

# April MEETING MINUTES

April 23rd 2024 / 6:30 PM / HYBRID

## Compassion Action -OPNA Board

- Jenn kicked off the meeting breaking folks into small groups to for introductions and messages of compassion.
- Big shout out goes to Pastor Luna for helping us secure the meeting space and getting set up.

## OPNA Administrative Items:

- Treasury update - See report.

Beginning Balance		\$ 15,751.92
Dues	3/28/24	\$ 19.42
Bank Charge	3/29/24	\$ (11.00)
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 15,760.34
	OPNA Funds	\$ 4,049.66
	ART Funds	\$ 1,710.68
	D7 Support Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Notes		

- D7 funds were provided by Coucilwomen’s office last fall to support the community in acknowledgement of the impacts on the community as a host to the new microcommunity. Funds were also allocated to Athmar park, whose community has provided resources for some of the recent immigrant communities. OPNA leadership is still getting clarity on how the funds can be used. The board has received different suggestions on utilization. There is no time limit on utilizing the funds.
- March and APriL Meeting minutes were unanimously approved

DPD - Officer Kate Young

- [District 3](#) Community Resource Officer: Technician Kate Young - [kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org) (720) 913-1248 -
- Manuel Fuentes new CRO introduced - [Manuel.fuentes@denvergov.org](mailto:Manuel.fuentes@denvergov.org)
- A summary of the neighborhood [Crime Stats](#) was given. Generally crime is down 25% from last year, and down 22% on the 3 year average. Property crimes are down.
- In response to a few questions from the last meeting on the micro community, Kate had the following updates.
  - DPD Patrols have increased in the community.
  - No issues have been reported to date.
  - Kate and/or Manuel will be a part of the GNC (Good Neighbor Committee) - a group of community leaders that will be meeting monthly to ensure any support needs for the community or safety concerns are heard and issues can get addressed.
  - Geo-fencing tools are still in progress and Kate is seeking more info.
- Events:
  - **4/27 National Drug Take Back Event - 10-2 at District 3 Station**
  - **4/30 Fentanyl Awareness and Safety Event - 6pm at District 3 Station**
  - **5/16 Neighborhood Watch Training -6pm at Harvard Gulch Rec Center**
  - **District 3 Coffee with the Cops**
    - **Wed May 1st 10:00am - 12:00pm**
    - Nixon's Coffee, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
  - **District 3 CAB Meeting -**
    - **Wed May 1st 6:00pm - 7:00pm**
    - District 3 Community Room, 1625 S University Blvd, Denver, CO 80210
    - CROs will be on site at 5-6 with all sorts of safety support like auto-theft prevention clubs for free for the top 10 stolen car models, and bike registration.
- Q&A:
  - Tents and Encampments should be reported to 311. These calls get routed to the Mayor's response teams first, to coordinate outreach and then to DPD. If you see anything unsafe or illegal, report to **the non-Emergency line - 720-913-2000**. If in a park recommend reporting both to Park Rangers and to 311. 911 for emergencies always. If you ever call 911 and you don't have an emergency you just state that immediately and they will triage your call through the non-emergent lines.
  - A neighbor asked what, if any data did the city gather before the micro-community on the unhoused neighborhood.. And what data are they tracking now as it relates to comparing if this is impactful? Neighbors observations were it seems that the presence of unhoused and encampments is increasing, but also not sure if it a heightened sensitivity and data to back up the impacts of this in the community would be good to know. Kate is not aware

but will see what she can find out. Jenn will follow up with an email to Kate to remind her of the request.

- Neighbors shared incidents of irrigation sprinkler backflow preventers being stolen, or attempted to steal. What should neighbors do for a lower level property crime incident like this? Kate advised to always report incidents and file police reports. A lot of funding and resources are allocated based on the data of crimes, if incidents are underpowered, the need for resources in the community will be viewed lower. You can report through 311, non emergency line, or reach out to your CROs for help. Neighbors asked about submitting evidence like pictures. Kate explained the process of cases, and how crime reports will start with a response from a patrol officer to file the report and from there the file moves to detectives. The detectives would be the police officers that would ask for evidence, so if you have pictures you can share them with a detective at that point in the case.
- For street racing or loud motorcycle revving complaints you can report reckless driving to non-emergency line and to [reportstreetracing.com](http://reportstreetracing.com) - this is ran by state patrol and aggregates and shares info across agencies in the state. DPD has a special street racing task force that tracks complaints to pinpoint offenders.

