



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Hybrid Meeting

Arapahoe Library Services bldg.

12855 E Adam Aircraft Cir., Englewood, 80112

www.cencon.net

August 28, 2023; 6:45pm

Notes

1. **Call to order:** President C.J. Whelan called the meeting to order at 6:47pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.):

Algonquin Acres	Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge
Fairways @ South Suburban	Greenwood South	Hanover Place (2)
Heritage Greens (2)	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill
Mill Creek	Mira Vista	Monterey
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Palos Verdes (2)	Smoky Hill
Southwind	Tiffany	Village @ Centennial
Village Co-op of Centennial	Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2
 - Guests: 18th Judicial Dist., Arapahoe Library Dist., City of Centennial (2), 3 guests
 - Note: 5 members attended by Zoom, plus 3 guests.
 - **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**
2. **CenCON Business**
 - A. President's Report, [C.J. Whelan](#)
 - He has been talking to the City Manager in the hopes of getting the City more involved with CenCON.
 - **At our Sept. meeting we are hoping to have a Candidates' Forum with a Zoom option, again.**
 - **Please note: the Oct. meeting will be at Koebel Library at Orchard & Holly at 6pm. This will be in conjunction with a meeting Sheriff Tyler Brown and the 18th Judicial District are holding.**
 - B. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the June 2023 minutes as emails.(Berliner/Cummins)
 - C. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
 - The Finance Report is attached below the email containing these minutes.
 - CenCON has \$2,382.59 in the bank.
 - One item of note: our July field trip cost \$531. It was enjoyed by all who attended
 - **CenCON has 27 paid members. Many members have still not paid. Dues were due April 1!**
 - D. Membership VP, [Andrew Spaulding](#): He is working on finding more neighborhood asso-ciations in Centennial to invite to join.
3. **Special Districts**
 - A. [18th Judicial District](#), Vicki Klingensmith or [Aurora Ogg](#)
 - **The 18th Judicial District Citizens' Academy starts 9/14, through 10/26, weekly on Thursdays; one doesn't have to be presnet at all meetings. Andrea: I attended this academy and found it extremely informational and enjoyable.**
 - A question was aksed whether high school students could attend. Ogg said only HS seniors were allowed. The academy includes information on all aspects of a/the Judicial District.

- 8/31, 8am-4pm, join the ACSO for their annual Safety in Faith Seminar at Highpoint Church.. check in & continental breakfast at 7:30am.
 - **Link to register:** [Safety in Faith Summit 8.31](#)
 - We hope you will consider attending as well as inviting administrators, safety team members, and interested volunteers from your house of worship to join us for a great day of learning and sharing. Registration is required for meal planning.
 - **This year's topics and speakers include:**
 - The Current Threat to Faith Based Organizations
 - What to do when law Enforcement Arrives during an Active Threat
 - Protecting Houses of Worship and De-Escalation and the Power of Hello
 - Emergency Health Care for the Lay Person - Stop the Bleed
 - Insurance and Liability
 - Local Resources - Next Steps for Your Organization's Security
 - Vendor Displays
 - **Cool View** - Security window and door film
 - Able Shephard - House of Worship Security Team Training
 - There will also be opportunities to meet with representatives from partner public safety agencies and some of our presenters throughout the day.
 - **FAQs**
 - How can I contact the organizer with any questions? If you have questions about the summit, please contact Deputy JD Knight at jknight2@arapahoe.gov.
 - Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event? No, but an electronic copy of your QR code associated with this registration will expedite the check-in process.
 - Can I register for more than one person? Yes, but you can only register for one ticket per order. However, you may use the same email for multiple orders. We need individual names for registration check-in.
 - Do I have to belong to a faith-based organization to attend? No. This is a public event and open to anyone who has an interest in learning how to provide safety and security in a building-gathering setting.
 - Is there a cost? No, there is no cost to attend
- B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), [Kristin Eckmann](#), not present
- C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec.](#), [Delos Searle](#), Exec. Director or Ryan Bailey, not present
- D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), [Holly Whelan](#), Manager of Community Relations & Strategic Events
 - **Used Book Sale at Koelbel Library**
 - Our biggest used book sale of the year is happening Sept. 14-17 at Koelbel Library.
 - Shop a wide variety of hardcovers, paperbacks, children's books, media, collectible books & more.
 - Sun., 9/17, is Bag Day. We provide the bag and you fill it for just \$10.
 - Through book sales like this, The Friends of Arapahoe Libraries raise funds to support library events and services.
 - For more information, visit [book sale/book-sale](#).
 - **Jane Barton Presents: THE Conversation**
 - Fri., 9/15, 2-3:30pm on Zoom: Adults & older adults are invited to "Jane Barton Presents: THE Conversation," a virtual event on aging, caregiving, and the end of life.

