



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – June 28, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Co-President Mara Owen

Welcome and Open Comments

30+ members and guests were present.

During introductions, several comments and recommendations were made to the group. Many positive comments on the Summer Solstice party where it was a great turnout with 20+ neighbors and friends at Grant Frontier Park. Fun was had by everyone young and old with good food, lively conversations, bubbles and fire jumping while observing the strictest fire safety rules. Check out our Facebook for pictures!

Minutes from May meeting

Minutes from the May 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

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,854.00
Membership Deposit		\$
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)

Paid Checks		
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 3,849.00
	OPNA Funds	\$ 2,042.61
	Art Funds	\$ 1,811.39
Outstanding	New Signage	\$ 150.00

Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

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pocketgov.org/police

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BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

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

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

pocketgov.org/police is the Nextdoor version for police reporting where you can sign up and find out about any crimes in your own or other neighborhoods.

Officer Jim Lopez – The next Crime Prevention Workshop is on August 4th, held at South High School. Bring the kids where they can learn about helmet safety and more.

Also, he would like to reach out to the group to form a Neighborhood watch. He is looking for anyone who would like to be involved and/or become a block captain. Please contact Officer Jim Lopez to get more information.

Sergeant Curtis Franklin gave an update on trends in crimes in Overland Park neighborhood where there has been a 13.6% decline in all crimes with a very slight increase in property crimes. Assaults are down 50%! A reminder to Lock your cars and garages.

If you need to report homeless campers in the area, please contact Sergeant Franklin directly. They will help with removing any campsites and also have resources to pick up any trash left behind.

Melanie Soneson, Denver's Early Childhood Council

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Denver's Early Childhood Council's mission is to serve as Denver's early childhood hub, leveraging resources, opportunities and connections to create a quality system that impacts the lives of children and their families. They work with children from birth to 5 years old. Their vision is that every young child in Denver enters school ready to succeed. They work with caregivers and teachers to provide formal and informal training focusing on improving early learning and increasing the quality of care. The Denver Council has received funding and a new grant which will be used towards apprenticeships for those that want to become early childhood teachers. This includes 6 college credit hours, jobs skill training, mentoring, resume building and career advisement. Anyone over 18 can apply where no high school diploma is required. See their website for more information.

<https://denverearlychildhood.org/>

Aaron Greco from CDOT - Local Government Liaison

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Aaron handles government relations and policy across the state for the Colorado

Department of Transportation (CDOT). They have recently received an influx of cash (375 million dollars) to help address the current needs (10 billion dollars). Colorado is a rapidly growing state where transportation is an important issue. They are also working on getting more transportation funding thru sales tax revenue which will be on the ballot this fall, highlighting the needs across the state. In regards to our neighborhood, he spoke about the wooden barrier fence on the west side of Santa Fe between Jewell Ave and Yale. There are other similar fences being used throughout the city and they are currently working internally to come up with the list for improvements. A solution could be to find a local developer who would contract with CDOT for the maintenance of the fence or possibly replace the fence with a berm. Aaron agreed to come to the next meeting to further discuss any issues in our area including Evans Bridge, fence on Santa Fe and Music Festival safety. Also he will find out whether there is a current plan for Region 1 and provide a technical map of this area.

Luke Kelly with the Rezoning of 2200 blocks of Acoma, Bannock, and Cherokee.

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Case Manager - Chandler Van Schaack

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Luke has been working on a re-zoning project with the owner of the lot at 2280 S. Bannock (John Roberts) who wants to be able to split the lot to allow for multi unit. The project is to allow re-zoning for the 2200 blocks of Acoma, Bannock, and Cherokee. They have proposed changing the zoning from U-TU-C to U-TU-B which would allow for ADU, duplex, or carriage houses on 21 existing smaller lots(sized 4,500-5,500 sqft). The rezoning would not affect any existing height restrictions or allow for connected row homes. Involved in this project since May 2016, they were tasked to collect signatures by at least 51% of the owner occupants. Once they had obtained 51%, the proposal was submitted to the planning board where during the meeting, a vote was taken and decided that they would not recommend this proposal to move forward to city council. Later it was found that the vote was considered invalid and the planning board will now meet again on July 11th to review and vote again. During this second planning board

meeting, no additional public comments will be allowed, however public comments from the previous hearing will be considered. Comments can continue to be submitted up until the proposal is presented to City Council on September 17th during which they will accept public comment.

There was disapproval by some neighbors who felt that they did not fully understand what they were signing at the time and some showed concern over lots being scraped and expensive housing built which would affect their own property taxes. There was concern that there is not enough affordable housing in this neighborhood although the point was made that by allowing 2 smaller units on a single lot could be better than allowing one large expensive home. It was suggested that a separate meeting be held at a later date which would allow for more time and discussion of this issue. There is also an ongoing conversation found on [Nextdoor](#). Please contact Luke or the case manager for more information.

