



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – September 23, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara.

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

Minutes from August 2021 meeting

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Reminder: Annual dues apply to the full calendar year.

\$10 per household, \$25 business.

Paid members are voting members

Beginning Balance		\$5,807.61
Membership Deposits		
Grants Received/Donations		
Paid Outstanding		
Bank Fees		(2.00)
Website Host		(8.34)

Ending Balance per Bank		\$5,797.27
	OPNA Funds	3,533.83
	ART Funds	2,011.39
	CALC	252.39
Notes:		

Annual dues are due now. They are good for the calendar year. Here are ways to pay for the 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

Police Report

CRO Kate Young

720-913-1248

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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[Denver Police Dept. \(@DenverPolice\) - Twitter](https://twitter.com/DenverPolice) <https://twitter.com/DenverPolice>

Update

CRO Kate Young: kate.young@denvergov.org

CRO AJ Pacheco: Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org

Lieutenant Michael Cody: Michael.cody@denvergov.org

Officers Pacheco and Young provided the following stats for the past month

- Burglary - 2 convenience store 'crash and grabs' and 1 residential (stolen furnace)
- Theft from Motor Vehicle - more license plates stolen. Note: anti-theft screws are free and available from District 3 Station, University and I-25
- Theft of motor vehicles – 4 - don't leave your cars running and always lock up.
- Theft - 3 catalytic converters, registration stickers from license plates - Helpful tip - use a razor blade to score the sticker after attaching - that way if someone tries to take - they only get a piece of it.

Next CAB (Citizen Advisory Board) meeting Oct 5th 6pm in person District 3 Station

- Jack – brought to their attention that there has been a person living under the Evans street bridge on the bike path, appears to be homeless where garbage has been accumulating. Kate said that the best way to report this or other similar issues is by calling **311**. There are new civilian teams assigned to reach out to assist with mental and welfare checks. Also you can email Kate directly at kate.young@denvergov.org

- Jack also thanked the officers for cleaning up the Wesley area.

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District

7) www.luckyDistrict7.org maggie.thompson@denvergov.org

Maggie, coming back from maternity leave,,, **Congratulations** on your new bouncing baby boy born July 17th!

- Broadway Halloween Parade. Starting this year will be transferring to a new event planner where the Broadway merchants will be taking over. The parade continues to be bigger and better. Mark the date - **October 23rd 6pm - 8pm South Broadway to Alameda.**

- Budgeting now happening with the city where they are working on 4 different budgets including recovery money and bond approved budget. Any questions, contact Maggie and Tate thru Jolon's office. Also find on line more details [here](#). Note: regarding Iowa underpass and – Jewell pedestrian bridge – these are fully scheduled for funding.
- Iowa Underpass is in the works - it will happen in two phases, first the bike path along Santa Fe and second, the actual underpass where the stairs will be removed and the historical railings will be repurposed in the new design.
- Jewell Bridge was funded in the last bond and there has been preliminary drawings - now waiting for what's next.
- Andrew – with condo buildings coming in and construction around Evans and Bannock is it possible to get a 'do not walk' intersection box? Maggie to follow up with email to traffic engineers.

Broadway Halloween Parade Conversation

Andrew and others met to finalize the action items for Broadway Halloween Parade where our theme this year is "Go Green - Go Clean" The plan is to decorate his pickup truck similar to a New Orleans float with tissue paper and a balloon arch. There will also be a large QR code that people can scan which will take them to a web page on how to organize neighborhood cleanups. Costumes will consist of green coveralls and/or our bright yellow traffic vests. We will use our current trash picker uppers to dispense candy along the route.

Here's what we need....

1 - Sign up with Andrew at agehauf@gmail.com if you want to participate and let him know whether you want him to purchase a jumpsuit costume (\$35.00 and reusable) or will choose the safety vest option.

2 – Request to approve \$300 from our Art funds for supplies, including candy to hand out along the route. This was approved by the attending members.

3 – Parade prep day in lieu of this month's social will be **Saturday – October 16. 2-4pm at 2255 S. Acoma Street.**

4 - Looking for someone to drive the truck down the parade route. Please contact Andrew if you are able to do this most important task.

Task Force to Reimagine Policing

Kim Morse, along with Jeff Walker, Beth Yohe and Dr. Robert Davis spoke to us about Denver's [Reimagining Policing and Public Safety Task Force](#). For the past year, community members from more than 40 organizations, elected officials, government agencies, faith leaders and youth from all across the city learned together, discussed what is the basis for public safety, and collaborated to develop 112 recommendations for a community-based approach to policing and public safety. They released their report in May and are now meeting with key stakeholders and community members to build support for implementing the recommended changes.

Find a copy [here](#) of the task force's recommendations.

Blue Line Development

In the August meeting Amy brought to our attention the project on 1501 S. Acoma with the development company [BlueLine](#). Ben Bryan, contact email bbryan@owlproperties.com, is working with Second Chance [Center](#), as a sponsor of the project and spoke to us about the project and answered questions.

The current status of the project is that the purchase is pending. They are proposing to build an Apartment building where all residents will sign a lease. Proposed 118 units on 4 floors with common community space and open courtyard. They would hire a management company to take care of the building where it will be staffed 24/7. Plan is for 18 parking spaces which is allowable based on the target population and since there is available access to bus and lightrail. Breakdown of residents would be such that half of units rented by formally homeless persons, and the second half would accommodate work force housing, those with jobs who are unable to afford regular housing. There will be support staff in the building to provide counseling provided by the mental health center of Denver.

They want to be a positive force in the neighborhood and came to ask for our support of the project as it moves forward.

Jack – asked whether this would be transitional or permanent housing? Similar to St. Francis, the housing is meant to be permanent.

Rebecca - In opportunity to promote Shopworks' Work... you can go to their website and see images of PATH - Providence at the Heights [here](#).

Bryan Ferrer, a resident and property owner in same area as the project voiced some concerns on how will they help to keep the community clean where currently there is a lot of trash due to the transient community in that area. Currently there are tents on the property and asking how they will plan to engage. Ben responded that they will work to better understand what we need and would agree to be part of the association as well as joining the Broadway business merchants. Currently they have another project in Aurora and in other communities where it is working and they believe this project can also be successful and beneficial to this area and population needs.

A motion was made to move forward with a letter of support along with working on putting together a 'Good Neighbor Agreement'. Vote was seconded and approved by all attending members with one abstention.

Bryan and others requested to be included in putting together the 'Good Neighbor Agreement' (GNA) and will work with Mara to complete it. If you have any comments regarding the GNA, please contact Mara Owen at mkowen18@gmail.com.

Overland Social

For the month of October we are moving our Social from the second Wednesday, to **Saturday, October 16th** to prepare for Broadway Halloween Parade including decorating the float and preparing costumes. Meet from 2-4pm at 2255 Acoma St. Some food and drinks will be provided.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

- **Urban peak open house – Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30.** Here are the details to **RSVP** for the urban peak OPEN house on

Tuesday <https://www.urbanpeak.org/community/>

- **October OPNA Board Elections** (annual elections held at October meeting (10/28)

Amy has decided to step down for now from the co-president position which means there is an open seat on the board. Also, Terry would not be opposed to allowing someone else to take over as Secretary after serving on the board for the past several years. Come to the October meeting to participate in electing new board member positions!

Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **October 28**, 2021, at **6:30** pm probably on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2021** include the following: 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**

Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com