

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

October 26th 2023 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID - Table Public House

DPD - Officer Kate Young and Officer AJ Pacheco

- Crime Stats - Across Denver crimes are up 7.5% this year. Overland is 6.2%. The leading driver in the neighborhood increase was recent homicide that occurred along the River. Officer Pacheco noted an arrest has been made in the case.
- Join us for our second annual Denver Police Department District 3 and Leetsdale Cop Shop Halloween Carnival this Sunday 11/29 from 1pm-3pm in the Community Room of the District 3 station located at 1625 S University Blvd!
- Between today and December 8, 2023, your Denver Police Department encourages residents and those who work in the city to take part in the Denver Public Safety Survey which can be accessed at [DenverPublicSafetySurvey.org](https://denverpublicsafety.org) - See additional info in email blast
- District 3 Coffee with the Cops
 - **Wed Nov 1st 10:00am - 12:00pm**
 - Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
- District 3 CAB Meeting
 - **Wed Nov 1st 6:00pm - 7:00pm**
 - District 3 Community Room, 1625 S University Blvd, Denver, CO 80210
- <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Police-Department/Community-Engagement>
- City has rolled out a new public response survey. Be sure you select Overland in the dropdown menu. Its about 20 minutes - but greatly appreciated if you can spend time to take as City is taking this input to help inform future programs and efforts.
- The City is starting a new pilot program with the 911 call center. When you call 911 from a mobile device you can get a text that will provide a link with an option to allow the 911 call taker to see caller location via cell phone data. Also will allow an option for caller to live stream video to dispatch. The video can be used as evidence in a case. Only available and active while you are on the call with 911 call taker.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 - Councilwomen Flor Alvidrez

- Yvonne Miranda - Chief of Staff yvonne.miranda@denvergov.org and Jacky Jimenez, Policy: jacqueline.jimenez@denvergov.org for Flor Alvidrez office joined the meeting -
- Denver Deservices Sidewalks - the fee collection for this program that was voted for last year has been postponed while the city takes time to allow a taskforce to gather feedback on collection tax. Likely that tax will now start mid July of 25.
- Temporary Managed Community Update: Information from the city can be found here: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Mayors-Office/Programs-and-Initiatives/Homelessness-Initiative/House1000-Prospective-Sites/Sante-Fe-Drive>
 - Stressed that this project is initiated by the Mayor through his House 1000 Program.
 - Reviewed the process of the declared state of emergency on homelessness that allowed for processes to move very quickly
 - Councilwoman has voted no on continued state of emergency. But there are not enough against this in council that it continues.
 - The Councilwoman is advocating for the community's concerns and asking for more information on the process to be shared.
 - The councilwoman's staff encourages OPNA to work quickly on a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) as that is our best path for having a voice in the process.
 - Questions:
 - Number of units was clarified currently at 120. Concerns were raised about budget approvals for dual occupancy units. Assurances from Mayors office have been given that the number of occupants at Overlan will not be above 120, however this source is not verified, OPNA will continue to ask for clarity
 - GNA - and power to make sure our needs as a community are met? Can we slow the permit down? The project can continue without a GNA. The community will happen and the GNA process is our chance to have a conversation around the agreement.
 - Mississippi Site - Is land on the list? Sounds like unknown - FLor's team has not seen any new requests on e-permits for that site.
 - No Use site requested - For a no use site that needs to be discussed with the Mayors team. As that is not currently a barrier to entry. No dealing drugs or no use of drugs is allowed on site. Neighbors are concerned that means residents will be doing drugs in the community then.

- What happens if the service provider changes? Is GNA tied to the community, to the provider? Who would the agreement hold accountable and for how long? Would need to request this in our GNA to include language to either be tied to site or to provider with stipulations on changes to providers.
 - Neighbors expressed concern of OPNA sign in sheets with people's information being passed around the room. Jenn noted that people shouldn't feel required to sign in or put their info down. If folks want to sign up for the newsletter and not be on the paper, please talk to Rebecca Greek Secretetry, and will get you signed up.
 - Has a service provider been chosen? None that is known of yet. RFP is out looking for providers.
 - Concerns were shared that the provider will have voice with the Mayor, will have legal representation and protections whereas the neighborhood and community have what? What resources or support do we have? ANSER WAS IN AUDIBLE AS PEOPLE WERE YELLING
 - Rule in place with CDOT land to have visual and acoustic barriers between highway and neighborhood, what commitments to replace and properly construct a wall? It will be a "like for like" fence replacement. But with jersey barriers to attempt to protect the wood fence from vehicles.
 - Will the contract for the provider be made public record? So that GNA and contract align we need to ensure the contract doesn't allow a loophole to GNA. Specifics are not known on the contract yet. It will be on the council agenda when made public. People can sign up for email updates on council agenda and info <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directry/Mayors-Office/Programs-and-Initiatives/Homeless-Initiative/House1000-Prospective-Sites/Sante-Fe-Drive> District 7 will share with OPNA to distribute as soon as they can.
- District 7 has a regularly published newsletter as well as shares loads of helpful info on city events and happenings. Sign up, follow.
 INFO:
<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directry/Denver-City-Council/Meet-the-Council-Members/District-7>
 NEWSLETTER:
<https://denvergov.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c850024d6982f55b23278441e&id=2f30134b66>

