

DEAR OVERLAND E-MEMBERS -

€ As younger and more "digital" neighbors join us, Overland Neighborhood Association is moving on-line.

€ You may not think of yourself as a member, but if you live in Overland, *you are* (see By-laws below)!

€ This is going out to paid members and folks who've signed in their e-mail addresses at meetings.

A SURVEY TO

MAKE THE NET WORK FOR US -

Please help us evolve this new approach: hit "Reply" and answer these Q's -

€ Are you open to receiving Overland News, meeting reminders and meeting minutes by e-mail (probably two per month – one after the last meeting with the minutes, one reminder before the next)? **Y – N**

€ If you are a dues-paying member, would you like the newsletter by e-mail? **Y – N**

€ Were you able to read / see the images? **Y – N**

NEXT MEETING MARCH 23, 6:30... POTLUCK! -

Please attend, bring a friend and food to share; pay measly dues (\$5, \$35 for businesses) and vote! Education Building of John Collins Church – 2320 S. Bannock – Follow signs!

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24 MEETING -

Several new members - generally younger homeowners - attended, and paid dues to become voting members (see attached By-laws). January minutes were postponed because Secretary Charley Samson was ill, as was Vice-President Catherine sandy. The Treasurer's report was adopted.

Councilwoman Kathleen MacKenzie recognized Melissa Stolhammer for her successful efforts through the Council Office to get better street lighting at the Evans Station. Melissa voiced concern that the lights should be street level, pedestrian-friendly architectural elements rather than high level high intensity sources of light pollution. Judy Greek noted spotty street lighting on Cherokee and Jean Hogan showed us the flashlight that had made her attendance possible.

Melissa and David Jones reported on a property owner opposite the Station with ambitions for transit oriented development of 10 lots along Delaware. This met with approval and a comment from MacKenzie that public involvement was appropriate though funding is still a problem. Jack Unruh reported that a prospective buyer for the Shattuck property – the cleanup is due to be complete in September – has progressive plans for the site (see attachment). Other potential buyers are yet to be identified.



At this meeting the need for more active members keyed on new homeowners. Several newcomers volunteered to do canvassing in their immediate areas. All agreed that e-mail communications were efficient ways to keep in touch but that face to face contact with neighbors at ONA meetings was invaluable. Jack and Kevin Dickson reported on the Neighborhoodlink website Kevin had discovered, where Overland chats are already taking place:

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/overland/main.html>

While there, you can also learn what Community Planning and Development thinks about Overland's current situation by clicking on the Overland Neighborhood Assessment. Discussion of how more e-linked communication might work – for example, how paid members might receive the newsletter as a separate e-mail (attempts to convert existing print version produced files too large for dial-up connections) - will be central at the March 23rd meeting.

Much of the general discussion involved problem neighbors and properties, the need to involve new homeowners and businesses in improving property values and direction for Overland's development, and the longstanding problems with walkability / bikeability – especially crossing Santa Fe. What was fresh and encouraging about the meeting was the sharing of background with enthusiastic new members and pledges of spreading involvement. As enthusiasm will, the meeting ran longer than usual and "adjourned" around 10.

As we discussed the idea of issuing this questionnaire at the meeting it seemed like a good orientation device to include the By-laws, below.