

Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) minutes of 3/28/13 meeting.

Call to order at 6:30pm.

Valerie from Councilman Nevitt's office will be the point person for all Evans Light Rail Station, Platte River and Broadway projects. She says she has met with the Parks Department and "they get it." She mentioned a possible mid-May ribbon cutting.

Minutes were approved as read, as was Treasurer's report of a balance of \$487.19

Vice President Crawford reported on the Spring Equinox Party.

There was discussion of renaming Pasquinel's Landing, which was originally named after a character in a novel, to Deb Sanchez Park. Paul spoke against the idea; President Sandy spoke in favor. Naming the playground after Deb or erecting some sort of memorial to Deb were mentioned.

Election of OPNA officers was finally held. Secretary Samson's dream of being replaced was finally realized: Terry Pasqua (tpasqua@gmail.com) was installed by acclamation. All other officers were voted in again.

Park Ranger Dennis Brown gave a presentation titled "Fear and Loathing: Bats, the Real Deal." There are 200 parks in Denver, with 5 rangers supplemented by on-call rangers. MSU student Melissa Mara noted the bat box in Grant Frontier Park. Both noted the benefits of a healthy bat population, not least their proclivity for devouring insects.

Police officers mentioned "nothing new," and a recent spike in burglaries, as well as a foot patrol at Lipan and Mississippi. They said the border change is due in June or July. Overland will then be in District 3.

Casey Davenport called for more patrols around Overland Ponds. The Police said they found the area a good place to do their paperwork.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