David Ehrlich: Grandoozy Music Festival updates (Sept 14-16)

<https://www.grandoozy.com/>

David updated us with some Grandoozy updates..

Complimentary Community Ticketing. See the end of these notes for the ticketing information for the surrounding neighborhoods. Based on customer comments and feedback on the various plans, an FAQ was put together and made available to the public. To view the FAQs on line go [HERE](#) .

They are now shifting from the planning phase to implementation where David encouraged everyone to stay involved to make sure it happens as expected. They are already working with the few elderly couples in the immediate area to provide additional assistance during the 3 days of the festival.

OPNA will provide 2 representatives for the advisory board which will meet to discuss distribution of funds received from the festival.

There was a meeting held to discuss issues related to the female audience, including sexual harassment. Issues were identified, solutions discussed where they will be implemented.

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) www.luckyDistrict7.org

No one present from Jolon's office this time.

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 is

June 13 La Chupaflor next to Maria Empanadas

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

11 E. Louisiana Avenue

Denver, CO 80210

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

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Megan, Taylor and James from Vape and Play – A new proposed business on the corner of Mexico and S. Broadway offering a place where adults (21 and over) can consume cannabis in a entertaining environment. They have completed the application to the city on June 7th where it will be moved to a public hearing on August 6th. They will be surveying the neighborhood and asking for feedback and approval.

Chef Andrew, Overland Park Neighborhood Association, and Ruby Hill Neighborhood Association are joining forces to present a block party for Denver Days 2018! Join in on the fun and meet some of your neighbors on **August 12th** from 4pm-9pm.

We will barricade the street near Pasquinel's Landing and bring in Food, Entertainment, Lawn Games and More as we spend a lazy Summer Sunday evening with friends and neighbors.

(We are currently accepting suggestions for activities and local entertainers for this event. Let us know if you know anyone who would be interested in collaborating on this event.)

Please reserve a free ticket so we can gauge how many people will be attending so we can plan accordingly through this [LINK](#)

Ronnie – South Platte – due to low flow, no floating this year.

Jennifer Williams from the Army corp of engineers will present at the August OPNA meeting the latest plans for South Platte river in our area (Yale to Mississippi) including a pedestrian board walk overlook at Harvard Gulch.

Mara - Denver Parks and Rec are in the process of reviewing and amending the current alcohol policy which would allow individuals to consume beer in parks. You can find out more details [HERE](#) Please provide any input or comments to Mara through our email opnainfo@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, July 26**, 2018, at **6:30 pm** at **Studios at Overland Crossing** 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](#)

Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA

Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com

Complimentary Community Ticketing - Three Day GA Passes

"Overland Neighborhood (adjacent to the golf course) Residents"

- Geographic boundaries: Jewell to Evans / Santa Fe Drive to South Huron
- Two tickets/household / non-transferable
- Community foundation contribution not required

"Surrounding Neighborhood Residents (non-adjacent to the golf course)"

Athmar Park:

N: Alameda **S:** Mississippi **E:** S. Platte River Dr. **W:** Federal Blvd.

- Ken Knoblock president@athmarpark.com

Ruby Hill:

N: Mississippi **S:** Evan Ave. **E:** Platte River Drive **W:** Federal Blvd.

- Scott Bolt avsrawesome@yahoo.com

Overland (Entire neighborhood)

N: Mississippi **S:** Yale **E:** Broadway **W:** Platte River Drive

- Amy Razzaque amyrazz37@gmail.com>

Overland North:

N: Mississippi **S:** Evans Santa Fe **E:** Santa Fe **W:** Platte River

Contact: Helene Orr heleneorr@gmail.com

Platt Park:

N: I-25 **S:** Evans **E:** Downing St. **W:** Broadway

- Joe Beierl board@3pa.org or jbeierl@yahoo.com
- Two tickets/household / non-transferable
- \$25/day community foundation contribution required

Community Ticketing Notification and Pick Up Process

-Superfly will (i) send mailing to each neighborhood address with instructions for ticket pick up and (ii) post above process with through RNO's and Councilman Clark's office

-All neighbors may pick up tickets during two days (TBD) the week of the festival from XPM to YPM at the onsite box office – specific location, date and time to be announced

-Ticket allocations are “first come – first serve”. If the allocation for Surrounding Neighbors is exceeded by demand, Superfly will offer festival tickets to these neighbors at a 50% discount.

-Superfly to put "neighbor" special ticket marking on Overland resident tickets at pick-up, to allow for direct entrance on Jewell to festival.

-Each resident to provide proof of address and ID when picking up tickets that will then be marked off in the address database as claimed.