



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – May 28, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara via Zoom conferencing. 20 friends / neighbors joined the call which started out with many words of compassion towards others in the neighborhood.

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

**Minutes from April 2020 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		\$ 4,843.85
Membership Deposit		\$
Paid Outstanding		\$
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 4,838.85

	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,027.46
	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39

After researching local banks, Andrew recommended First Bank which offers a free non-profit account. A motion was made to move forward with changing banks which was seconded and approved unanimously. Although no memberships dues came in this month, we did receive \$30.00 in donations during our Garden Kit giveaway.

### Police Report

CRO **Kate Young**

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District 3

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### BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

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**Kate Young** was present and provided the following updates.

- Property crimes were up over the same time last year where more than half of burglaries were commercial along with bikes stolen. Reminder to keep garage doors closed and doors locked. Motor theft has declined but still license plates are being stolen. Free security screws are available to any car owners, available thru District 3 office.

- Street racing – they are aware of this happening and have been acting on it where they had success in past weekends, giving out 22 citations for speeding over 100 mph. When you hear any street racing in your area, call the non-emergency number to get officers to that area. The focus so far has been mostly on I-25, with speeding cars. If you hear this happening on Santa Fe drive, call to report.

- Homeless outreach – currently they have 4 people working in the outreach department where they have been called and have followed up with reported incidents involving mental health issues. They also work with volunteer mental health clinicians that go with them on calls where they offer resources and guidance.

Rob - concerned about the multiple crimes and encampments now along Santa Fe

drive and thinks they are related. He asked about the homeless outreach in that area and what can be done. These encampments are located on CDOT property where there are trespass agreements. Any trash clean up has been facilitated by CDOT. They have also been working with the fire department and the city of Englewood to try to address the issues. Although with COVID they do not want to enforce the camping ban and can only continue to provide resources and options of places to go including the Western complex.

Rob - asked due to the recent incidents involving police, what is being done to educate officers? No one on the police force agrees with what has happened and yes there is training for crisis intervention which every officer must complete.

- Next event offered by District 3 is on animal control to be held on June 2nd starting at 6pm. More details on Nextdoor found here [District 3 Virtual C.A.B. Meeting Tuesday June 2 at 6:00 PM](#)

- Kids Art Contest on 'what safety means to me' See [District 3 Kids Art Contest](#)

### **Recap of Overland Grows! Garden Kits projects (Mara)**

Through a grant submitted by Mara and Amy to *Denver's Community Active Living Coalition (CALC)* we received \$500 which we used along with some of our own funding to purchase vegetable seedlings, a truck load of dirt, some tomato cages and trowels. Added to that was donated seeds and seedlings and an instructional guide to gardening provided by Michelle Graham and [The Urban Farm](#). Over 2 days, we gave out free garden kits to over 60 neighbors. We also put aside a box of extra kits with plants and seeds which were then donated to Urban Peak where they are to be distributed to their 3 garden locations.

**Thank you** to all the businesses and people that helped to make **Overland Grows! Garden Kits Giveaway** happen including

[The Garden Patch](#) and [Nick's Garden Center](#) for seedlings

Santa Fe Sand and Gravel for the truckload of soil with amendments

[The Urban Farm](#) (Michelle Graham) for the planting instructions with tips and tricks and links to more garden info.

Overland Crossing for allowing us to distribute kits from their parking lot.

[The Table](#) (Craig Broek) who along with allowing us to distribute from their parking lot, also added many more tomato seedlings and onion starts for give away along with freshly harvested radishes and greens.

**Update on backed up channels at Pasquinel's Landing (Anaclaudia) – [Anaclaudia.Magalhaes@denvergov.org](mailto:Anaclaudia.Magalhaes@denvergov.org)**

Ana Claudia is our District planner where her role is to act as our champion related to the parks and trees in our area. In response to many neighbor concerns about the backed up channel at Pasquinel's Landing, she explained that the parks along the river are handled by Urban Drainage and Army Corp of Engineers. The issue has occurred after the improvements, where the main goal for the channel created was to help with flooding and overflow. Currently, the design is not functioning as designed where debris and trash have been accumulating in the channel. The short term goal is that they have hired a contractor to pick up the trash 2 times per month during the summer months and once a month in the winter. The long term plan is to loop this project in with the larger project already scheduled between Grant Frontier Park and Darmouth where if needed they will modify the channel to mitigate the sediment and minimize debris. This may happen over the next 2-3 years.

Paul - asked about the pedestrian right of way on the dirt trail between Pasquinel's Landing and Florida where pedestrians and bikers have been struggling to amicably share the trail. Ana Claudia will look into this with the possibility of adding warning signage to watch for pedestrians.

### **Jolon Clark's Office (Council District**

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Maggie from Jolon Clark's office was present and provided the following information based on the feedback we received from our recent survey.

- Iowa underpass has now been separated into two project phases. 1 - Federal funds need be used before they expire and will be used to improve the crossing over Santa Fe and building the trail along the golf course. 2- The remaining project to complete the work in the underpass will need to find new money. Sixty artists have submitted applications to provide artwork to this project where they have down selected to 4 applicants. See more on the link to Iowa Underpass [Project](#)
- Jewell Pedestrian bridge - since this project is bond funded it is still continuing in the design phase with no delays in schedule for now. Here's a link to the [Bond](#) that includes the Jewell Bridge project.
- Nuisance properties – Covid issue where inspection teams are not doing inspections right now and are being redeployed to do other stuff. Not sure when inspections will start again.
- Monday – June 1 – parking restrictions back into place including street cleaning and parking meters.
- Group Living Information and Updates. Currently no more than 3 unrelated residents per household whereas federal protection for certain groups including

elders. This proposal is trying to find the middle ground where a task force was put together which includes RNO's and city orgs. See [link](#) for more information.

- To share extra produce from your garden, check out Fresh Food [Connect](#). The Table also distributes via their Veggie Bike program.

### **Additional Announcements and Wrap-Up**

- Craig Broek, with [The Table](#), which hosts the Veggie Bike program similar to Fresh Food Connect, goes out once a week in parks and by the river to provide fresh veggies. Any leftovers are donated to the Community [Ministry](#) Food & Clothing Bank. **The produce comes from a network** of gardens in the community. Check out their website on how to become involved and if you have land you want to share for growing.

- Mara, Andrew, Paul and Terry delivered 180 masks to the Community Ministry. Thanks to Mara's mother, **Dee**, who has been sewing cloth masks while Paul and Terry have made masks from shop cloth. More masks were given out during the Garden give away and also to Urban Peak. If you need a mask, please contact us.

- Shout out and big Thank YOU to Nicole Lee, an ER nurse and front line worker, along with all the other essential workers, we appreciate you and thank you and want to be of service to you.

- Greenway Foundation: Registration is open for Summer Learning [SPREE](#)\* (SLS) is an at-home, 5 week "camp program" that will include grade-specific missions.

- Coming up next... Chalk Walk and Summer Solstice. Keep a look out for announcements.

### **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. In lieu of getting together during this time, we are encouraging everyone to support their local businesses by taking advantage of pickup and take out services.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2020** include the following: June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22

Next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **June 25**, 2020, at **6:30 pm** via **Zoom**.

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

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Delivery Masks



Plants Day1



Plants Day 2