



# CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Virtual Meeting

Sept. 28, 2020

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## Minutes

1. Call to order. President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.
  - Attendance (A quorum was present.), Members:

|                     |                |                             |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Chapparal (2)       | Four Lakes     | Greenwood South             |
| Hanover Place       | Heritage Place | Homestead Farm 2            |
| Hunters Hill Condos | The Knolls     | Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S. |
| Orchard Valley      | Palos Verdes   | Tiffany                     |
| Walnut Hill         | Willow Creek 2 |                             |
  - Guests: Arapahoe Library District, Cherry Creek School District, South Metro Fire Rescue, South Suburban Rec. District, Ting, Rhonda Livingston, Frank Green
  - **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**
2. CenCON Business
  - A. President, Gerry Cummins: No report
  - B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
    - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of Aug. 24,2020. (Doerr/Kirrane)
  - C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins
    - We have 33 paid members.
    - Balance forward: \$ 2,585.85
      - Deposits (Fairways, Mira Vista) 80.00
      - Expenses 0.0
    - Ending balance: \$2,665.85
    - Money held in Wells Fargo Bank
3. Guest Presentations
  - A. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), Asst. Chief Jerry Rhodes, Community Services
    - SMFR's Board passed a resolution to support Amendment B, repealing the Gallagher Amendment
    - **Ground conditions are exceptionally dry. We're still under ACSO's open fire ban, including, but not limited to: campfires; fires in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed camp & picnic grounds or recreation sites; charcoal fueled fires; warming fires; fires in outdoor wood burning stoves (chimney sparks or embers); the prescribed burning of fence lines, fence rows, fields, farmlands, rangelands, wildlands, trash or debris.**
    - **Around the District: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/uk92sRh960Fu3/>**
    - **Fire crews are deployed in-state & out-of-state: Larimer County, northern CA, and for Hurricane Sally (FL). Fire crews have come in from Australia and Israel for CA.**
    - **The current Fire Academy has 30 members. There will be no academy next year; the next one will be in 2022.**
    - SMFR will be giving the Centennial Senior Commission a Risk Reduction workshop.

- Oct. is Fire Prevention month. They're given safety classes to school classes and senior centers, virtual & in person.
  - Phelps: Do you know anything about the 8 fires along the High Line Canal in Auror? Rhodes: No, I don't have any info.
  - The alumni group will be out trying to mitigate fire situations in Highlands Ranch area on Sat., clearing brush,
  - Noon: Are there materials we can give to Meals on Wheels folks? Rhodes: Let's talk.
- B. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District](#), Becky Grubb, Communications Manager
- Arapahoe County Open Space distributed their 2020 grants. South Suburban will put their share to the Fox Hill playground.
  - South Suburban Sports Complex will open to staff in mid-Dec., and then open to the public the first weekend in Jan.
  - SSPR is changing their website & registration system.
  - Seymour: What is the heavy machinery west of the Sports Complex? Grubb: It may be for the parking lot. The dog park is still in question; the problem is getting water to it, very pricey.
  - Seymour: Will there be a bridge across the creek? Grubb: There will be a traffic signal on County Line and a bridge over the creek.
  - Cummins: Has the SS Board talked about Amendment B? Grubb: No.
  - SSPR has been hit with ransomware; we're back up & running at all facilities with new safety procedures.
  - Call us if you have any questions.
- C. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan
- Libraries Now Open by Appointment
    - All Arapahoe Libraries locations - except for Southglenn Lib, which is undergoing a remodeling project - are now open by appointment.
    - Reservations are required and can be made on the same day or up to 7 days in advance.
    - You can reserve one 90-min. library appointment per day to browse, pick up holds or use library computers on the website or by calling 303-LIBRARY.
    - Park & Pickup services are also still available by appointment during library hours. If you don't have an appointment, you can still get in rather quickly.
  - One Book for Colorado
    - One Book for Colorado is back this fall. 4-year-olds can receive a free copy of *The Little Red Fort* at any library starting Oct. 13.
    - The book is available in English & Spanish, while supplies last.
    - On Sat., Nov. 7, all library locations will have an outdoor tent where you can pick up your free copy of the book from 2-4 pm.
    - More info is on the website or by calling 303-LIBRARY.
  - Meet Author Nancy Pearl
    - [Nancy Pearl](#), a bestselling author, librarian & literary critic, is known for her book recommendations on media outlets such as NPR's *Morning Edition* and the Seattle Channel.
    - She'll join us virtually on Wed., Oct. 7, 6 pm, to talk about her book *The Writer's Library*, a collection of interviews with America's most influential writers about the books that shaped them and inspired them to leave their own literary mark.

- A Q&A session will follow the presentation.
- This event will be hosted on Zoom. For more information about the program and how to access zoom, visit the website.
- Meet Author Claribel A. Ortega
  - Here's another Author event for her debut middle grade book *Ghost Squad*, Sat., Oct. 24, 2pm, on Zoom.
  - During this, Ortega will talk about her writing process and how her love for '80s pop culture shaped the story of *Ghost Squad*. A movie adaptation of Ortega's supernatural fantasy is in the works.
  - Ortega is a former journalist who writes young adult & middle grade fantasy stories inspired by her Dominican heritage.
  - She also stars in the podcast "Write or Die" and is an owner of a small graphic design business, specializing in creating apparel for writers and creatives.
  - A limited number of books are available and will be mailed following the presentation.
  - This event will be hosted on Zoom. For more information about the program and how to access zoom, visit the website.

4. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office](#), Capt. Ken McKlem (This report was emailed to Suhaka just before the meeting.)

