



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA)
September 22nd, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

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

Officer Kate Young | kate.young@denvergov.org | 720-913-1248

Officer Antonio Pacheco | antonio.pacheco@denvergov.org | 720-913-1245

- Overview of recent burglaries, thefts, thefts from motor vehicle and motor vehicle thefts as those are the most preventable crimes.
- CAB 10/4 at 6PM with Q&A from 5-6 - guest speaker from Domestic Violence unit - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- Coffee w/ Cops 10-12 on 10/5 at Nixons.
- D3 Halloween carnival at 2100 E Iowa - Free community event. Games and prizes.
- Amy and Rob expressed concern for an incident involving an intoxicated driver near the golf course. They reported to DPD and received no response. When they followed up, they were told the officers had responded, but don't understand as they remained on scene and there was never an officer response. The driver eventually left the incident and there were questions on what they needed to do differently to get a response. DPD recommends following up via email and they can look up the specific incident and try to provide more information. Additionally they noted that they have to prioritize responses during busy hours and likely this was not the highest priority.

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 - district7@denvergov.org - 720-337-7777
- Halloween Parade is one month away. Hope OPNA is there.
- Several complaints on graffiti on Evans bridge mural - the city will paint over graffiti, and likely paint over part of the mural. Reach out to Jolon for help if there is anyone who is concerned about the mural being painted over.
- Incident at 1912 S Broadway - Elite Event Center (old Thrillseekers Gym) - opened as event center. Issue with loophole liquor license and out of hand event. Using a non-profit organization to get licenses. Incident involved gun shots fired

and impacted neighbors to the east in Platte Park. They have stopped using special event permit and are looking for more official permit. Jolon will share more details on upcoming community event when its announced. Looking for overland participation.

- Broadway Bike Lane - have a contractor on board and getting started on construction soon. Done in 12-18 months. Iowa underpass starting by beginning of the year as well.
- Shared Streets Workign Group - working to see if some of closed streets during covid should be closed permanently or semi permanently - Maggie is on group. Please let Jolon or Maggie now if you have input
- Climate Action Office Incentives - most incentives that are left are for income qualified. Lots left for E-bikes - might only do income qualified for the rest of the year. Will have more incentives after the first of the year.
- <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Climate-Action-Sustainability-Resiliency/Programs-Services/Home-Energy#section-2>
- Library - task force working to help fund libraries and provide critical community services. Looking to change how funding is set. Will be on the ballot as 2i. Will cost average household \$4 per month. Funding will help increase wages and improve services.

CCoD City Council Studies on Community Engagement and Neighborhood Safety, Ethan Green Grad Research Assistant UCD -

- Studies on an Office of Neighborhood Safety and Community Engagement - The Denver Agency for Human Rights & Community Partnerships, with the support of Denver's City Council, commissioned two studies related to improving community engagement and neighborhood safety in the City. Through CU Denver's CityCenter, two faculty members, Carrie Makarewicz PhD, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, and Sheila Huss PhD, School of Public Affairs are carrying out these studies, respectively.
- Survey opening on 9/26 would love to get input - for residents of Denver.
- They are collecting data for these studies through multiple means, including interviews, reports, data analysis, focus groups, and an online survey open to all Denver residents. The online survey is integral to the effectiveness of this research. Understanding the sentiments and interests of Denver's residents on RNOs, community engagement, constituent services, and a potential ONS, is integral to these studies.
- TAKE THE [online survey for both studies](#) . It will be available from Monday, September 26 through Saturday, October 8. The Community Engagement Study questions will be open until Saturday, October 22.
- More info on the studies can be found here: <https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/our-work/urban-and-regional-planning-work/city-center-studies>

Guy Padgett Candidate for Council District 7 -

- Running because Denver is at turning point. Priority public safety. Address crime. Helping unhoused. Looking at public transit and supporting small biz and entrepreneurs. For more information on Guy and his positions - <https://guyfordenver.com>

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

- Dave - requesting a rezone - existing 2 single family homes. Grandfathered into light industrial. Hope to see workforce housing. Could be for sale or rental property. Depending on what makes sense from financing.
- Limited with existing zone to industrial or commercial use.

