



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – May 26th, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

DPD District 3 - Officer Kate Young and AJ Pacheco - Community Resource Officers

- Crime Stats
 - Property Crimes - 5 reported burglaries, all commercial thefts reported
 - Theft from Motor Vehicle - 5 reported. Reminder don't leave valuables in your car, and lock your cars.
 - Motor Vehicle Theft 5 - 3 recovered. 1 was attempted, 1 running with keys in alley.
- CAB meeting June 7th at 6pm at District 3 Station - Q&A session at 5pm
- Coffee w/ Cops June 8th from 10-12 at Nixon's Coffee - 695 Louisiana

Denver Animal Protection - division of DDPHE - Julian shared about events, resources, and services including free and low cost services available to dogs and cats. Today is a plea for community to activate.

- DAP - Shelter right off South Platte. Encourage all to stop by to check out, adopt animal or volunteer
- Animal well fare is in crisis. Covid has really impacted their shelter.
 - Currently offering \$5 for adoption. Shelter is full and filling up frequently.
 - Owners are surrendering pets in insane numbers - lots of pets during covid were acquired and for various reasons are being surrendered to shelters and they are coming in unsocialized, untrained and are difficult to adopt.
 - Encourage pet owners to take your pet through training. Encourage you to get your dog socialized - take them to your friends/neighbors with dogs, or get them engaged with kids you know. Its so important for dogs to be socialized.
- DAP needs help with fosters - please reach out if you are interested in fostering. Fostering is huge and can really help the stress on the system - DAP got some

state variance to help expedite fostering process during this high need time.

- DAP is adjusting their website, and will soon have a web space for fostering, until then please reach out to anais.salcido@denvergov.org - Foster Coordinator.
- [DAP offers low cost pet vaccine clinics on weekends](#). \$15/vaccine - distemper/parvo, rabies, etc. If you are struggling with medical costs they can help on some medical issues as well.
- Please reach out to Julian he can help get you in touch with the right resources, or if you want to help he can get you to the right person to help with volunteering - julian.wolff@denvergov.org
- DAP has officers that can help in complaints/concerns - best to communicate first. Often your neighbor may not know their dog is barking when they are away. Most issues can be resolved through communication. If you need to you can report an issue anonymously but often at some point the case managers will need to disclose the concerned party. DAP is here to help you, please reach out.
- <https://www.denvercats.org/> - Metro Denver CAT is a non profit resource for supporting feral cats as another resource to DAP

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7)

- Maggie representing tonight- maggie.thompson@denvergov.org
- Climate Department
 - 1st round of incentives are out - Incentives for replacing electric appliances, like Hot Water heater, or AC etc.
 - E-bike incentives - had to pause was so popular - but will be reopening again.
 - Vendors get reimbursed through city so you don't have to front the cash and wait for reimbursement.
 - Question - on longevity of program and concerns of funds running out before people can do the work? Maggie understands this program is a permeant fund and bondable - so hoping that this program will continue, she will find out more info on long term plan and let us know.
 - <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Climate-Action-Sustainability-Resiliency/Programs-Services/Home-Energy#section-2>
- [Denver Days 2022 Announced](#) - free permits for block parties
 - 7/30-8/6
 - 10 Year anniversary so lots of great things this year.
- Volume Based Pricing for Waste - Currently this proposed program is going to committee (step before it goes to council) - looking like its going to be a close vote, so encourage your neighbors to show support, if you support this.
- DOTI Path to Jewell - Iowa and Santa Fe Intersection Updates
 - No update - Karen Good is currently covering our district in the interim with staffing changes, Maggie will try to get an update soon.

Denver Lumber Yard - 1580 S Santa Fe Dr - Daniel Frank, Developer

- Has Denver Lumber property under contract currently and is formally connecting to the community to learn about the neighborhood and communicate his process. He shared examples of other developments his company has done throughout metro Denver.
- Potentially rezone property to IMX-8 - site currently zoned I-A, - most likely would rezone to mixed use - with predominant residential use. No plans yet, just doing density studies at this time and connecting to the community. IMX-8 would allow up to eight story development - don't anticipate they would build eight due to marketability. Connectivity, affordability are things they want to incorporate. Taking this step to engage in the community and learn more.
- Questions and Comments:
 - Jack - concern of traffic as when the site to north was developed they had conflicts with existing intersection and locked in onsite. DF - Part of the process will be to go through a consultant for traffic study and analysis to see what is feasible.
 - Mara - affordability and accessibility are things this community is really wanting in this neighborhood.
 - Rebecca - why do you ask for eight when you don't anticipate eight? DF - Next tier down in zoning is 5, and that is tight economically to make the project work. Zoning for 8 will allow some flexibility for density for the economics to work. The site will likely have some mitigation and this can be costly so the right balance of metrics makes the development work financially.
 - Comments were made about the need for grocery in this area.
 - Site could be an opportunity to develop employment opportunities or collaboration with both the BlueLine project on Acoma as well as the Urban Peak Shelter development to help those organizations thrive with this new development and serve in some employment or support.
 - Vertical farm was a innovative idea shared.
 - Concerns of parking in the area were discussed as there isn't street parking on Santa Fe.
- Daniel is available for questions or concerns 303-520-3085
- daniel@dfrankinc.com

Approval of February Meeting Minutes and Treasurer Report

- April Minutes were approved.
- Treasury Report
 - Big updates this month - Overland Grows spent \$305 out of \$400 allocated - UNDERBUDGET. Reminder that we had \$325 come in for fundraisers
 - Pay your dues to be a voting member - Venmo or drop off cash/check at Andres's house. Biz \$45 - Household \$10

- Need to pay INC fee still.