OPNA RNO PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- With lots of new members in attendance this evening. Jenn reviewed the responsibilities of our RNO
- RNOs are bulletin boards - conduits of information from government agencies to the community.
- Membership - all our members that live and work in our community
 - Voting members are paid dues \$10 / year per household \$45 /year per business.
- Communication - info from city to community
- Feedback - from neighborhood to city limited channels but leverage what we can - zoning for this TMC site - we were not consulted. We found out the same day D7 found out the same day as a public article.
- Resources - connect to resources - example if you need help snow removal we can help get you connected to city resources that will help remove snow. If we don't know we can get to the right person via city council etc.
- OPNA response to managed community - there was no early info - we find out of meetings and share info as fast as possible via our website, email blast and bi monthly neighborhood meetups.
- What we have done since July :
 - Been in meetings with RNOs and Mayors Office Advocating for our neighbors concerns and asking questions we've heard from all of you.
 - D7 has been assigned a rep from the Mayor's office and we have met with her and shared all concerns and frustration. We expressed that they can't share info fast enough with short notice. We have requested resources for RNOs to support in the negotiation of the GNA - we've been gathering and asking for materials examples.
 - We have met jointly, OPNA and NOON, so that we are all together as a united front for more force of power and united front.
 - Met with D7 Councilwoman and shared the same concerns and lists of questions.
 - Put together a TWO page list of questions to Mayors from the chief of staff - questions that came from neighbors at various meetings - the mayor has still not answered. - everything from school bus stop, to parking and infrastructure, lighting spilling into neighbors - address the fence, etc... Stressed frustrations in being overlooked, underfunding and under resourced community and now being forced to take on this. If its coming, what are we getting? How is it going to be left when they leave - how will they maintain the site long term? Questions will be posted on the website for all to see.
 - The Mayor has FB page has not been updated since 10/9 - Response is too busy to answer questions.
 - If we have no say in this happen, we are going to be at the table as much as possible to voice what we want and try to push for everything we can't negotiate for

- We are going to bat for Overland in a lot of ways.
- Jack added - question on how reliable is the mayor's word? He started and set a timeline that is aggressive. He has said things that are places we need to hold him accountable too- if an operator is not fulfilling GNA they will be replaced, but then that could be drafting a new GNA with a new provider.
- Possibly no-use sites will give us some leverage - everything they deny us, we can hold up and say and what positive can be offered.
- How are they notifying the neighborhood of a registered sex offender? We will add this to this list if it isn't on the current questions.

AGENDA WAS INTERRUPTED:

Discussion was brought up on elections and officers positions. As noted in September meeting minutes "After the meeting was formally adjourned two people declared that they would like to run for positions. Estancia Montoya and Daniel Reiling declared they will each run for president. No qualifications were presented by either candidate. Daneil Reiling declared he would like to run for vice president as well." The board had notified candidates on short notice today that the final decision was made that elections could not be held as the declarations for positions were not made in line with the bylaws in which we are organized and operate from.

- Debate and discussion on how the organization should proceed took place and if we should postpone or hold elections.
- Motion was made to "Suspend the OPNA by laws, and allow candidates to declare board officer positions this evening, and to then hold a special meeting for an election on 12/7/23. Allowing new attendees to pay their dues to be eligible to vote in the election."
 - The motion past 14 Ayes and 9 Nays
 - To vote on 12/7 dues must be received by midnight on 11/6/23.
- OFFICER DECLARATIONS
 - PRESIDENT:
 - Estancia Montoya - What is needed, she is willing to take on. Here, everyone's voice is important
 - Rob Lovell - Campaign on Pawsitivity and Animals - Rob for dogs!
 - VICE PRESIDENT:
 - Daniel Reiling
- No contrast for Secretary or Treasurer Positions.

OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - No Update
- September Meeting minutes approved

Community Announcements (open to anyone) - not discussed listed here for reference.

- OPNA 23 Celebrate Accomplishments:
 - Equinox and Solstice socials, Monthly socials, OPNA yard signs, Overland Grows Plant Giveaway, Broadway Halloween Parade, District 7 RNO meetings, INC membership, D7 council forum, joint RNO socials, INC Transportation committee, Levitt
- OPNA 2024 forecast
 - TMC task force with NOON, TMC negotiations, 501c3 status, OPNA community events, officers
 - Update on TMC at Fox and Elati: Meetings, Task Force, etc.

NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 7th - last day to vote in
- November 9th 6:30 PM: Monthly Overland Park Social
- December 7th SPECIAL OPNA BOARD ELECTION 6:30PM tbd
- December 14th, 6:30 PM: Monthly Overland Park Social
- January 11th: FIRST OPNA SOCIAL OF 2024
- January 25th: FIRST OPNA MEETING OF 2024