



## **Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – May 2009 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Noon at 6:52 pm with 13 members present & adjourned at 8: 47 pm.

### **Arapahoe County Sheriff [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org) Lt. Kevin Heaton**

- A missing 84-year old east Arapahoe County man was found safely in Denver today.
- Lt. Heaton works Centennial between Broadway & I-25. The ACSO department would like to be invited to any community events. To contact Lt. Heaton: 720-874-3898. The non-Emergency for ACSO: 303-795-4711.
- Youth Academy June 15-20, 14 – 18 years. See an inside look at the department & other activities. Contact Brian McKnight at 720-874-3750 for participation and more information. 9:00-3:00 daily and 10 – 4:00 on Saturday.
- New deputies who attended the Law Enforcement Academy in Highlands Ranch have been assigned to duties.
- Top Accident locations in Centennial: Parker & Orchard with 1500 tickets written in that intersection in 2008. Then follow University & Arapahoe Rd. & University and Dry Creek both experiencing a high number of accidents.
- May 16, 4:00 am, responded to an alarm at Cherry Creek Prep. Two juveniles apprehended.
- May 6, arrests were made at an apartment related to drug dealing.
- A bank robbery took place on Smoky Hill Road but the bank robber left his I.D. at the bank. He turned himself in.

### **Arapahoe Library District [www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org) Eloise May, Executive Director**

- Eloise May attended the American Library Assoc. Conference in Wash. D.C. The group was briefed on pending legislation before Congress affecting libraries. The group lobbied for changes in the Patriot Act e.g. requesting proof from law enforcement of a potential terrorist before releasing information on that patron.
- Arapahoe Douglas Works is getting some stimulus money. The Library is hoping to hire some interns to work in the libraries.
- Summer Reading: June 6, Kickoff at Koelbel & Smoky Hill Libraries. June 9, Kickoff at Castlewood Library.
- July 16, 17, 18 is the Grand Opening of the SouthGlenn Library.
- Dreams' writing contest. Write a story up to 1000 words about dreams, June 6 – July 11. Win a certificate to Barnes & Noble.
- The Large Express Checkout at Castlewood Library will move to the SouthGlenn branch This is a collection of new books & materials. The large print collection will move from SouthGlenn to Castlewood. The topics at Castlewood will have a family focus orientation.

- Arapahoe Library District did outreach to the Council on Aging to provide information on library services.

**Arapahoe Park & Rec District** [www.aprd.org](http://www.aprd.org) **Delos Searle, Asst. District Manager**

- Parks are greening up and mowing has begun.
- Lookout Pool at Liverpool opens on May 23.
- Movie Night in partnership with Centennial on Friday, July 10 at Trails Rec. Center, 6:30-10:00. Blood pressure check and other events. Bring chairs, blankets, etc.
- Trails Rec Center has rooms available for rental needs. Birthday, meeting spaces – Rental rates available.

**South Suburban Park & Rec District** [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org) **Jean Flynn Ray, Community Liaison**

- June 5, Euclid Middle School track: *Hershey Track & Field Meet*, ages 9-14 years, 8:45 am registration.
- June 6, 10:00 am -4:00 pm, *Spring Fling*, family oriented festival, deKoevend Park
- June 13, 9 – 12 pm, Cherry Knolls Park: *Baseball Skills* competition for youth 6-13 years.
- *Summer Theater in the Park*: Lady Bug and the Butterfly, & Ollie & Stanley, June 16 – 20, 10:00 am. June 16-Hudson Gardens; June 17-Walnut Hills Amphitheater; June 18-Sterne Park; June 19-Gallup Gardens; June 20-Sweetwater Park in Lone Tree.
- *Blood Screenings* at Rec Centers: July 14 at Lone Tree, July 15 at Goodson, July 16 at Buck. 7 – 9:30 am.
- Senior Health Fair: May 26 – Lone Tree & May 27 - Buck: 10:00 am -12:00 noon.