- IMX5 - five story - allows for mixed use with residential.
- Proposing a GNA between property owner and OPNA
- Requesting a letter of support for rezoning request. Planning board in November. City council in January.
- Justin presented a series of slides outlining rezoning and points for proposed GNA.
- It was difficult to hear Justin and for those in person to read the slides. OPNA Request slide stack for neighbors to view in more detail. Slides attached.
- Commitments to affordability are based off city requirements. Affordable units are required to be comparable to non-affordable units.
- Neighbors would like opportunity to see draft GNA and Presentation - and have agreed to take vote in October on support of rezoning.
 - [SEE PRESENTATION HERE](#)

Approval of August meeting minutes and Treasurer Report

- Unanimous approval of August Minutes.
- Treasurer Report:
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Beginning Balance		6468.22
Deposit		\$ -
Bank Fees		\$ (4.00)
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 - Venmo: @opnadenver or we can take check.

OPNA Board Positions for 2023

- Bryan announced for Treasurer at previous meeting
- Jen and Jack announcing running for Co President.
- Jack to confirm if we can do potluck - Stay tuned for October agenda for details.

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: October 7, November 11, December 9

Community Announcements:

Monthly Overland Social - The Table 10/13 at 6:30 - Planning and Prep for parade.

Halloween Parade is coming soon - 10/22. Jack and Jen volunteered to lead the OPNA entry. <https://www.denverbma.com/>

Parks and Rec Info

- Wash Park - Flower Bed Volunteers - When: Saturday, October 8, 2022 | 8 am – 12 pm Where: Washington Park | S. Downing St. and E. Exposition Ave. Denver Parks & Recreation is looking for volunteers to help in clearing the flower beds for the season in Washington Park. To volunteer, register by contacting Tina Myers at tina.myers@denvergov.org or 720.865.2434
- Input on early stages of design of the Via Verde Trail Project between S. Irving St. and W. Kentucky Ave WHEN: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm WHERE: Zoom - tinyurl.com/WestwoodViaVerde Telephone Option: 720.928.9222 Meeting ID: 875 5925 6546

BOA appeal for rezoning at 2321 S Galapago 9/27 at 10:30

- BOA Zoning Appeal Application for Case #65-2022 (2321 South Galapago Street)
- Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM
- To attend a hearing virtually, a link to the hearing will be provided on the Board's Current Docket page. <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Board-of-Adjustment-for-Zoning/Board-of-Adjustment-Case-Records/Current-Docket>
- Clicking on Attend Virtually will open a browser window which will allow you to register for the hearing. Registering allows us to maintain a complete and accurate record of who has attended our hearings. Once you have registered, you will receive a link to attend the hearing. Please enter your participant ID in the 'First-Name Last-Name' format to help keep track of participants during the hearings.
- If you plan to attend virtually and are unfamiliar with Zoom, please reach out to the Board's staff so we can set up a demo session for you. If you would like to set up a demo session, email us at boacontact@denvergov.org and we will work with you to ensure you can participate in the hearings.

DPL Library Survey - looking for community feedback

- The Denver Public Library is listening! We are conducting a survey for the first time in six years to help us better serve our community. The survey is open to the public from September 13 to October 6 and can be taken online, in English or Spanish, in just a few minutes. We have partnered with POLCO/National Research Center to administer the survey. As a DPL supporter, we hope you will help us reach more of our community by sharing this [survey link](#), and attached graphics, with your customers, constituents and community members. Upon completion of the survey, respondents will receive a limited edition DPL sticker available at any location.

Adjourned at 8:05 - Next Meeting 10/2x

Neighborhood Meetings:

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on **Thursday, October 27th, 2022, 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.

Upcoming meeting dates for 2022 include the following: October 27

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

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](#)

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Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com