## District 7 - Councilwoman Alvidrez's Office - *Flor Alvidrez*

- Aide Nikki Johnson: [nikki.johnson@denvergov.org](mailto:nikki.johnson@denvergov.org) was present on behalf of Flor as she is out on leave
- The micro shuttle is a new small commuter pilot program coming to the west side neighborhoods. MOre details to come. It will be a multi-passenger van that will be on demand on a set route of stops. There is one currently operating in Montebello right now. Focus groups to get community input are being formed. If you are interested let the council women's team know.
- Last meeting people asked about violent crime offenders in the micro community? Violent individuals will be asked to leave/removed for the property. They will give them transit to where they need to go.
- Nikki clarified some comments that were said at the last meeting, the wrap-around support services have been on site for La Paz residents. They have case management, outreach for behavioral and medical health, and in May they will add library services.
- CVC has committed to attending monthly GNC meetings and is not required to participate in monthly RNOs. OPNA members on the GNC team are responsible for being a conduit of communication being the RNO and CVC.
- What are the impacts of the city prioritizing the homeless and influx of new immigrants knowing that budgets are cut and staff is being temporarily reallocated, what exactly is getting impacted?
- If you want an event shared through D7's social media and communication, reach out to Mark

Montoya he is responsible for the D7 communications

- Discussed opportunities to activate the space under the bridge at Evans and Deleware. Neighbors had previously discussed a micro-park, dog park, pickle ball court. If the area remains un-utilized it will continue to be a place where trash and encampments will gather. Nikki will see if she can find out more on the property rights and what has been discussed in the past. Jenn will connect neighbors with Nikki who have interest in making this into something.

## Southwest Area Planning Initiative - *Fernando Abbud, AICP - Senior City Planner* - [Fernando.Abbud@denvergov.org](mailto:Fernando.Abbud@denvergov.org)

- Fernando gave neighbors a presentation on the process for the area planning initiative. Attached to the minutes are the slides shared.
- This process will send a vision for the community wants and needs for the next 20 years. This plan will then serve as a guide for city decisions in years to come.
- Defining the plan will be an 18 month process. The timeline was outlined. There is various community input along the way. With the goal of having a draft by next year for review.
- Currently they are looking to form a committee of 15-20 people. GO to the website to sign up if interested and to sign up for newsletter to stay informed: [www.DenverGov.org/southwestplan](http://www.DenverGov.org/southwestplan)



- OPNA welcomes Fernando back to offer updates as the plan process progresses.
- Plan gets approved via an adoption process that starts through the planning board, then moves to city council LUTI (land use transportation intuitive) then to full council approval.
- If you have questions please reach out to Fernando, contact details at the top.

## Candidate Leora Joseph for District Attorney:

<https://www.leorafordistrictattorney.com>

- Leora introduced herself and shared a bit with the neighbors on her campaign and what she hopes to accomplish if elected.

## Neighborhood Updates and Events:

- By-laws are being evaluated. If you are interested in helping in this years modifications a sub committee will be conveying between know and the June meeting. Committee will present proposed changes for review before voting.
- Parking Town Hall was held. City will be working on a plan for Overland.
- The GNC Committee is forming and will meet in May. Jen and Jack will stay on the team and be a conduit of communication from RNO to La Paz. GNA is nearly finals and will be posted soon.
- **OVERLAND GROWS PLANT GIVEAWAY ON SATURDAY 5/18.**
  - Volunteers needed from 9-12. Email [opnainfo@gmail.com](mailto:opnainfo@gmail.com) .
  - If interested in hanging a posters email [opnainfo@gmail.com](mailto:opnainfo@gmail.com)

## Community Announcements (open to anyone)

- Monthly Overland Social - May Social at Ullr's Garden on 5/9 at 6pm. <http://ullrsgarden.com/>
- Urban Peak is wrapping up construction. Rebecca is working to see if we can get a OPNA group tour. Stay tuned - this might be June social. We think they are opening in July, but will have a more detailed update at the next meeting.
- MEMBERSHIP:
  - \$10/household - \$25/business
  - Venmo Account for OPNA Overland Park Neighborhood Association - @OPNA-Denver

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## **NEXT MEETING and UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Next Social May 9th, 6:30pm  
at location *Ulr's Garden* 1532 S Acoma St, Denver, CO 80223**

**Next Meeting May 23rd, 6:30pm**

# Southwest Area Plan

Neighborhood Planning Overview – Overland Park Neighborhood Association – 04/25/24