**City of Centennial** [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com) **Sherry Patten, Director of Communications**

- Night at the Movies: July 10, Madagascar, Trails Rec Center. July 17, Grease, deKoevend Park. Both 6:30 – 10:00 pm.
- August 8, 6:00-10:00 pm – Celebrate Centennial Under the Stars at Centennial Health Plaza.
- The City may receive \$922,000 in stimulus money for energy efficiency projects. Application is due by end of June. Projects could include: LED lights in traffic signals, turn lanes added to speed up traffic, solar panels on the city building, use of alternative energy in the city cars. Money would come in November & projects would be completed in 2010. Information is available on the website.
- An additional \$82,000 has become available in the Community Development Block Grant Program for services to low-income or those in need of specific services such as Meals on Wheels.
- Battle of the Bands, May 30, 1:00-8:00 pm at Best Buy at Streets at SouthGlenn. 8 bands will perform. The Youth Commission has organized the event. Verizon Wireless will tally votes by cell phone voting.
- Spring Fling, June 6, 10:00 am – 4:00 p.m. in deKoevend Park. Lots for kids to do

- Centennial Connection newsletter will come out the first week in June.
- \$3.3M reduction in the current budget. \$2.9M from street surfacing and a few programs will be postponed.
- Streets at SouthGlenn will open August 28, 29, & 30.
- The *Annual Report* and the *Budget in Brief* are available at the City office or on the City website.
- June 9, 6:30 – 8:00 – Open House: a map of proposed zoning districts for City neighborhoods.
- IKEA: A decision to build is made in Sweden. Incentives are in place to have them open in 2011.

**Neighborhood Resource Center [www.nrc-neighbor.org](http://www.nrc-neighbor.org) Sarah McCarthy, Director**

- Two publications were distributed with 'block maps' & info about how to be a good neighbor. Get names of everyone in a house, contact information including email addresses.
- Neighborhood Resource Center was started in Denver to build neighborhood leaders & build the quality of life in the neighborhoods. One aspect has been to work with police officers to become more involved in neighborhoods. The current focus is on stronger & healthier neighborhoods.

Program goals include:

- 1. Community Building – cultural acclimation, used to describe the 'values' of being a good neighbor.
- 2. Good Neighboring – elements include: physical, psychological and sociological needs to have a sense of community, adequate financial assets or other resources. Promoting strong neighborhood ties increases satisfaction. Ready Colorado has information on its website for individuals to prepare for emergencies for 72 hours. Reliance on each other is a component of surviving emergencies. Block parties & block events are encouraged to build that network. Safeway and Xcel Energy provide funds to host block parties and neighborhood block grants. Contact Neighborhood Resource Center at 303-477-0023 to apply or for more information on creating a better neighborhood.
- 3. Neighborhood Liaisons: bi-monthly forum to work on neighborhood issues. Forum shares information on issues e.g. graffiti removal, etc.
- 4. Livable Communities: focus on walk-able communities, expertise in historic preservation. Establish a relationship with Live Well Colorado by starting walking clubs or community gardens. Address aging in communities with nursing home diversion to help people remain in their homes and to avoid isolation by allowing senior citizens to contribute to their community. 'Smoke Signals': ex. Opening curtain in the morning, place hangars on doors, or yellow flags at night and remove in the morning to signal neighbors. [www.livewellcolorado.com](http://www.livewellcolorado.com) for information.
- Block Parties can be organized in 30 minutes working with one other person. Attendance increases yearly.

## **CenCON Business**

### **Cathy Noon, President,**

- Frank Green & Andrea Suhaka have been working on bringing the CenCON list up to date.

### **Rhonda Livingston, President Pro Tem:**

- Raised the question: Is there a need for subcommittees to recruit CenCON members.
- There is a meeting on changing the setbacks from Arapahoe Rd. May 28 – for Potomac Business Park.
- Handouts about the proposed Civic Center Park were available.
- Transportation meeting with the City on June 23 at city offices at 6:30 pm.

### **Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary**

- H. Goldberg moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. D. Doerr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

<b>Checking</b>		<b>Savings</b>	
Previous Balance:	\$ 1235.65	Previous Balance:	\$ 2488.26
Income:	120.00	Income (Interest):	0.00
Expenses:	0.00.		
Closing Balance:	\$ 1355.65	Closing Balance:	\$ 2488.26

### **July - CenCON Annual Field Trip**

- Tour of the new Southglenn Library. Meet at Arapahoe Library Administration Bldg. at 6:00 pm to take a behind the scenes tour. Food will be served followed by drive to Southglenn for the tour. Limited to 50 people at SouthGlenn.

### **Plans C.J. Whelan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

- There were no plans for discussion.