



## Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA)

October 27th, 2022

### MEETING MINUTES

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

Officer Kate Young | [kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org) | 720-913-1248

Officer Antonio Pacheco | [antonio.pacheco@denvergov.org](mailto:antonio.pacheco@denvergov.org) | 720-913-1245

- This month instead of focusing on crime numbers, sharing resources that can be helpful:
  - Both Officers Kate Young and AJ Pacheco are certified in CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) - Happy to offer ideas that can be successful in crime prevention.
  - Also both trained in active shooter preparedness - happy to help share knowledge and offer training for business
  - Can help you get in touch with Outreach Case Coordinator if you know anyone in need of assistance - food resources, support resources, help obtaining id etc- Call D3 - or shoot officers email
- 1st annual Halloween Carnival This Sunday October 30th at Veterans Park - from 1-3pm
- November 1st Tuesday CAB meeting at D3 - city attorney offices will be a guest speaker
- Coffee with the cops - first Wednesday every month 10-12 at Nixons

#### **Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) - Maggie Thompson representing**

- If you have questions or concerns please reach out to D7 office
  - [maggie.thompson@denvergov.org](mailto:maggie.thompson@denvergov.org) - [district7@denvergov.org](mailto:district7@denvergov.org) - 720-337-7777
- Upcoming Event - First Friday Art Walk on the 4th on Old S Peal - debut new doors and artwork along corridor. Targeted towards kids. Can write special letters to tooth fairy etc.
- [Leaf Drop](#) - Free paper bags from Ace Hardware - coupon on city website - you can get up to 10 drop at leaf drop
- Ballots are out - Vote early if you can - [Denver Votes website](#) has maps for drop off.

- Construction [Iowa Underpass](#) should start any day now. Contracts are being signed. Stairs will be removed and improved for better pedestrian walk. Including ADA compliant walk and improvements to railing, walls, artwork, no changes to railroad.  
Questions on street closures? Maggie not sure, recognize this is major artery will try to find out more, check website too.
- Streets working group - DOTI program - Maggie is on the group and advocating for better improvements as they saw some positive impacts with temporary measures during covid, looking to make some permanent. Let Maggie know if you have any input.

### **Denver District Attorney's Office**

Phillip and Mary representing the city DA joined to share an update on work and programs. [DenverDA.org](#) - crime stats, case loads and how cases are resolved. Initiative long in the making to have better transparency. Great resource for crime stats. City DA doesn't Prosecute consumer protection (at AG level) - newsletter that flags things to look out for good resource for folks.

### **Jewell/Evans Ped Bridge Update - Karen Good and Katie Gargaro with DOTI**

- Funded in 2017 elevate bond. Project is at about 30% design.
- Includes ADA accessible ramp access to bridge plus stairs on both sides.
- Current design lands on CDOT strip on the west, city is in land acquisition process now.
- Sound wall and berm will move closer to the houses west of Santa Fe.
- With the land acquisition Denver will maintain and install landscape on that CDOT wedge
- Bridge design is similar to 47th and York Bridge- Prefab pieces will be made and dropped in place.
- There will be a public art component - and they will be looking for art panel participants
- Question on current budget - Had a funding cap, but secured federal TIF funding. Very confident this is moving forward with funding secured.
- Schedule - Currently acquiring land from CDOT and Rail and can't start this step of review until April, this is a two year process for acquiring land. Slow process with both state and rail agencies. Four rounds of review. Project should be complete in 2026
- Need all neighbors at spring meeting - will be hosting a public meeting and helps to have as many folks informed. Stay tuned for details for this meeting next year.
- [SEE PRESENTATION HERE](#)

### **Rezoning request for 1772 & 1788 S Acoma from current IA-UO-2 to I-MX-5**

- Justin gave a recap - zoned currently light industrial with a carve out for redevelopment for single family due to existing structures - asking for vote support for I MX 5 - industrial mixed use. No protected districts currently adjacent to site.
- Discussed if GNA transfer to a buyer, and challenges with legal language, OPNA is looking for some assurance there is at least engagement from a buyer. Requesting new buyer enter new good neighbor agreement as a part of sale.
- Discussed challenges with strong language of reuse of brick, and recommend making this inline with the intent to reduce waste to landfill and as the intent is to not limit or make cost prohibitive.
- Vote for rezoning support approved contingent on corrected GNA language. Mara will update the list for GNA and add section on sale and engagement.

