



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – May 24, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Amy Razzaque

**Welcome and Open Comments**

30+ members and guests were present.

During introductions, several comments and recommendations were made to the group.

**Minutes from April meeting**

Minutes from the April 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		\$ 3,789.00
Membership Deposit		\$ 70.00
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Paid Checks		
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ <b>3,854.00</b>
	OPNA Funds	\$ 2,042.61

	Art Funds	\$ 1,811.39
Outstanding	New Signage	\$ 150.00

### Police Report

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District 3

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Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

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720-913-1300

### 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](http://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.

Sergeant Ryan Koeningsfeld provided an update to the group on an incident which occurred in the neighborhood last week. It was an isolated incident where they chased, caught and apprehended an escaped convict. Officer Ryan indicated reverse 911 calls would have been made in the immediate area but the residents did not seem to receive such notifications in that area (only the physical re-directions by officers where some streets were blocked during the chase).

Ray – Ray and Jim were working at the Cop shop on Broadway and listening in while it was happening.

Jack – crime stats? Next meeting.

Rob – please check on the homeless camps by the river. They are working with other departments to help with assisting with the homeless.

### **Jasmin Barco with Eco-cycle**

<http://www.ecocycle.org/take-action/denver>

Jasmin and Sonya with Eco-cycle spoke to the group about waste collection where currently Denver has a 23% diversion rate compared with the national average of 34%. San Francisco has one of the highest waste diversion rates in the country of 80%. Loveland, CO has a diversion rate of 61% which they achieved by implementing a unit based pricing trash program. The Eco-cycle group has been going to various neighborhoods in Denver and asking for signatures where they want to send a petition to Mayor Hancock showing that many people are concerned with trash, recycling and composting. They want to set the goal of reaching 34% or higher (national average) by 2020.

Judy – asked about weeds in the yard and whether they can be included in the city compost? Yes – you can compost weeds along with many other items thru the city's green cart program which is approximately \$9.00 per month.

### **Rob Lovell with an update on Cleanup and Forestry**

Rob provided update on the Spring Cleanup which happened in the past week and reported that it was awesome where a dozen people showed up. They started the morning with coffee and pastries from San Antonio bakery and then worked to clean up the alleyways in North Overland and under Evans bridge. Also cleaned up around Pasquinel's landing. By the end they had filled 2 trailers full of debris. A picnic lunch was provided to all that helped out. Thank YOU everyone.

Rob also recently called in to CDOT the, once again, downed fence that runs along SantaFe and Jewell. This fence is maintained by CDOT where about 70% of the fence posts are rotting out causing the fence to fall over during storms and now blocking the sidewalk. He also mentioned the various Denver programs related to trees including [beasmartash.com](http://beasmartash.com). Denver Parks& Rec, [The Park People](#) where you might go to find free trees.

### **OPNA History Corner**, Eloise, resident since 1980

See our website for a video of Eloise's history story of the neighborhood and the

wonderful garden parties they had for 25 years. See our website for the video recording.

### **David Ehrlich: Grandoozy Music Festival updates**

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

David updated us with some Grandoozy news.

They just completed the public meetings to review the plans where it was very productive and a lot of input was provided. Now they will go back and complete the plans with any additional comments made by the city before sending in for final approval. They will also provide an FAQ based on these plans on their website. Regarding ticketing, they are ready to announce that they will be providing 2 tickets per household in the Overland Park neighborhood where the requirement of making a \$25 donation will be waived. These tickets are non-transferable and will be available thru the box office where you will only need to show proof of address to receive.

David also explained that because the festival is planned for the next several years, they want to continue to work with the neighborhood on projects which will improve the area, i.e. Pedestrian Bridge, Iowa underpass. They will work with the city to champion the projects that improve the infrastructure of the area as it would also benefit the festival and Levitt and east-west corridor.

David is also involved with the Denver theater district and the upcoming Happy City event.

[“Happy City: Art for the People”](#) is a six-week, citywide art intervention with the purpose of breaking down personal, emotional and social barriers, while nurturing individual and collective well-being. The project is produced by [The Denver Theatre District](#) with artistic direction by [Black Cube](#) and is inspired by British artist Stuart Semple.

See the following link for more

information <http://denvertheatredistrict.com/event/happy-city-art-people/>

### **Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) [www.luckyDistrict7.org](http://www.luckyDistrict7.org)**

Maggie provided the following updates:

1 – [Rainbow Crosswalk](#) on Broadway to be installed by weekend of [PrideFest](#) weekend – June 16th-17th.

2 – First GO Bond approved and moving forward with the design for the Jewell bike/pedestrian bridge. This project has been fully funded thru the bond and will be completed within the next 10 years.

3 – Green roofs initiative – a requirement on commercial buildings, no permits have been issued yet. They are making changes to the language to try to give more options instead of buying out of the program – solar, white roofs, etc. See the following website for more information <http://www.denvergreenroof.org/>

4 – Halloween Parade save the date Oct 20th. This year it will travel down Broadway from 5th Avenue to Alameda.

5 – New CDOT Liason. Aaron Greco, Local Government Liaison covering CDOT Regions 2, 4 and 5 at (303) 757-9755 or [Aaron.Greco@state.co.us](mailto:Aaron.Greco@state.co.us)

6 – Regarding recycling, Denver has a new machine call 'Clark' which will now accept any type of septic containers, i.e. juice boxes. This machine will convert these types of containers into building material. [ReWall](#) is the company that sells this building material and has a factory here to make it.

7 – June is pollinator month. When Denver finds swarms of bees – forestry comes and puts them on golf course, in rough areas that would not affect golfers.

Paul – asked about the progress of Iowa underpass where the stairs will be removed and bicycle/ped path will be improved. This is still happening and hopefully within next 12-18 months.

Jack – blue tarp caught in tree at Pasquinel's Landing? Gone. Forestry was the group which removed it.

Jim – new police chief? They have started public outreach where they plan to promote from within.

## **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

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

11 E. Louisiana Avenue

Denver, CO 80210

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

Also watch for reminders for the next Summer Solstice Party planned for June 23rd, at Grant Frontier Park, 10-11am.

### **Community announcements (open to anyone)**

- Historic Denver Neighborhood Action Fund

Mara has extended an invitation to join the Historic Denver Action Grant Committee- meeting on

May 30th, 7pm at Maria Empanada.

We are planning to submit an application for a Grant which may be used to help preserve Overland neighborhood.

- Discussion regarding the recent Re-zoning requests. We plan to add to our OPNA website a link to the Denver re-zoning page. Some questions were raised regarding fears as a community where gentrification vs revitalization. How do we maintain the community and character we built here in the neighborhood? How do we revitalize responsibly? When developers come to present they usually are asking us for a letter of support. If voted down, we have taken the approach of not writing letters of opposition. The question was asked of the group, when we vote, should we write a letter on the result of the vote? Amy made a motion to this affect and there was more discussion including the idea of allowing developers to present but not voting until the following meeting. As this seems to be an important topic, we decided to withdraw the motion at this meeting and continue the discussion in the next meeting.

Steve - still concerned about the developer's plan on 2100 Block of Cherokee and specifically asked OPNA board for a letter of opposition.

Paul - suggested that in lieu of writing a letter of opposition, Steve can refer back to the minutes recorded in February where the members voted down the motion for a support letter. He was to proceed with that information to be used during his upcoming mediation meeting.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, June 28**, 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](#)

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