- I'm not on the agenda tonight but want to pass on some upcoming events now that we finally are at a point in COVID to have some. **All are masks/social distancing of course, so not normal, yet, but at least they're something.**
- 10/3, Shred-a-Thon, ACSOHQ 13101 E. Broncos Pkwy.
- 10/6, Virtual Citizens Academy starts (class is full – in future we plan on doing 3/ year instead of 2, 2 live & 1 virtual once COVID restrictions are over).
- 10/6, Virtual launch of National Night Out
- 10/22, Coffee with a Cop, 5070 E. Arapahoe Rd., Starbucks
- 10/24, Drug Take Back, various locations TBA via social media
- 10/24, Trunk or Treat, Cherry Creek State Park
- 10/24, Trick or Treat Street, Arapahoe County fairgrounds

4. Program

A. Ting Update: Mark Gotto, Ting City Manager

- Gotto did a PowerPoint presentation. Ting is renting fiber from the City's backbone and putting in the last mile to the homes.
- Importance of fiber: increases home value (1.5-5%, Cent. 3.1%), work from home, cut the cord propr (streamers), gamers, online learning.
- You would get 1000 mbps hardwired to your computer and, 300-600 mbps wifi.
- Timeline in a neighborhood:
  - 8-10 weeks out, every neighbor gets a postcard saying they're coming
  - 4 weeks out, a more detailed mailer
  - 3-5 days out, a door tag, construction notice
- Process: From the Centennial backbone: 1) locate utilities; 2) drill down & across underground for conduit, 3) 1 box (handholes) per 2 homes installed in right-of-way (which is generally behind the sidewalk. They have a City permit to work in the r-o-w.

- Lambert: Are the handholes in front? Gotto: Yes, though utility easements are usually in backyards, that was too difficult to work with; we work in the right-of-way.
- The whole City should be completed in the next 18 months.
- Lambert: Are there cost reductions by ordering sooner? Gotto: Yes, if you pre-order before we get into your neighborhood, reserve with \$9, that amount secures your internet and saves a \$250 install fee.
- Suhaka: What is pre-ordering? Gotto: Before construction, you'll get the notice to let you know what the deadline is.
- The Knolls, Cherry Knolls – The Knolls should start construction on 9/30, Cherry Knolls, 6 weeks later (by end of the year)
- Suhaka: What about the townhomes along University. It's private land and, so far, the boards must decide to let Ting in.
- Noon: Is the data center complete & operational? Gotto: Yes
- Noon: What's the timeline for the east on Arapahoe Rd.? Gotto: We'll get a cabinet for the east done in mid-Nov.

5. [Cherry Creek School District](#): Karen Fischer, School Board President

- CCSD has a Covid tracker on the website. As of today, 8 students + 8 staff have tested positive
- Pre-K-5, learning in school; the middle & high schools are blended learning.
- Ballot measures 4A & B for revenue cuts from the state, -\$24M this year, -\$33M next year. We have made salary & hiring freezes, mandatory 6 furlough days = \$14M
- 4A is to maintain staffing & school nurses.
- 4B is a bond issue for maintenance & upkeep, \$88M: \$38M for safety & security, \$7M for a stand alone mental health day treatment facility (partnership with mental health org & CCSD)
- [Citizens for Cherry Creek Schools](#) has the info.
- You'll be getting mailers; we're not going door to door.

5. Plans, Rhonda Livingston, Vice President

- *Virtual Community Meeting*: Littleton Public Schools proposes to replace the existing Franklin Elementary School, 1603 E Euclid Ave., with a 2-story, 90,000 s.f. new school. Scope of work includes demolishing existing school and reconfiguration of site elements, including playgrounds, parking, vehicle access, and stormwater detention. Virtual Meeting Link: [centennialco.gov/franklinelementary](http://centennialco.gov/franklinelementary)  
Follow instructions on the webpage, Comments Due: Mon., Sept. 28.
- *Arapahoe County*: Public Service Company of Colorado, dba, Xcel Energy is proposing a natural gas pipeline within unincorporated Arapahoe County. In order to allow for the proposed pipeline, the ArapCo Planning Commission has approved the request. The County Commissioners will hear the case on Oct. 13. The applicant submitted 2 applications, a Location & Extent (essentially the site plan) and an application for approval of Regulations Governing Areas & Activities of State Interest, aka 1041 Regulations. The 1041 Regulations are more the environmental and site assessment of the proposed pipeline.
- To find projects on which you want to comment, go to the City's website and search on "Have Your Say".
- Discussion led by Livingston on light pole heights in parking lots:
  - Doerr: What will the lighting do to the neighborhood?

- Suhaka: Poles should have a max height of 20'.
- Phelp: Act now to close the loophole, minimize the height.
- KSeymour: S precedent makes it hard to change going forward.
- Noon: many times we've realized the words allow developers to get around, doesn't meet the intent of the code
- Crosby: That's much too high.
- Livingston: Parking lot lights shouldn't be higher than the building
- Phelps: Set a max height within a certain distance of residential
- Kirrane: No higher than 50', even if the building is higher
- Noon: A percentage of the height of the building.
- Phelps: University corridor is a big risk for a lot more residential
- Livingston: Kum and Go as station on Paris is requesting a conditional 24-hour use, City website/Kumandgo or /haveyoursay. Noon: They're building one at Parker Rd., just west of I-225.
- Lambert: 24-hour gas stations should be just off the highway, not "in town"/down the toad. A restaurant needs more parking, not less.
- Noon: No matter what economics has done to us, we don't just approve for sales tax dollars

5. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Please inform Andrea Suhaka at 303-770-0058 or [standy@ecentral.com](mailto:standy@ecentral.com) of changes in your CenCON Representative or Association President/Chair.

Next Meeting, Oct. 26, 2020 Virtual