



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – March 24th, 2022

Approval of February meeting minutes - Approved unanimous

Approve fees for renewed INC membership - Approved Unanimous

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7)

- Redistricting is in process - Currently at the point of a 2nd reading at council next Monday. Will change representation in 2023. Overland stays in D7. There are other changes to the district, but OPNA not affected. Summary of D7 changes: Valverde moves to D3, College View moves to D2, Rosedale back into D7, Speer Neighborhood added to D7, and Capitol Hill was split by precincts and added two precincts to D7. Tuesday night reading will take effect in 2023 election year
 - More Info: [CITY MAP](#) - [Deverite Article](#)
- A business applied for a Marijuana Hospitality and Sales License at 1800 S. Broadway.
 - This is the location of the old hookah lounge. While hookah business was in operation at this location there were a multitude of issues and negative impacts to the neighbors and community. Through a long city/legal process the business was shut down. The operator and property owner failed to address concerns and issues.
 - The property owner has now applied for an onsite cannabis hospitality and sale licenses. This is a different license than what "Vape and Play" former consumption site on South Broadway operated under. Vape and Play did not have sales of cannabis.
 - There are a lot of neighbors between Platte Park and Overland Park that are not happy with the property owner and feel there is a lack of trust and they

were not good neighbors when the hookah bar operated at this location. There are a lot of concerns about how a cannabis consumption and sales business will be managed with the past issues. One neighbor who lives within blocks of the location expressed concerns of dishonesty in how the new business and dealings with the past business are being communicated by the license applicant.

- The licenses application process requires a city hearing process. The hearing will weigh input from the 3 neighborhoods in the vicinity, Overland Park, Platte Park and Rosedale.
- Jolon is asking for OPNA to join in support of opposing this licenses. From his involvement and what he has heard from his constituents he is in opposition.
- The business owner and property owner have not reached out to OPNA (see *correction to this statement at the end of the section in the minutes*)
- The hearing is scheduled for mid-April, 4/11 at 6pm, so the neighborhood would need to vote today if we were to support or oppose this license as hearing is prior to next April meeting. The licenses application hearing process is to determine if there is a "need and desire" for this licenses use at the location of 1800-1810 S Broadway.
- It was clarified that opposing this specific license application in no way represents the neighborhood opposing the desire or need for Marijuana Hospitality and Sales License at another location in the neighborhood.
- A motion was made for OPNA to write a letter in opposition of this application at 1800 S Broadway for Marijuana Hospitality and Sales licenses. Reason for opposition include:
 - Lack of outreach and communication
 - Lack of trust in business owner and property owner
 - Concerns of operation and management based on past issues when the hookah lounge was operational.
 - In support of surrounding neighbors.
- Motion was approved by vote to write letter of opposition, and support adjacent neighbors petition against license application.
 - Vote was done via the chat on the zoom call. All entered votes were in support and it appeared unanimous - there were no opposing votes.
- **NOTE: *after the meeting and vote on 3/24 - OPNA board realized that the property owner, Josh Horwitz, had reached out via OPNA email address on 3/10 and the email was not reviewed ahead of the 3/24 meeting. Mara will follow up with Josh Horwitz and see if he would like to have a spot on the April Agenda.***

- No officer was present this month - will follow up next month.

Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance		6203.64
Membership Deposits		\$ 129.87
Bank Fees		\$ (4.00)
Website Host		\$ -
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 6,329.51
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,618.83
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
Notes		

- Only activity - member deposits. Venmo charges for transactions now, a few cents/transaction.
- Member dues \$10/household - \$25/biz - makes you voting member.

2022 Projects

- Spring Plant Giveaway “**Overland Grows**” - **May 14 10:30am -12:30pm**
 - TCR are helping to sponsor - they are supporting by offering supplies for soil, compost, tools etc.
 - Bring any garden tools or garden items you want to donate.
 - Jack will make poster - will share with neighbor email group as event gets closer.
 - The event organizers have changed a few things this year to make it easier to manage and make the event more successful. It will be one day this year, Saturday the 14th. There is no reservation or preorder. Plants, soil, compost and tools will all be first come first serve, we ask you take what you will use.
- **Art on the bridge**
 - Art committee to get paint and test theories.

- If they find a solution that works best, next step then is to set up time for all to help repair or improve the bridge mural .

Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- **4/1 - Community Appreciation Night at The Table** - 3PM - \$2/beer specials where any thing you pay over that donates to OPNA - 2190 S Platte River Dr, Denver, CO 80223
- **4/2 - Celebrate The Table Public Houses 1st Birthday** - They will have catered dinner that is pay what you want. Fun and activities for all, including keg toss, face painting and live music. - 2190 S Platte River Dr, Denver, CO 80223
- **4/14 - Monthly Overland Social will be THURSDAY April 14th at Ratio Brewery** - 2030 S Cherokee St, Denver, CO 80223
 - NOTE THIS monthly social event will now take place on Thursdays as that night of the week was agreed by those that frequently attend to be better night of the week.
- **4/22 - The Table is hosting a Seed Giveaway from 4-6pm** -
- **Park and Rec Advisory Board (PRAB) Updates** - Amy couldn't be here. Mara shared info from Amy.
 - PRAB submitted budget recommendations to Denver Parks and Rec last week and they are being reviewed for the 2023 budget. If anyone is curious to read it, please reach out to get a copy.
 - Ruby Hill Phase 3 - After successfully implementing the Levitt Pavilion, mountain bike park, roadway network, and parking lot improvements called for in the 2008 Ruby Hill Park Master Plan, Denver Parks and Recreation is advancing the third phase of improvements. https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/747/documents/planning/master_plans/RubyHill-MasterPlan-2008.pdf
 - Take the Ruby Hill survey [HERE](#).
 - Outdoor Adventure/Alternative Sports Master Plan; Survey #2 OPEN NOW
 - SURVEY LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPROutdoors>. Everyone can enter to win an annual recreation center membership and a FitBit at the end of the survey! The survey will be open through March. See survey link for more details and info.

7:55 Meeting Adjourned

Neighborhood Meetings:

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, April 28th, 2022, at 6:30 pm**. Stay tuned then for agenda and zoom links, (or maybe, just maybe, a meeting in person again).

OPNA meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month, excluding November and December. Upcoming meeting dates for 2022 include the following: April 28, May 26, 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

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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