



## CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Arapahoe Library Services Building

12855 E. Adam Aircraft Cir.

January 27, 2019

[www.cencon.net](http://www.cencon.net)

### Minutes

1. Call to order: President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.
  - Attendance (A quorum was present.), Members:

Algonquin Acres (2)	Chapparral (2)	Cherry Knolls
FoxRidge (2)	Heritage Place (2)	Hunters Hill Condos
Knolls	Mill Creek	Ridgeview Hills South
Tiffany (2)	Village@Centennial	Walnut Hills
Willow Creek 2		
  - Guests: Arapahoe County Census Coordinator, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), Arapahoe Libraries, Arapahoe Parks & Rec. District, City of Centennial (Mayor, Dir. of Communications)
  - Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
  
2. **Guest Comments 6:50pm**
  - A. [Arapahoe County Sheriff](#) (ACSO): Capt. Ken McKlem
    - A Coffee with a Cop is being planned for the east side of Centennial in Feb. The date hasn't been finalized, yet.
    - The next ACSO Citizens' Academy will be held March 31-April 28. The class meets twice a week. There are still spaces available. Go to website for more info and to register.
    - The ACSO will begin a new program called Offer Up. If you buy & sell on sites such as Craigs List, where you must meet each other to exchange goods and money, you may do so at ACSO HQ & other locations. When ACSO finishes wiring the parking lots with more lighting and cameras the info will go out on NextDoor. This creates safe place to meet.
    - The ACSO is going for a 6<sup>th</sup> accreditation: the Office of Emergency Management. Accreditation takes national best practices & proves the dept. is following them. (Englewood has signed an IGA with the ACSO for Emergency Management and is paying for an FTE for that location.
    - A new K-9 has been purchased for explosive ordinance (Nuke). He can smell many different kinds of explosives, even bullet casings!
    - He daily scouts different, random areas at the court house.
    - McKlem is the chair of the Special Operations committee for the 10 local counties. They focus on active threats (and green uniforms). Nuke will be part of that.
    - GLivingston: There's a new Dutch Brothers Coffee House at Jordan & Arapahoe.
    - Recently, there was a shooting on Parker Rd, bad guys breaking into cars. 1 girl was arrested & cooperated. The bad guy driver who was shot twice but survived. An officer was pinned between cars & was badly bruised but will be OK.
  - B. [Arapahoe Park & Rec. District](#) (APRD) Delos Searle, Asst. District Manager
    - They've been doing some winter watering. We recommend that you do that, too, because of the abnormally dry winter we've been having.

- APRD has a project with Centennial at LookOut Park (5545 Riviera). There is an historic hill that was used by Native Americans to survey the land. APRD will build a staircase to the top. There is currently an ADA (ramp) trail going up that takes a while to climb. This will start in Sept.
- With Arapahoe County (ArapCo) Open Space money, APRD is building a trail connecting Eaglecrest HS to some open space. APRD did a phase 1; this will be phase 2.
- Piney Creek Hollow playground will be replaced with Centennial help. There will be some ADA compliant playground equipment.
- On 1/30, APRD will hold a long range planning meeting to discuss why the mill levy increase failed. APRD can't build much new because of the need to maintain what we already have.

C. [Arapahoe Library District](#) (ALD): Holly Whelan, Manager of Smoky Hill, Eloise May, & Jail Libraries

- There will be 2 author visits coming up.
  - On 2/20, 7pm, Embassy Suites DTC (10250 E Costilla Ave.) *New York Times* best-selling author Tayari Jones will discuss her most recent book, *An American Marriage: A Novel*. This stirring masterpiece is an insightful look into the lives of 3 people separated by forces beyond their control. Jones is an A. D. White Professor at Large at Cornell University and the Charles Howard Chandler Professor of Creative Writing at Emory University. Her other books include *Silver Sparrow*, *The Untelling* and *Leaving Atlanta*. There will be a book signing after the talk, refreshments, and books for sale from the BookBar on site.
  - 3/8, 2pm, at the Hilton Inverness Hotel, Susan Orlean will introduce you to her award-winning novel *The Library Book*, which details the devastating 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library (non-fiction). She'll share her passion about libraries and what led her to write this compelling read. A television series based on *The Library Book* is in the works through Paramount TV. Again, there'll be a book signing, light refreshments, and books for sale from the Tattered Cover on site.
  - Reserve your spot at [www.arapahoelibraries.org/author](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/author).
- Southglenn, Smoky Hill and Sheridan libraries feature Digital Media Stations that are available to library users and the public to digitize older media: VHS tapes, 8mm/Super8 film reels, audio cassettes, vinyl records, 35mm slides, film negative strips, and photos. 3 hour time slots are available by appointment via the *Reserve a Space* tab on our website or by calling 303-LIBRARY. Those who would like a staff overview of the station are able to make a request via the *Ask-a-Librarian* link on the website or by calling 303-LIBRARY. Patrons utilizing the digitization services will want to bring a flash drive or CD/DVD to store their files.
- ALD also has VCRs to borrow.

