



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – September 24, 2020

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

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

Minutes from August 2020 meeting

Minutes from the August 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		\$ 4,826.85
Membership Deposit /donations		\$ 70.00
Paid Outstanding		\$
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ 4,896.85

	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,022.46
	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39

Treasurer Report and Bank Update – Account at USBank finally closed and new account opened with First Bank which provides free online banking and debit card. No more monthly bank fees. Andrew will be also looking into an easier way to collect membership dues and donations, possibly thru our website. Also will work on completing the 501-C easy form for non-profit status.

Police Report

CRO Kate Young

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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

CRO AJ Pacheco: Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org

Amy provided an update as officers unable to attend. Reminder to lock you car doors and close garages. Don't leave any valuables in cars. License plate locks are available from Broadway cop shop or District 3 location. Here's a [link](#) to cop shop locations. In the past months, there was a moratorium on car registrations. This is back to being enforced starting in September. Make sure you car has current tags and registration. Wanted to know whether we have any thoughts about the potential moving of the License Plate Readers (LPR) to the corner of Broadway and Evans. This would be used in response to the recent thefts in pot shops. It is not intended for any type of profiling. It is only used to record the LP where later the data is purged. No comments or objections from the group.

Equinox event recap

The event was held at Grant Frontier where once again Jack provide the best poster ever! Thank you Jack and also for the music and the give away cd to the winner of the sidewalk chalk art competition. The award when to Xavier who created a mixed-media (chalk, sticks and pebble eye) of a very handsome turtle. Well done!

Mara Shapiro - Govotecolorado.com **Register to Vote** – working in precinct 232 where she is pushing to get everyone to vote. Please pass the word if you know someone, especially in the new townhomes and duplexes. She explained that in Colorado you can register to vote up until the day of the election and if you go in person, can register right there. If you want to do mail in, you will need more time. You need to be a US citizen, 18 years or older to register and some proof of your current address (driver's license, utility bill, etc.) Go to Govotecolorado.com and look up your registration and get any other information needed to vote.

Sara White, Development Project Manager - Evans Station Area project

[Palisades Partners](http://PalisadesPartners.com) 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.

1 - Closed on property at corner of Acoma and Jewell which is already zoned appropriately. Plan to locate their permanent office space.

2 - Currently under contract property at corner of Jewell and Bannock which is currently zoned as industrial and would like to rezone to mix used.

They have submitted the pre-application for re-zoning for 5 story mixed use including housing and retail. Some things brought up for ideas included groceries, affordable housing options, good neighbor agreement, community involvement, scholarship. Pass along any other comments to them through their website.

Presentation from Tobacco-Free Kids – Bethany Gravell

Bethany gave a presentation on a proposed ban on flavored tobacco products. There has been a explosion of flavored tobacco products where the sales of these products often is targeted to young people, leading to addiction. The latest CDC data shows the youth e-cigarette epidemic is getting worse. Now, 5.3 million U.S. kids are using e-cigs. An overwhelming majority of them say flavors are why. And Colorado's youth e-

cigarette rate is among the highest in the country. We must end the sale of flavored e-cigarettes and all other flavored tobacco products. This includes menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars – which the tobacco industry uses to target and addict youth, especially in communities of color.

The campaign has been reaching out to organizations and RNO's for endorsements where they are close to reaching 50. They will then send to the Mayor. A motion was made for OPNA to support with a letter now. The vote was unanimous for the group. More information can found on this website FlavorsHookKidsDenver.org

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District

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Jolon provided the following updates:

- o Jewell bridge – still continuing to move even though the city budget has been crushed by covid. Because this project is bond based, it is insulated from that and still moving forward.
- o Iowa underpass – city broke it into 2 parts – path and golf course – separately funded. The current project manager thinks they found the funds for both parts which will make the project whole again.... First contract for \$\$\$ came thru city council last week. Timeline to come soon.
- o Please take the Travel survey available on District 7 [Facebook](#),
- o Census – a few more weeks. Very important – 65% for Overland. Need full count for better representation. Also affects federal allocation of money back to CO. Please fill it out which only takes a few minutes.
- o Register to vote – please vote the whole ballot. Drop it early.
- o Mayor – dropped the city budget for 2021 with the worst cuts since 1923 due to covid. Speaking of which, we are now in the 3rd spike with covid where it is still not levelling off yet. Good news is that although cases are spiking, number of hospitalizations have significantly levelled off. Most days 0 people die. Here's a useful [link](#) to COVID-19 information in Denver.