4/24/2024



# Agenda

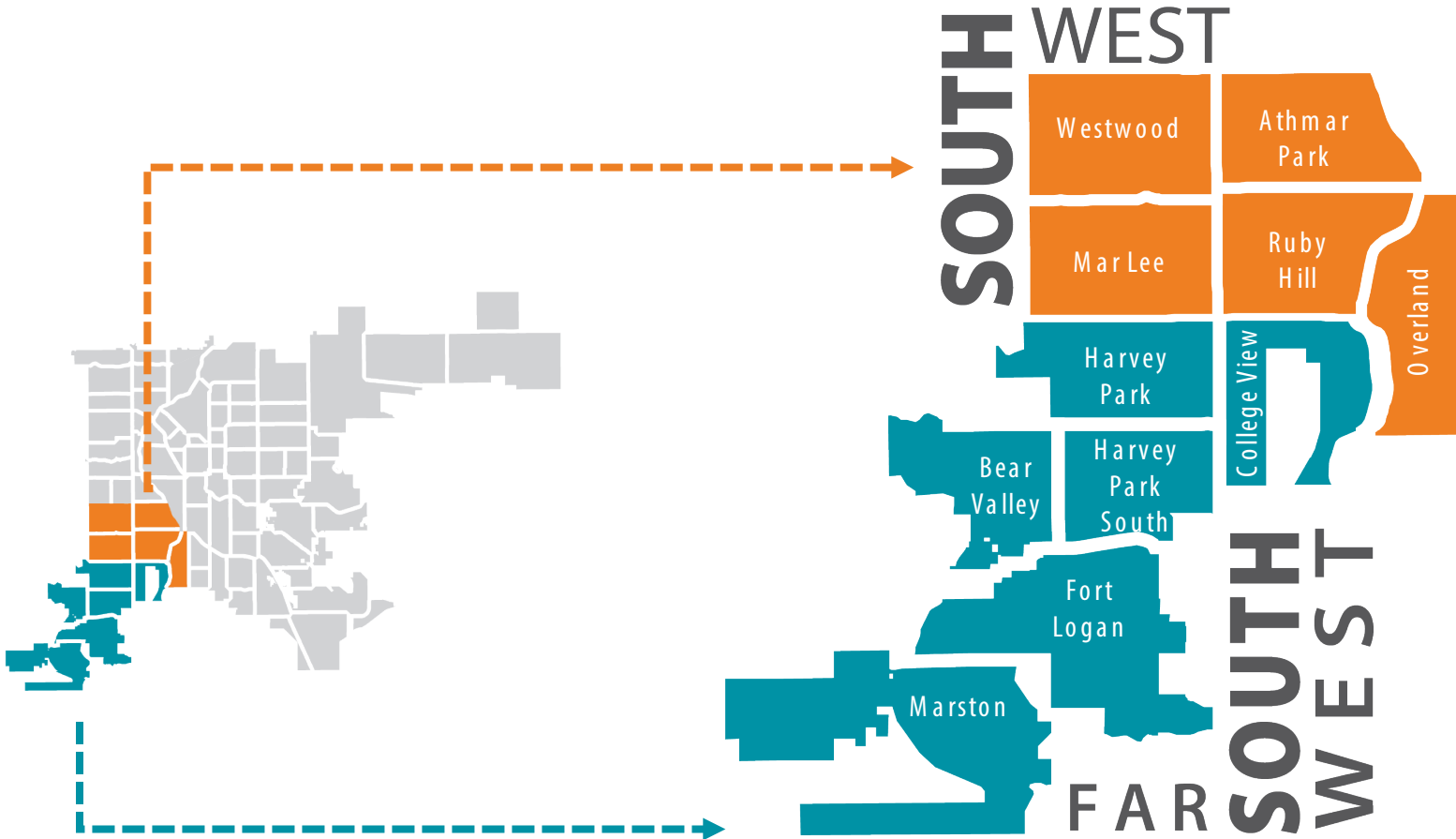
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# Context



# Southwest Area Plan Context



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# Introduction to Planning



# What is Planning?

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## Planning a Neighborhood



Neighborhood Plan (vision and direction)

- Topics
- Attendees
- Different preferences



Implementation Plan (tasks)

- Projects, programs, partnerships
- Tools
- What is available vs need to create



# What is planning and why do we do it?



Planning creates a shared vision for the future of communities



A community-driven process that answers the question of “how should this area evolve over time?”

# Plans do...

- Bring people together to talk about goals for their city and neighborhood
- Set vision for regulations and guidelines for development
- Help cities decide how to spend money on things like sidewalks and parks

# Plans don't...

- Set budgets to pay for specific project
- Automatically change laws or rules like zoning or historic districts
- Provide detailed design of infrastructure projects