- Jane Barton is a firm believer that knowledge is power, particularly with the challenges posed by aging, caregiving, and the end of life.
- As a palliative care educator, she is passionate about presenting on complex and emotional topics in captivating ways.
- Attendees will get useful information and pointers to help them kick-start their own conversations.
- To save your spot or for more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org
- **Art Exhibit and Reception with Jayme H. Mansfield**
 - Thurs., 9/21, 6pm, Koebel Lib.: Join us for a reception with author and artist Jayme H. Mansfield.
 - Jayme will talk about her latest novel, *Portrait of Deceit*, which delves into the worlds of art history and art forgery.
 - The reception begins at 6 pm, with a presentation and Q&A at 6:30, and book signing at 7:30.
 - A collection of Jayme's acrylic paintings will be on display at Koebel Library 9/17-30. Her paintings are often referred to as "hopeful and joyful."
 - To save your spot or for more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org
- **'90s Nostalgia Night**
 - Fri., 10/6, 7-9pm, at the Embassy Suites Denver Tech Center: Time to party like it's 1999. Join us for a '90s Nostalgia Night.
 - Enjoy a '90s costume contest, trivia, crafts, prizes, & more, while cover band '90s Til Dawn plays all your favorite jams.
 - This fun community party is for adults, teens and tweens age 9 and up. Please note: due to the nature of the event, children under age 9 will not be admitted into the venue.
 - To save your spot or for more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org
- **How to Get Published: A Beginner's Guide**
 - Sat., 10/7, 1-2:30pm, Koebel Lib.: Join us for "How to Get Published: A Beginner's Guide".
 - How do you get published and become a successful author? Is children's publishing different from adult publishing? How can you find an agent, and do you even need one?
 - Get helpful insights from author & industry insider Lionel Bender.
 - Bender has 40 years of experience and has written, edited or produced more than 1,400 books for 30 publishers.
 - To save your spot or for more information, visit <https://arapahoelibraries.org>. Go to Search>Events>(and the title of this event). It's not on the website, yet.

E. [City of Centennial](#), Council Member Dist. 3 [Mike Sutherland](#).

Mike couldn't attend so, his counterpart for District 3, Rik Holt, filled his shoes.

- On 9/16, 10am-4pm, Centennial will hold its annual [Chalk Art Festival](#) at the Streets at SouthGlenn.
- 9/14, there is still room in [Centennial 101](#) your best chance to find out how your City government really runs. A 5 Thursdays course, 5:30-9pm, it also includes supper. If you haven't attended, yet, it's a great intro to our City, GO!
- On 10/21, 1-5pm, Centennial Center Park, combines Brew-N-Q & Whiskey Warmer for a fun adult event: [Sip in Centennial](#). Guest must be 21 & purchase tickets to attend. There'll be a live Irish Band in the amphitheater & activities for all ages.
- The [Sheriff's Citizens' Academy](#) will be held 10/3-28. There's still time to register.
- The [Centennial Youth Commission's](#) will be resuming it's Teen Court in Sept.
- There are now solar panels installed in the parking lot at Civic Center. They also serve as shade structures.

- Orchard Rd. is being widened (Ogden Ct. -> Highline Canal). This project should finish in spring 2024.
- Berliner asked about pickle ball. Holt responded that Centennial is the first municipality to even discuss the issue. The question is where is the sweet spot, where is the outreach. SSPRD is installing 16 pickle ball parts at County Line & Broadway (?). City Council will hear the results of the study that's been done in Oct. Bill Carlson, a Homestead resident on Zoom talked said his property is within 60' of HOA courts but, the HOA isn't listening to complaints. (75 Db) Ryan Thommpsonm commented that the City is formulating a law, go on the [website](#).
- The [Arapahoe Bridge](#) is close to completion.

F. Paula Hillman, Center of Generations in the Streets at SouthGlenn, denverymca.org/cog

- Visit!
- We'd like it if you could get the word out to your neighbors that we're open for business.
- We have senior & youth prgramming: chair yoga, Tai Chi, nutrition classes for seniors and esports, & other things for youth.
- We have a small library, classic games, and book talks. The book talks, created by the library, have been very popular.
- On 9/1, 3-5pm, we're having a Front Porch Party: ax throwing, corn hole, food.

4. CenCON August Keynote Discussion:

City of Centennial Neighborhood Services, [Ryan Thompson](#), Neighborhood Services Manager

- He had an excellent slide show of the services for which he's responsible.
- [Animal Services](#)
 - Dogs must be licensed & have proof of rabies shots. They must be on a leash when off the owner's property.
- [Community Grants](#)
 - Neighborhood Engagement Grant, up to \$500
 - Large Community Grant, up to \$10,000
- On 9/7, 5:30-8:30pm, at the Sheriff's HQ [ADU Neighborhood Workshop](#), for residents to discuss Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- There was a question about neighborhood person-to-person mediation. Thompson: Yes, we sponsor a mediation service with a licensed mediator. Contact me.

5. Plans, [Rhonda Livingston](#), 2nd Vice President

- Discussion of pending plans
- ***Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them.*** You can also check www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial to see what's happening.
- **South Metro Fire Station #15**, Case #SITE-22-00024, hearing
 - 9/13, 6pm, Centennial Civic Center: Planning & Zoning Commission hearing
 - Please be advised, Strategic Site Designs, LLC (the "Applicant"), on behalf of the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority (the "Owner"), proposes a Site Plan to construct a new Fire Station on the .75-acre property. A Fire Station is a Permitted Use in the Education, Institutional, and Recreation (ED) zone district.\
 - Questions on the application or hearing may be directed to Jess Lacambra at (303) 754-3406 or jelacambra@centennialco.gov
 - For the plan go to centennialco.gov & scroll down to the meeting on which you'd like info. It's not posted on the website, yet.

6. Adjourn: Whelan adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Next Meetings: Sept. 25 / City of Centennial Candidates Forum

Oct. 23, 6pm / Joint meeting with 18th Judicial District & Sheriff

Note special location and start time