

Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – October 27 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by President Mara Owen

Business

Minutes from September meeting approved

Treasurer Report

(reminder: annual dues are now due for 2016. \$10 per household, \$25 business. Paid members are voting members)

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Beginning Balance		\$ 7,250.25
Membership Deposit		\$ 10.00
Grants/Donations Received		\$
Paid Grants		\$
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 7,260.25
	OPNA Funds	\$ 952.28
	Grant Funds (Bridge)	\$ 6,297.97
Outstanding		
	Check materials M Owen	\$(1,500.00)
	Outstanding invoices	\$ (230.00)
	Unapplied Grant	\$ 4,567.97

Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

720-913-1248

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District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

Update on "Paint the Bridge 2016"

The entire North side of Evans Bridge is finished!! Over 80 volunteers came out to paint. Next step is to apply varnish to better preserve our work. Mara received 2 framed collages of pictures of our bridge project from **Peter Kowalchuk** and **Jerry Brown**. She presented one of the framed posters to Councilman Jolon Clark to display in his office and we are looking for a place to display the second one. Rebecca - suggested maybe we bring it along to our Overland Socials. Right now Mara will store it to be brought out at future events.

Discussion of OPNA Elections

As stated in the OPNA by-laws, the October meeting is designated for the election of new officers. Also, according to the OPNA by-laws, officers are elected into a three year term where they continue to serve unless challenged.

The current officers are still serving out their terms with no challengers.

Ray – recognized the fantastic leadership from our young president, secretary, VP, and treasurer. He made a motion to approve the existing board.

All in favor, no opposed.

They remain as follows:

President - Mara Owen

Vice President - Ronnie Crawford

Secretary - Terry Pasqua

Treasurer - Tracey Hardeman

Rob – suggested that we nominate a new position titled "**Honorary Historian**". Jack Unruh was nominated, Andrew moved to approve. All in favor for Jack.

Evans and Delaware Rezoning

Steve and Dan gave a presentation of their vision for the Doctor Fix-It property at 351 West Evans Avenue and 2009 South Cherokee Street. They presented two renderings of what they envisioned for the building and space around it. They are asking for our support in the proposed rezoning from I-A Light Industrial to C-MX-8 Mixed Use. This would include multi-family residential, retail, office space and live-work space where the maximum story height would be 8 stories.

Rebecca – how do you envision access to parking? Thru the alley to maintain pedestrian traffic on Delaware.

Patrick – questioned the raised pieces on each end of the building rendering? 8 stories counts to the roof, then the roof screen raises to accentuate the corners. Planned for 15 feet for the first floor. 10 feet all other floors. 120 feet in total height.

Patrick – how many units would be affordable housing? – If can sell, they will match what city requires – 10%.

Paul – what area to be re-zoned? – only involves the current lots that are defined in red on the planned provided. They have aligned with the original Evans station plan of maximum 8 stories.

TC – affordable housing? City needs to approve, if not approved, they will have more apartments at market rate.

Amy – appreciates the affordable housing aspect. Should the city not approve, how can we as the neighborhood move to change their opinion?

Maggie – after rezoning, it would go to a site development plan. Needs to be approved and we can come and speak up for rezoning.

Rob – what is an optimistic completion date? What other development in Denver mirrors this? None – they are trying to be unique. Rustic, modern, industrial. Zoning – 6 months, design – phased building. 2 – 3 years. Maybe complete by 5 years.

Overland Social

Since the October meeting is our last one for the year, we set out the dates and places for the next three Overland Socials which occur on the **second Wednesday** of the month:

November 9th - LaCour

December 14th - Pasquini's

January 11th - The Post

Watch for reminders on our Facebook page (see link below)

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7)

Jolon provided the following updates:

1. He urged us all to get involved in Denverites. Links on <http://www.luckydistrict7.org/news>

Current survey is closed – new one is coming.

2. In 2017 will ask for bond package. There is some bond capacity that will not increase taxes. Maybe new projects which may be able to add. Go to District 7 website to find out meetings that he will be attending. <http://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-council-district-7.html> Also sign-up for the newsletter from this location. Jolon is asking everyone to get involved. There is a chance that Jewell Bridge could be part of the bond issue. Also Alameda underpass and bridge. It would cost around 15 million for Jewell pedestrian bridge thru the GO Bond. (General Obligation).

They have gotten 4 million approved for Iowa underpass. Yay! Still talking with Overland Golf club regarding moving the bike path west side of berm, connecting Florida to Jewell Ave.

TC – Denver auditors newsletter. City collected 29 million in Marijuana money where only 6 million allocated. Does this go into the General fund?

Jolon is aware and has already brought this up in council. There were deep cuts in funding during the last recession. By keeping the money in the general fund they can project to use when times are bad. Jolon thinks it is important to allocate that money and to be more transparent as to benefit everyone. It is too late this year to take up this issue but maybe with the 2018 budget.

3. Levitt Pavilion groundbreaking scheduled for November 10th at 10am. Ruby Hill.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Ronnie – Grant Frontier – planned to be finished around winter solstice timeframe. Plan for an event at the park, Sat Dec 17th where we can meet there and take quick tour. Then celebrate around 1pm. Look for reminder notices.

Eloise – Jack's band is playing at a Halloween party. Anyone interested – poster.

Jack - Nov 21st Denver as a Compassionate city will be considered in city council.

Maggie – Officer Lopez said he will try to be at the meetings early if you want to talk to him. Working on homeless outreach under the bridge. Also there have been some burglaries reported at businesses along Broadway. Please call 911 to alert any suspicious behavior.

Rob – increasing gun shots in the neighborhood. Wonder if it was a shot spotter? Maggie was not sure but said she will check on it. Also please call 911 if you hear gun shots.

Compassionate things in our neighborhood (open to anyone)

We are a compassionate neighborhood.

Terry - Thanked Ray and Jim for feeding us breakfast burritos during the bridge painting.

Mara – Thanks to everyone for making the bridge painting happen.

Mara - Thank you to our artist **Michelle Brown**, without her we would not have pretty art.

Andrew – Thanked Ray and Jim last weekend for going out by themselves to finish the last part of bridge painting.

Eloise – Thanked her neighbors who have been helping another neighbor who suffered a stroke.

Ray – Thanked Charlie Samson – got in touch with the right person for finding their beautiful new front door.

Amelia - Thanked Mara for welcoming and inviting her and Alex to the meeting as new neighbors.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm - Last meeting of the year!

Next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, January 27**, 2016, at **6:30 pmat Overland Studios 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](#)