# Planning in Denver



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040



Equitable,  
Affordable and  
Inclusive



Strong and  
Authentic  
Neighborhoods



Connected, Safe  
and Accessible  
Places



Economically  
Diverse and  
Vibrant



Environmentally  
Resilient



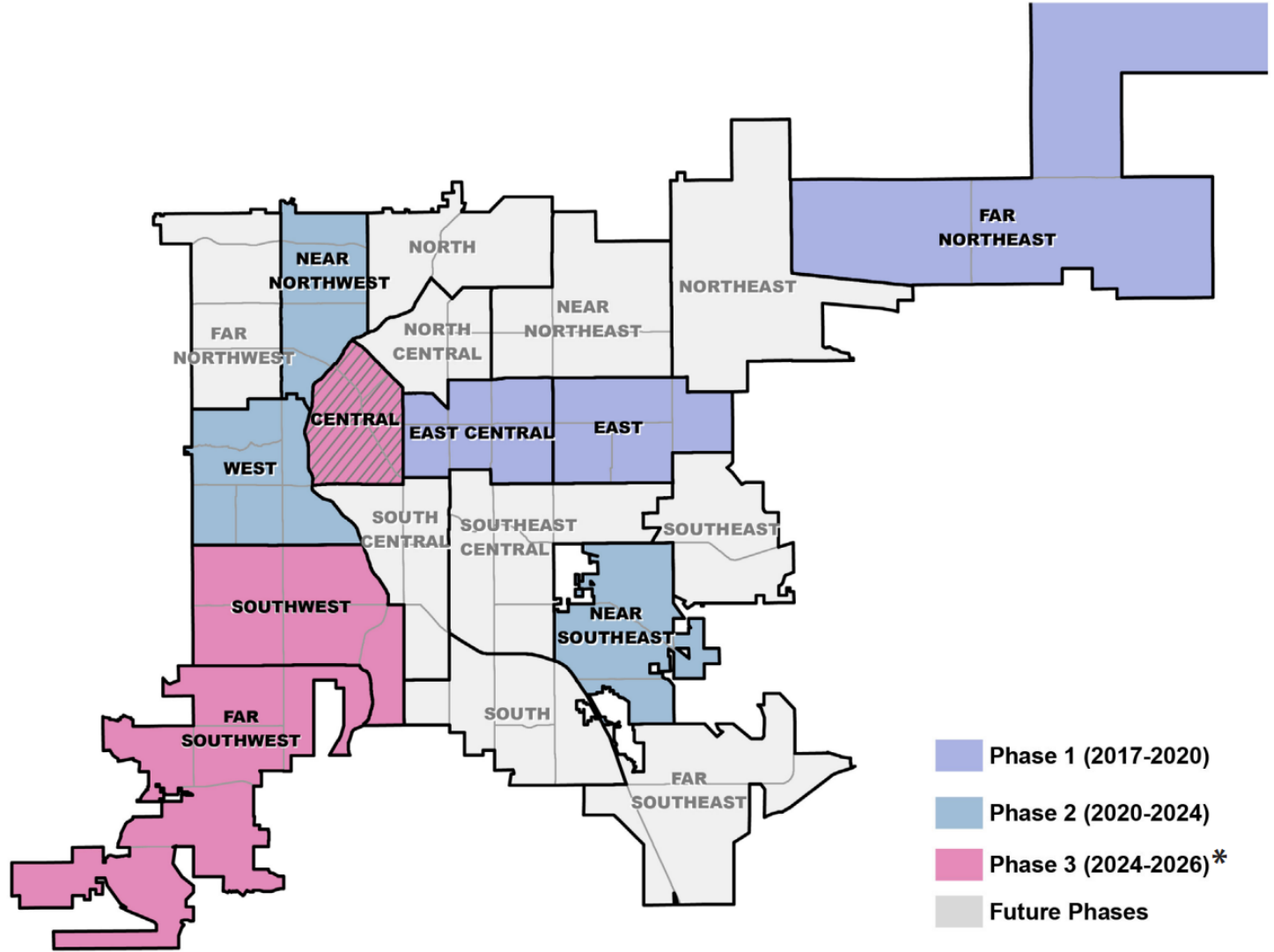
Healthy and  
Active

## CITYWIDE PLANS



## NEIGHBORHOOD & SMALL AREA PLANS

# Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI)



- Phase 1 (2017-2020)
- Phase 2 (2020-2024)
- Phase 3 (2024-2026)\*
- Future Phases



# Southwest Area Plan



# Southwest Area Plan



- *Refine and apply citywide goals and policies (topics include: land use and housing, transportation, recreation) in specific areas*
- *Address neighborhood issues*
- *Set shared vision and priorities for the next 20 years of this area*
- *Implementation plan appendix*

# How does the plan get developed?



# Advisory Committee

- *Looking for 15-20 community members interested in forming part of the advisory committee who will:*
  - *Represent a diverse set of interests*
  - *Meet at key points during the 18-month process*
  - *Help spread awareness about the plan and gather input*
  - *Advise city staff on community outreach and feedback*
  - *Help ensure traditionally underrepresented voices are heard and represented during the planning process*

# How to participate right now?



Sign up for our email lists at [www.denvergov.org/southwestplan](http://www.denvergov.org/southwestplan)



Fill out and circulate the Advisory Committee Interest Form located on front page of website ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))



Let us know who we should talk to. For example, non-profits, and community leaders?



Get acquainted with Blueprint Denver and Comprehensive Plan 2040. Think about how we can meet the goals of those plans in your neighborhood.



# Questions?

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