• Beginning Balance		6325.51
Table fundraiser		\$ 325.00
Overland Grows		\$ (305.66)
Office max	\$ (54.95)	
Plant starts contribution	\$ (200.00)	
Soil (Ewing)	\$ (50.71)	
Bank Fees		\$ (4.00)
Website Host		\$ -
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 6,340.85
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,630.17
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68

2022 Projects

- Successful Spring Plant Giveaway “Overland Grows” - see photos at the end of the minutes.
- Art on the bridge - Funding ongoing
- **NEW Trash Committee** - Bryan Ferrer -NE quadrant has initiated and leading this clean up monthly. See photos at the end of the minutes.
 - The committee will be doing monthly trash sweeps of the 1300-1500 blocks of Acoma, part of the 1200 block, and the alleys between Acoma and Broadway @ 3pm monthly, each Friday before the following Tuesday large item pickup. Any and all volunteers are welcome! Meet at 1563 S Acoma and proceed for the cleanup from there.
 - 2022 Trash Pick-Up Schedule is:
 - **June 10**, July 8, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 11, December 9
 - Currently Brian leading this in his NE quad - hopes to expand further, but will need some more volunteers and leadership to make this happen.
 - Ben Bryan with BlueLine noted that adjacent tenant of theirs in the area that has large dumpster and has offered to take bagged trash, not large items. Committee is working on resources and support to help with larger items and disposal.

Community announcements

- **Ben Bryan with BlueLine - 1501 S Acoma St - Proposed Multifamily** - permanent supportive housing and workforce housing development. In past community meeting there were lots of concerns on parking when they were meeting the city's minimum parking requirements. They are now looking at providing more parking than required with underground garage - 60+ cars now

proposed. This is 1 car per 2 units approximately. BlueLine will be having another **public meeting/open house soon - tentatively schedule 6/21** at Platte Park Senior Rec Center in the evening. Ben will share final details for community meeting when its official.

- **Monthly Overland Social THURSDAY JUNE 9th**

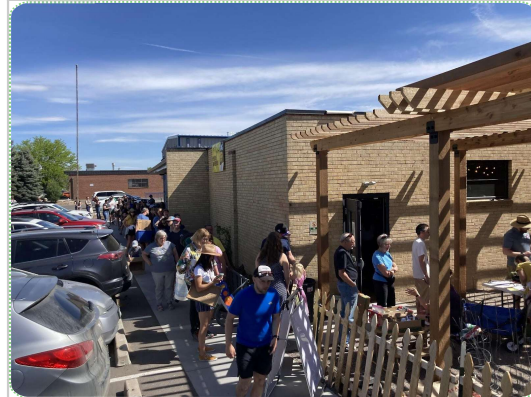
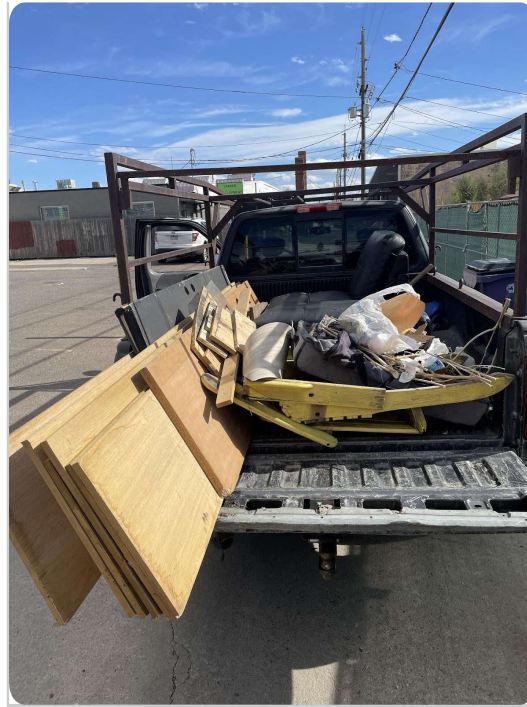
- Will do [Levitt Pavilion Event on Thursday June 9th](#) - Della Mae with Jacob Jolliff Band

- **Summer Solstice - 6/18 10am at Grant Frontier Park -**

- with hang out at the Table after -
 - will be SOULFUL event with upcoming Juneteenth holiday - maybe we can support black owned biz - to cater food or align social awareness for Juneteenth.
- Cloud9 cannabis retail & consumption withdrew license application.

RECENT PICTURES FROM TRASH PICKUP EVENT &
OVERLAND GROWS PLANT GIVEAWAY





Neighborhood Meetings:

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, June 23rd, 2022, at 6:30 pm**. Stay tuned then for agenda and zoom links.

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

Upcoming meeting dates for 2022 include the following: 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

Keep in touch:

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](#)

or Instagram [overlandparkneighborhood](#)

Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com