



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – October 22, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara via Zoom conferencing where 15+ neighbors, friends and 2 dogs were in attendance.

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

**Minutes from September 2020 meeting**

Minutes from the September 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		\$ 4,884.85
Membership Deposit /donations		
Paid Outstanding		
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ <b>4,884.85</b>

	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,073.46
	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39

Treasurer Report and Bank Update – no changes in the balances this month. Also will work on completing the 501-C easy form for non-profit status over the winter break.

### **Police Report**

CRO **Kate Young**

720-913-1248

[kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org)

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

### **BROADWAY COP SHOP**

487 S Broadway

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### **Update**

CRO Kate Young: [kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org)

CRO AJ Pacheco: [Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org](mailto:Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org)

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: [Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org](mailto:Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org)

Officer Pacheco provided an update on crime trends from September to now where burglary is up at marijuana shops and construction sites. The few residential burglaries were due to unlocked shed/garage. Make sure not to leave any valuables or hidden keys in your car. Also, be careful to always lock your bikes even if only going into a shop for a few minutes.

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

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Maggie provided the following updates:

- Reminder as we are moving into winter – puffer's are a problem and can lead to car thefts. Never leave running car unattended.

- Working on city budget now where we may see slow downs and delays, i.e. trash pickup and paving pot holes. They are implementing early retirement for those workers which may apply instead of laying them off. Also furlough days will increase from 8 this year to 10 next year to help meet the gap in budget.
- Election - there is a lot on the ballot so please try to vote early. There have already been record returns on ballots. That's great! Go to [Denvervotes.org](https://denvervotes.org) site to find out where to drop your ballot.
- Locally, work has not started yet on Iowa underpass. It will happen where it is planned to complete in the next year or 2.
- There was a kickoff meeting with CDOT for mega planning projects for Santa Fe starting at Alameda down thru Littleton. It was found that the most crashes on Santa Fe occur at Mississippi, secondly at Dartmouth. Also recognizing that Santa Fe can feel like a wall between neighborhoods where looking to find ways to improve connectivity East-West. There was also much talk regarding paying attention to the health of the river. The kick off for virtual public meetings is coming soon and will be communicated. This will set the stage for projects for the next 50 years.

### **Dom Barrera speaking on initiative 2B, Help Reduce Homelessness 4100 folks in Denver**

Dom spoke about how the pandemic is effecting homelessness where 1200 beds have been lost. He spoke in favor of initiative 2B which is on the ballot this time which would use sales tax revenue to provide shelter, services and housing including apartments and tiny homes. They have found that when you can support thru housing, homeless are more likely to get back on their feet where there are less ER visits and less arrests, higher retention. He urges everyone to Vote YES on 2B. Website – <https://yeson2b.org/> Link here to request presentation [copy](#).

### **Sara White, Development Project Manager - Evans Station Area project updates**

[Palisades Partners](#) is a small local development company that are looking at projects in the Evans Station Area project. Currently involved with 2 projects. They are excited with the potential in this area and especially with the upcoming Jewell pedestrian bridge where they are looking for ways to activate in this area. They are asking for any input to these projects where they plan to build

and then maintain the properties.

Sara returned this month to provide an update on the project on Jewell and Bannock (1901-1935 S. Bannock) where the re-zoning request has not been submitted yet and they are still working on the feasibility analysis of the site. Realizing the need for more dedicated affordable housing, they are trying to figure out how to accommodate. Their original plan was for 5 stories, mixed use but in order to provide enough affordable housing, they are considering increasing to 8 stories. This could allow for 10-15% affordable units.

They have put together a 2 question survey to get feedback from the neighborhood. Please go to the link below to respond.

<https://forms.gle/cqU1V2WxXpPQEQL57>

The survey will be open for the next 2 weeks - closing on **Friday, November 6th**. Please take a moment to respond to this survey.

### **Neil Shea from Vision Acquisitions, updates to 1974 & 1990 S Huron St**

Since the vote taken at the last meeting, Neil returned with an update to the re-zoning request. They previously proposed the following E-TU-C which would allow a large duplex up to 3 stories tall and 44 feet wide. They have now reconsidered and would like to change the proposal to E-SU-A zoning which allows 3 small detached single family homes on a 3000 sq ft zone lot minimum where each house would be just under 19' wide and 2.5 stories tall. Note, this does not allow for ADU with this zoning type.

Changing to this zoning would insure that only single family detached homes would be built, therefore eliminating the need for any Good Neighbor Agreement related to the first zoning request. Also, whereas, they were planning on re-zoning 3 lots, they have reduced that down to the 2 lots that would accommodate being split into 3 3,000 sq ft lots each.

Another vote was taken in favor of this new re-zoning proposal where it was passed unanimously. Mara agreed to provide a letter of support.

### **OPNA Board Elections**

As there was no one contesting the current board members positions, affirmed that all will remain as follows:

The OPNA Board  
Co-Presidents - Mara Owen and Amy Razzaque  
Vice President - Ronnie Crawford  
Treasurer - Andrew Gehauf  
Secretary - Terry Pasqua

### Overland Social

Due to the changing clocks and weather, for the next few months we are shifting the Overland Socials from our usual Wednesday to Saturday afternoon. This allows neighbors and friends to get out and social distance in our own Grant Frontier Park. Wear your mask and hang with your neighbors. Here's the schedule

- Saturday, **November 14th, Noon - 1pm** Grant Frontier Park
- Saturday, **December 19th**, to celebrate winter Solstice - time TBD - look for coming announcement
- Saturday, **January 9th, Noon - 1pm** Grant Frontier Park

### Community announcements (open to anyone)

- Santa Fe Resurfacing continues - see [message](#) Also the website <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us85-denverresurfacing>
- Remember to VOTE, and try to vote early!

<b>Election day</b> is November 3 <sup>rd</sup> and ballots must be received by 7 pm
<b>Registration deadlines</b> Online: Oct. 26 By mail: Received by Oct. 26 In person: Nov. 3 (you can register AND vote on Election Day in Colorado)
<b>Early voting</b> Oct. 19 - Nov. 2, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live Last day to mail your ballot back is Oct. 26
<b>Absentee ballot deadlines</b> Return by mail: Received by Nov. 3 by 7:00 p.m. Return in person: Nov. 3 by 7:00 p.m.
<b>Additional information</b> Colorado Public Radio's <a href="#">2020 Colorado Voter Guide</a> Denver map on <a href="#">where to vote</a>

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### Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **January 28**, 2021, at **6:30 pm** via Zoom. Look for announcement with link to meeting.

### Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2021** include the following: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28

Also, 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**

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