



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – March 25, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara via Zoom conferencing where 20+ neighbors and friends were in attendance.

A link to our **COVID19 resources page** is found [here](#) on our OPNA website.

During meeting introductions, question posed to the group "What is one of your favorite things about our Neighborhood?". Here's a sampling of some of the neighbor's favorite places/things:

- our home and the view from where we live
- otter pond on Overland Golf Course
- the river and the beautiful trees along the bike path
- Overland Pond
- The art installation at Grant Frontier - diamond in the sky
- beaver dam in the Platte river south of Illif
- Taste of Thailand
- Corvis Coffee and the shops around that area of S. Broadway
- Bambu
- The Rollerdome on Delaware where you can learn to roller skate
- El Tejado Denver
- AJ's Pit Barbeque
- so many great things about our hood, especially the people!!

Minutes from February 2021 meeting

Minutes from the February 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		\$ 5,020.85
Membership Deposit /donations		\$ 220.00
Paid Outstanding		
Website Host		\$ (8.34)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 5,232.51
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,221.12
	ART Funds	\$ 2,011.39

This month's balance includes \$220 in member deposits and payment of \$8.34 for website hosting.

Annual dues are due now. They are good for the calendar year. Here are ways to pay for the 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

Police Report

CRO Kate Young

720-913-1248

kate.young@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

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>

Update

CRO Kate Young: kate.young@denvergov.org

CRO AJ Pacheco: Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org

Office Antonio provided the following stats for the past month

- Burglary - 4 where 3 were commercial businesses, 1 residential.
- theft from motor vehicles – 8 - contact police department for free club for cars that are in the top ten desirable to being stolen. Also see the Denver Police Youtube Channel for educational videos: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DenverPoliceDept>
- thefts – 3 one was security camera where the assailant was captured in action on camera.

Question regarding security camera placement - recommended to place them at eye level for better identification when someone is approaching.

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Maggie's word for this month is Vaccines where the state continues to get more availability and they are doing all they can to push out as much as possible to

District 7 through community based clinics and local pharmacies. Please make an appointment if you are eligible and watch the news as eligibility may change in the upcoming weeks.

1-800-co-vax-co is the state hotline for folks who don't have internet access. Otherwise log onto you healthcare providers portal and sign up to get yours as soon as your demographic group comes up!

Contact Maggie or Jolon's office if you have trouble finding or getting to an appointment where they will assist in finding vaccines for people and to keep everyone connected.

EMW Property redevelopment - Trammell Crow - Jordon Orr – VP for develop

Jordon Orr - Trammell Crow - Development at the old EMW site. They are holding a monthly call with residents where the next one is scheduled on Wednesday, April 7. If you would like to become part of this communication, please contact Jordon at jorr@tcr.com or 720-556-7912 and he will add you to the calendar invite.

Current update is that they are wrapping up the utility work including asbestos abatement where the next step will be demolition starting this week or next. This should not have any impact on traffic. Also, now that the buildings are clean and safe, anyone that is wanting a piece of the buildings, contact Jordon and he will coordinate with the superintendent.

Jack made the comment where everyone agreed that their community engagement so far has been great and their continued interaction and updates on the project are much appreciated.

Spring Plant Giveaway “Overland Grows”

- o Memorial Day Weekend - Save the Date! May 29-30 @The Table Urban Farm located at the old VFW site, across from Grant Frontier Park.
- o Pairing with The Table where we will redo what we did last year during the pandemic. We will be giving away plants and materials for veggie gardens. Also, this year we would like to call out to anyone that has any extra tools and/or tomato

cages that we can start collecting now for give away. Please email Mara Owen <mkowen18@gmail.com> and she will collect. The Table will be serving coffee. Their Facebook page will include updates on their veggie giveaway program throughout the summer: <https://www.facebook.com/denverthetable>.

Overland Clean Up Days –

We have partnered with Good Chemistry on South Broadway to do trash pick up for 1 hour in 3 different locations. The first one was last week where 20+ showed up to clean up South Broadway. The next 2 clean up days are scheduled for

- o **Saturday April 3, 10-11am - Grant Frontier Park**
- o **Sunday May 2, 10-11am - Overland Pond Park**

We also received a \$1000 CALC Mini-Grant which can be used to purchase equipment for cleanup and also gift certificates to local businesses to raffle off during the cleanup. Look for reminders on Facebook and join us to help clean up our neighborhood parks.

Overland Social

Overland Social is held every second Wednesday of the month where it is an informal gathering for neighbors and friends at a local business. The next scheduled social is April 14, at **The Table**, Come join us starting from **6:30pm**.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- **Earth Day Seed Giveaway**
 - o (April 22, The Table, 5 pm-7pm)

Amy – District 7 parks and rec representative is happy to be the liaison where she will take any concerns neighbors might have back to the budget and operations committee. Currently working on executive recommendations for budget 2022. Email Amy with any comments and/or concerns. amyrazz37@gmail.com
If you want to weigh in more in Parks and Rec Projects, you can find open surveys here: <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/planning/community-relations-outreach.html> (click on “open surveys”)

Mara - FEMA meeting held with Ruby hill and Rosedale and Overland Park regarding flood awareness thru art work. This was only the first meeting to discuss possibilities in the area where more information needs to be provided before making any decision regarding art installation in the area. For more info, see link

to brochure below.

Value of the FEMA Art Works Initiative

The impacts of flooding on individuals and communities can be severe. Creating public art pieces that illuminate these risks and ways to mitigate them builds awareness of flooding and the resources available to help lessen the impacts. Please use the following link to access a brochure that provides an overview of the value of the Art Works program: [FEMA Guide to Expanding Mitigation through Arts & Culture](#)

Mara also to send an email to Maggie to find out more info on the Harvard Gulch project and the latest meetings that were held. Please also see the following link for an interactive map that shows the recent floodplain map changes: <https://mhfd.org/webmaps/PMR2018-DenverJeffco/>

Mara – last meeting we spoke with Andrew Davis about possible RTD eco passes for the neighborhood. In a follow up meeting with Jeff Walker from Rosedale and Bobby, found that right now it is very difficult and expensive for a neighborhood to apply for eco passes. The requirements are challenging and might be changing based on how the culture is changing. We will continue to work with them to see whether there is any feasible way to provide eco-passes to neighbors and how much it might cost.

Question asked regarding how clean the RTD is during the pandemic.

This is what their website says: Covid Protocol RTD continues to operate at reduced COVID-19 service levels. All passengers are required to wear face masks while on RTD services. Capacity is limited to approximately 15 passengers per bus, 20 on larger buses, and 30 riders per rail car. If you are unable to maintain social distancing, do not board. If necessary, buses will bypass stops so that social distancing can be maintained. Limit time spent in RTD stations to 10 minutes.

<https://www.rtd-denver.com/>

Morning Collective which became a Taco place, now is turning again into the Bacon Social House where they reached out to Mara for a letter of support of their request for a permit for patio dining. Motion was made and passed unanimously to write a letter of support to be able to use the existing outdoor patio for dining.

Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **April 22**, 2021, at **6:30 pm** via Zoom. Look for announcement with link to meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

OPNA meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month, excluding November and December.

Upcoming meeting dates for **2021** include the following: April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28

Also, check us out on our [Website](#) and also to read the **minutes** from past meetings.

And like us on [Facebook](#) **Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA**

Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com