



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – September 26, 2019

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

**Welcome and Open Comments**

20+ members and guests were present.

**Minutes from July 2019 meeting**

Minutes from the July 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		\$ 5049.25
Membership Deposit		\$
Paid Outstanding		\$ (400.00) Block Party
Bank Fees		\$ (5.00)
Ending Balance Per Bank		\$ <b>4,689.25</b>

	OPNA Funds	\$ 2,877.86
	ART Funds	\$ 1,811.39

### Police Report

CRO Jim Lopez

720-913-1248

[Jim.lopez@denvergov.org](mailto:Jim.lopez@denvergov.org)

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

[pocketgov.org/police](http://pocketgov.org/police)

### BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

Follow the Denver police twitter page to see any information on line.

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

[pocketgov.org/police](http://pocketgov.org/police) is the Nextdoor version for police reporting where you can sign up and find out about any crimes in your own or other neighborhoods.

Another friendly CRO let us know the current crime stats where burglaries are down 2% and theft is down 32%. Since motor vehicles are the prime target of theft, he advised us all to Lock our cars! Another tip is if you have a new car, check the glove box where the manufacturer may have left valet keys in the owner's manual. Remove and store in a safe place. In the garage, take a selfie with your bike and then turn over the bike and take a picture of the serial number. These can be used for recovering stolen bikes.

Upcoming events include

Neighborhood Watch...

Super Hero's Night

Find more details at the end of these minutes

**Denver Water Lead Reduction Program** [denverwater.org/Lead](http://denverwater.org/Lead) or email [lead@denverwater.org](mailto:lead@denverwater.org)

Travis, Rachel and Venita from Denver water spoke to us about the proposed

Water Lead Reduction Program which was recently submitted to the EPA for approval. Denver Water was founded in 1918 where our city water comes from snow pack, 50% from Colorado River and 50% from Upper South Platte. There is no lead found in our drinking water but lead can get into the water thru lead plumbing and faucets. Denver moved

On September 6th, they sent a plan to the EPA for working towards removing lead pipes in Denver. This would be instead of the current plan to add orthophosphate to the current drinking water. Although this additive is not harmful for drinking, it affects the environment and needs to be removed from the waste water. If you want to find out whether there is lead in your water, you can request a free water test. If you find that there are lead pipes leading into or within your home (typically homes built before 1951), you can work with Denver water to either add filters or have them replaced. The cost of replacement is up to the homeowners where Denver Water is also working with DURA for assistance with low interest loans. Please visit their website where you can learn more about what is being proposed and to also fill out a survey. Denver Water is also looking for ambassadors to help reach neighbors and educate them on this proposal and what can be done moving forward.

After the meeting, we received this note back from Denver Water.

*Thank you for engaging with the Denver Water team at last week's Overland Park neighborhood meeting and signing up to receive project updates. We are excited to share information about our proposed Lead Reduction Program and hear your feedback.*

**Please go to [denverwater.org/Lead](https://denverwater.org/Lead) by Oct. 10 to provide feedback on our proposed Lead Reduction Program.**

*Your feedback will be provided to the Environmental Protection Agency and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as they determine whether this plan will move forward as an alternative to orthophosphate.*

*The project website shares the full Lead Reduction Program Plan, including an [executive summary](#), as well as additional information and resources on lead in drinking water.*

**Jolon Clark's Office (Council District 7) [www.luckyDistrict7.org](http://www.luckyDistrict7.org)**

No one present from Jolon's office. Go to the website and sign up for their newsletter.

**Input Opportunity:** You are invited to participate in the [City of Denver's Annual Commuter Survey](http://bit.ly/DenverCommutes) (<http://bit.ly/DenverCommutes>), available in English and Spanish.

The City of Denver is continually exploring ways to improve how people travel around the city, while promoting choice and access to all modes of travel. The City has also established goals (through the Mayor's [Mobility Action Plan](#) and the recently adopted [Comprehensive Plan](#)) to better balance the use of our transportation system. The goals call for 50% single occupancy vehicle commuting, 15% walking and biking, and 15% transit. These plans also call for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions – of which transportation is the second leading source in Denver. Your responses and the responses of your neighbors will help the City better gauge how Denver residents and workers get around on a daily basis, how they'd like to travel, and what could be done to improve their experience. The survey is open now through **November 1**.