Art on the Bridge Discussion - Mural clean up

- With Evans Bridge lane closures happening beginning in September, this is our opportunity to refresh the paint work we already completed on the North side and may consider adding paint to the south side. Since the work on the bridge will go thru November we have time to decide and put into action.

- Update - Michelle Brown – did the outlines – wanted to do the other side – just moved to California – we need to regroup and maybe find another artist or focus on other art projects.

Overland Social

Overland Socials occur on the second Wednesday of the month: It is a chance to get together with neighbors and hang out and support our local restaurants. The next social is planned for **October 14th**. Pick up some takeout and meet us at **Grant Frontier Park** for a socially distanced outdoor dining event starting at **6:30pm**.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- Santa Fe Resurfacing - see [message](#) Also the website <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us85-denverresurfacing>
- OPNA Elections information (annual elections to be held at October meeting 10/22)
 - o Candidates for office must declare and attend at least one meeting prior to elections to explain positions and qualifications. Ideal terms of office are three years and Executive Board members are encouraged to step aside if qualified successors are present: there are no term limits except by election challenge. Please plan ahead if you would like to run for a board position!
- SURVEY OPEN! In September 2018, the Grandoozy Music Festival was held at Overland Golf Course in the Overland neighborhood, with a portion of the the ticket sales allocated to improvements in the adjacent neighborhood. After garnering input from the community about what they would like to see prioritized with these funds, the neighbors prioritized the creation of pollinator habitat, garden, and an outdoor classroom at Sanderson Gulch Park. We are now looking for feedback on the concept designs for these pollinators! Learn more and take the survey on two design concepts: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SandersonGulchPollinators> And here's a [link](#) to a video of the last meeting.

Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **October 22**, 2020, at **6:30 pm** via Zoom. Look for announcement with link to meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2020** include the following: October 22

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**

Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com

Santa Fe Resurfacing

US 85 Denver Resurfacing

TRAVEL ADVISORY

Motorists can expect ramp closures from Santa Fe Drive to the Evans Avenue bridge beginning after Labor Day. The ramp closures are a part of the US 85 Santa Fe Resurfacing project and will allow crews to efficiently replace damaged concrete panels, bridge expansion joints, and curb ramps. The ramps may remain closed 24/7 during the timeframes listed because the asphalt will be removed, and expansion joints will be replaced. Thus, the nature of the work does not allow for the traffic to safely travel over the ramps.

RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULE

Each ramp mentioned below will be closed 24/7 during the timeframes listed:

- Northwest Evans Avenue bridge ramp closure will take place Sept. 8 through Sept. 21
- Southwest Evans Avenue bridge ramp closure will take place Sept. 22 through Oct. 5
- Southeast Evans Avenue bridge ramp closure will take place Oct. 6 through Oct. 19
- Northeast Evans Avenue bridge ramp closure will take place Oct. 20 through Nov. 2



DETOUR ROUTE & IMPACTS

- 24/7 ramp closures will occur on the ramps from Santa Fe Drive to Evans Avenue.
- Traffic will be detoured to Iowa and Dartmouth Avenues, then to Broadway to get onto Evans Avenue.
- Evans Avenue will encounter intermittent single lane closures near the closed Santa Fe Drive ramps.
- Motorists may encounter reduced speeds within the project limits.
- Traffic fines will be doubled in the work zone. Motorists should slow down as they approach the work zones, drive with caution, allow extra space between vehicles, and give themselves extra travel time.

PROJECT & TRAVEL INFORMATION

For additional information about this project:

- Call the project information line at 720-477-2737
- Email the project team at: santaferesurfacing@gmail.com
- Visit the project website at: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us85-denverresurfacing>