- Planning hearing will be 11/16 - from there final approval end of January at city council..
- [SEE PRESENTATION HERE](#)

**Approval of September meeting minutes and Treasurer Report**

- Unanimous approval of August Minutes.
- Treasurer Report:
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◦ Beginning Balance		6468.22
Deposit		\$ 45
Bank Fees		
Website Host		\$ -
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 6,464.22
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,753.54
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
Notes		

- Pay dues to be a voting member - \$10/household - \$25/business

**OPNA Board Positions for 2023**

- Treasurer - Brian Ferrer -
- Co-President - Jack Unruh and Jenn Grieving
- Maintain Rebecca Greek as Secretary and Ronnie Crawford as Vice President
- Unanimous vote for board positions.

**Trash Committee Reminder** - Monthly trash sweeps of the 1300-1500 blocks of Acoma, part of the 1200 block, and the alleys between Acoma and Broadway @ 3pm monthly) Any and all volunteers are welcome! Meet at 1563 S Acoma and proceed for the cleanup from there.

- Remaining 2022 Trash Pick-Up Schedule include: November 11, December 9
- Brian setting up meeting with Urban Peak as they expressed interest in helping.
- Team has been focusing on graffiti cover ups. Brian recommended for buisness get agreement with waste management set up, they will cover up if you call 311, but have to have agreement on file prior. If you see graffiti call 311 or pocket gov, take picture, report and the city will respond quickly.
- Evans Bridge has had graffiti patches painted over, although not great to lose parts of the mural, better than the graffiti. Deterrent for future graffiti if its quickly fixed.

**Community Announcements:**

**Monthly Overland Social -**

- Nov 10th - Joy Hill
- Dec 8th - The Table
- Jan 12th - Ratio

**Halloween Parade** - Thank you to all who participated and helped. Check out Overland's Facebook page for amazing photos. [Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA](#)

## Parks and Rec Info

- The [Winter 2022-2023 Activity Guide is here!](#) Browse through the guide and pick out your favorites. Registration opens on November 9th at noon. Be quick to register because some of the spots can get scooped up fast.  
Upcoming Halloween/Fall events w/ Denver Parks and Rec:
  - October 29 11am-1pm Harvey Park Rec Center Open House/Halloween Party <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/294/1667062800000>
  - October 29 2pm – 8pm Haunted Mansion and Carnival at St Charles Rec Center <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/288/1666468800000>
  - October 29 3:30 -6:30 Twentieth St Rec Center: Nightmare on 20th Street <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/293/1667079000000>
  - October 31 4:00 – 7:00 Stout Street Children's Park Celebration at the Curtis Park Great Pumpkin Event <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/299/1667253600000>
  - November 5 11:00am-1:00pm Scheitler Recreation Center Open House <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/298/1667667600000>
- Meetings or pop-ups
  - Oct 29: Garland & Saratoga Park Pop UP Event <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/295/1667059200000>
  - Nov 3: Swansea Rec Center Indoor Pool Community Meeting #3 <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/287/1667516400000>
  - Nov 3: La Alma Lincoln Park Master Plan Public meeting #1 <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/286/1667516400000>
  - Nov 16: New Park at Iliff and Bellaire Public Meeting #2 <https://tockify.com/denverparksrecreation/detail/297/1668645000000>

Adjourned at 8:25 - Next Meeting NEXT YEAR! Happy Holidays! See you at a social, or at our first meeting in 2023 on Thursday January 26th

### Neighborhood Meetings:

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, January 26th, 2023, 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.

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](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](mailto:OPNAinfo@gmail.com)