**Neil Shea w/ Vision Acquisitions**

1974 S. Huron – single family house - proposal for rezoning of lot.

Information provided by Neil Shea w/ Vision Acquisitions:

- Kevin Dickson and Neil Shea own the property known as 1974 S. Huron St, which is located on the block immediately south of Overland Golf Course.
- Lot is 9375 square feet (75' wide x 125' deep).
  
- The current E-TU-C zoning allows us to construct a large duplex up to 3 stories and 55 feet wide. We believe this is not the best compliment to the current character of the neighborhood.
  
- The proposed E-TU-B zoning would allow us to build 3 detached single family residences, each on a 25' x 125' zoned lot. Each home would be just under 19' wide and 2.5 stories. We believe this would compliment the current character of the neighborhood and the surrounding homes. Furthermore, we would be able to offer these homes at a more affordable price (likely below \$500,000 for each home), which is in very high demand.

Reduces the zone lot minimum. Around 1700 finished square feet. More traditional – siding stucco and brick. Flood mitigation with utilities on the first floor. Space of 6 feet between buildings.

“E-TU-B” would also allow us to build 2 smaller duplexes side by side. However, we believe that even 2 smaller duplexes side by side would not compliment the neighborhood like 3 detached single family homes. Therefore, the “Good Neighbor Agreement” would be very important in that aspect as well.

After the presentation we requested for Neal to leave the room in order for the group to discuss the proposed request. There was thoughtful discussion among the group as to the pros and cons of the rezoning where the general consensus was in favor of the building of 3 single unit detached homes instead of 2 duplexes or one large duplex. Andrew made a motion to be in favor of the proposed rezoning and to have OPNA draft a Good Neighbor Agreement with Vision Acquisitions to insure that there is a clear understanding of what we are expecting to happen with the new zoning permit. The motion was seconded and all were in favor with no objections or abstentions. Co-President Mara will work with Neal on drafting the agreement.

## **Broadway Halloween Parade 2019**

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 19!**

### **Overland Social**

Overland Socials occur on the second Wednesday of the month: It is a chance to get together with neighbors and hang out at one of our local restaurants.

The next social is going to be a planning session for our float in this years Halloween Parade.

**Wednesday, October 9, 6:30pm** at **Amy and Rob's House** 406 W. Jewell Ave, Please RSVP on Facebook. Bring some food and/or beverage to share.

Watch for reminders on our Facebook page **Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA**

### **Community announcements (open to anyone)**

Rob and Amy Halloween parade. A motion was made to budget \$150.00 for this years parade. It was seconded and approved.

Ronnie – Jeff Shoemaker asked for our approval for financing to refinish the east side of the river between Grant Frontier and Florida. They plan to plant more trees and bushes which were initially wiped out by the high waters a few years ago when the work was initial done. Ronnie provided approval and plans to attend the state board of trustees on Oct 10th.

**Saturday, Oct 12th – Fishing event** for kids up to 12 years old at Overland Pond 12noon to 2pm – rods, bait, hooks will be provided. See this [link](#) for more information and to sign up. This is sponsored by Denver Trout Unlimited and Denver Parks and Rec.

Rob – AJ's Pit Barbeque got their permit resolved where you can now sit inside and order beer!!

Rob and Amy - recently took a salsa dance lesson at Marie Empanada's in partnership with LaChiva which was super fun. LaChiva is wanting to provide more live music in their restaurant and Rob thinks it might be a good way to use some of our Art's fun money to sponsor a night of music and dancing. Contact Rob if you want to be part of an exploratory committee to figure out how to make this happen.

### **OPNA officer candidate declarations**

Elections are coming in October where there will be a vote only if any of the current positions are being contested. Also October's meeting will be potluck to finish out the year.

**Co-Presidents** - Both Amy and Mara have plans to continue to work together as co-presidents. Where Amy's passion is in building inclusive communities, Mara's strengths include city planning and logistics. Together they make a dynamic duo.

**Vice president** – Ronnie will stay as the running river guy if no one else intends to run.

**Secretary** - Terry is willing to continue taking notes and sending reminders to

membership list.

**Treasurer** – Tracey is resigning from her position which means this is an open spot for interested member. She has agreed to work with the next person to take on the responsibilities.

### **History Corner**

Check out our [website](#) to watch neighbors telling historic stories from Overland Park neighborhood. Let us know if you have a story you would like to share in one of our upcoming meetings

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm**

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

Upcoming meeting dates for **2019** include the following: October 24

Next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **October 24**, 2019, at **6:30 pm** at **Studios at Overland Crossing** 2205 S. Delaware St., Denver, CO 80223 Come join us and find out what is happening in our neighborhood.

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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