



## Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – June 25 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by President Mara Owen

### Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Approval of May meeting minutes
- Treasurer Report
- Police Report
- Arts and Venues update
- Outreach/branding
- Chris Nevitt's Office
- Compassion
- Announcements

### Business

- Minutes from May meeting approved as read.

- Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance	\$649.05	
Deposit/Payments	30.00	membership dues
	(100.00)	pending pmt to John Collins

### Church

Ending Balance of	\$579.05
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- Police Report

Officer Sharon was present. Neighbors are still concerned with street racing and what can be done to deter. Sharon explained that still the best way is to call in

report as it is happening. Ray - asked how many police officers for district 3 from the new graduates? 9 new officers have been assigned. Mara requested Sharon's follow up of the incident at the river on May 31st. Rob – asked about security cameras at Broadway and Evans lightrail stations as recently a Honda civic was stolen from the area. Sharon reported that all RTD stations have cameras.

- **Arts and Venues update**

We heard back from Denver Arts and Venue and we got the grant so we can put art on the Evan's Bridge. Artist is Michelle Brown who has been working on murals at Johnson's Habitat. She also will be doing a mural on Sprouts coming on Logan. For Evans Bridge project, the plan is for it to be such that everyone can become involved. We will be looking for volunteers for painting when it happens. All are encouraged to be a part of this art project in the neighborhood. TC – we should reach out to young kids to be a part of this. Urban arts fund – anti graffiti program. That is in our proposal. Amy – suggested reaching out to local schools and offered to help sourcing thru Denver public schools. Urban Peak is another option for resource. Paul – had the suggestion of a flyer with schedule for painting which we would hand out to neighbors.

- **Outreach/branding**

We are looking into changing the current logo for OPNA and the current one was on display for discussion. The challenges with the current logo is that due to the shape and size, it does not lend itself to easily be added to letterheads and postings on social media. We are reaching out to get opinions of the existing, what we like, what we might want to change to make it better. Some suggestions included just having the letters OPNA surround the picture to make it more streamlined. Some other ideas including making reference to the river, parks and golf course present in our neighborhood. We may want to incorporate ideas that come from the bridge painting including fish and cumbines. Some people like the craftsman outline of the current logo whereas others looking for something more modern. Any suggestions please respond back to [opnainfo@gmail.com](mailto:opnainfo@gmail.com).

- **Chris Nevitt's Office update (Chris Nevitt)**

This was Chris Nevitt's last Overland meeting where he announced that his successor, Jolon Clark, will be taking office in July. Chris expressed that it has been a pleasure working with OPNA as the "funnest" neighborhood in South West Denver.

He announced that the contract has been approved for the installation for new lights on top of Evan's bridge which will be completed sometime this summer. He also brought to our attention that as our area becomes more visible for redevelopment of single families that we should consider whether scrapes and McMansions are acceptable? Or smaller single family smaller houses. Something to keep in mind and aware of as developers are starting to discover our area.

### **Compassion**

This is the time to point out the small things that have happened in our neighborhood that have possibly made a difference.

Mara – recognized the neighbor who came to over and invited them to a barbeque. Ronnie helped cleaned gutters for TC. There are good neighbors everywhere and everyone agrees that our neighborhood continues to get better.

### **Announcements**

#### **South Platte River update**

Ronnie reported that on a typical summer day this time of year, the water flow in Platte River runs about 100-200 cfs (cubic feet per second). Just after the storm on June 24th, the water flow was measured at 6000 cfs!! In the past month, we have been running between 3-4,000 cfs. Three cars are in the river now – white Honda just south of Florida bridge, Ford Ranger and Caravan – stuck north of Florida Bridge. Needless to say, all this rain and snow runoff has caused problems of the river restoration project where the cottonwoods which were planted are suffering and a lot of the soil is gone. Any extra money the project has left, will have to go back to rebuilding what they had already started. We will not know until the water recedes. The cars will be removed after the river goes down. Insurance companies are responsible for the cars. Nobody should go in the river as it is still very dangerous. The good news is that the new sewers installed last year are handling the runoff better and the water table has gotten higher.

**Summer Solstice Party** was held on Saturday, June 20th where several neighbors came out to celebrate with watermelon and popsicles. It was a hot but great afternoon.

**Denver Days** is coming up the first week of August. During this week, the city

waives all fees for parties and permits. We are planning a combined neighborhood party with Ruby Hill and Athmar. There will be a scheduling meeting on **Friday, July 3rd 9:30am at Corvus Coffee on Broadway**. Right now the plan is for party on Saturday, August 8th on Ruby Hill with a tour of the river from there. Please contact Mara if you are interesting in helping to plan.

- Ray – invited everyone to visit [INCDenver.org](http://INCDenver.org) website. INC stands for Inter Neighborhood Cooperation.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.**

*Next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 6:30 pm at John Collins Church, 2320 South Bannock. Come join us and find out what is happening in our neighborhood. Also, check us out and Like us on Facebook.*

<http://www.opnadenver.org>