'd like to host a block meet up event let a board member know and will help make it happen.
  - Be on the lookout for OPNA Yard Signs. As we grow and change as a community we want to get the word out to those new to the community. We will have yard signs that neighbors can place or display on their property that will bring awareness to the group and include a qr code with information for upcoming community events. If you'd like to host a hard sign please let us know we'd appreciate the help in getting the word out on our organization.
  - [Denver Days: August 4-6](#) Coming up- Overland Neighbors are planning a block party. If

you want to help in the planning of this event please reach out to [opnainfo@gmail.com](mailto:opnainfo@gmail.com).

- Small Socials in September
- South Broadway Halloween Parade - Date announced - **Parade will be Saturday 10/21**

**Save the Date**

- As the summer starts to wind down, (I know we are just getting started on summer, but we promised to do better planning this year)... planning for the halloween party will begin. Efforts are already underway on early planning stages for the theme. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting the efforts let us know.

### OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - See report below.

Beginning Balance		\$ 5,809.85
Membership Deposits		\$ -
Bank Fees		
Website Host		\$ -
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 5,809.85
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,099.17
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
Notes		

- May Meeting minutes approved

### Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- Monthly trash sweeps are on hold with current safety concerns. Stay tuned for future events.
- **RHG ROSEDALE HARVARD GULCH SUMMER CONCERT**
  - Harvard Gulch Park - **Saturday July 22, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm**
  - <https://www.rhgna.org/events/2023/4/16/summer-concert-at-harvard-gulch-park>
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- PRAB Update - Amy Razzaque - no update
- Monthly Overland Social - July we will meet at Grant Frontier Park at 6:30 Potentially looking at

Levitt Shows for August.

- New Venmo Account for OPNA
  - Overland Park Neighborhood Association - @OPNA-Denver

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- Compassionate Overland
  - Brian shared story of compassion that was worth sharing with everyone. The new [LaTinto Cafe](#) opened at La Chiva's old location. Some of the available outdoor space at LaTinto was adversely impacted by noise from the adjacent [Laws Whiskey House](#) manufacturing process. When the owners of LaTinto reached out to the folk's and Laws Whiskey the two businesses worked together. The compassionate team at Laws was willing to help mitigate the sound and reduce the impacts their operations were having on their neighbor. This was a great example of how when we show compassion and understanding for each other as neighbors we can positively support each other in the best possible outcomes. We encourage everyone to support both of these local business.
  - Neighbors discussed current migrant influxes into the metro Denver area and how we can help those that are in need of help
    - Here is an immediate resources suggested:  
<https://rubysmarketdenver.com/refugeepantry>
    - The City of Denver has multiple support options on [their website](#):
      - [DONATIONS OF GOODS](#) - Drop off at Denver Coliseum
      - [DONATIONS OF FUNDS](#) - Through the Rose Community Foundations Newcomers Fund -
      - [VOLUNTEER](#) - Through the City of Denver you can sign up online and they will contact you.

## **NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Next Social July 13th 6:30pm at Grant Frontier Park**  
**Next Meeting July 27th 6:30pm**