D. [City of Centennial](#)

- Mayor Piko spoke.
  - on 1/6, 3 new Council members (Christine Sweetland, Richard Holt, and Don Sheehan) and incumbent Candace Moon were sworn in for the new Council term.
  - Council has appointed a new judge, Judge Gresh.
  - The City is doing training for new people.

- Council will be meeting to work on their Strategic Plan at end of Feb. They'll be focusing on economic development, fiscal stability, transportation & mobility.
- The City is doing 2 Corridor studies: Colorado Blvd., County Line to Orchard for safety & transportation and University Blvd. for economic development/revitalization. Smoky Hill Rd. may be undertaken later in the year.
- The southeast corner of Arapahoe & Yosemite is also being studied. There are multiple property owners and lots of infrastructure upgrades are needed.
- Foxfield is planning to close some roads. Noon: The plan has gone out to bid twice and there've been no takers. There's no support from fire & schools.
- Piko is working on a plan to get 1 Council member every CenCON meeting.

### 3. US Census 101

- Adam Bickford, Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs (DOLA) ([demography.dola.colorado.gov](http://demography.dola.colorado.gov)), [Adam.bickford@state.co.us](mailto:Adam.bickford@state.co.us), [Colorado.gov/census2020](http://Colorado.gov/census2020)
- Nancy Sonnenfeld, Census Coordinator for ArapCo & Centennial resident ([nsonnenfeld@arapahoegov.com](mailto:nsonnenfeld@arapahoegov.com))
- We listened as Bickford presented a powerful PowerPoint presentation on the 2020 Census. Some very important facts to share.
  - There will be no requests for extremely personal information.
  - Census info is not shared in any way, just the count, not with the City, the County, to State, or the feds beyond the Census.
  - There is **no citizenship question** (No social security number is requested.). If you have too many people in your home, no one will find out. There are huge penalties if any census taker shares any info.
  - There are only about 10 questions and **everyone** needs to be county. Federal money to our State, County, and City depends on an accurate count.
  - About mid-March, everyone should get a letter from the Census indicating ways people can complete the form. There will be an online option. If the form is not completed a census taker will have to come to your door!
  - Please, make sure you share this info with your neighborhoods!!
  - The PowerPoint will be linked below these minutes. The page with the official Census logos should be shared, as well. Scams are already showing up. Make sure you only pay attention to items with an official logo.
- The last 2 weeks of March, the online form will go live.
- **Census Bureau won't contact anyone by phone or email until after end of April** and only if an address doesn't complete the form. There will be a phone number to call if you think something is spam.

### 4. CenCON Business

#### A. President's report, Gerry Cummins

- Cummins attended the swearing in of the Council members on 1/6.
- She also attended an Open House for the Colorado Blvd. Multimodal Study.
  - There is a survey on the issue at: [Colorado-Boulevard-Multimodal-Study](#)

#### B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the Oct. & Nov. minutes, as mailed. (Doerr/Tinkey)

#### C. Treasurer, Debbie Rasor

- Balance Forward: **\$2,006.70**
- Deposits: 2 members 2 \$30 ea. \$ 60.00
- Expenses: Library donation **\$ 600.00**

- Interest Income: \$ 0.0
- Ending Balance: **\$1466.70**
- There are 40 paid members for 2019-2020. Last year there were 42 paid members.
- Members paid: Hanover Place, Sturbridge
- **The following organizations paid last year but not this year:  
Chenango, Highlands 460**

D. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, 2nd VP

- No new plans

The following meetings are not City-sponsored meetings but are provided to you for your information.

- Centennial Medical Center is hosting their own community meeting on Jan. 29 to provide the community with construction updates. They usually share news about their programs too. The meeting is at the Medical Center, 14100 E Arapahoe Rd., Building B, Suite 200, 5:30pm and is open to the public.
- Tour the new, state-of-the-art Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC) and hear from Superintendent Dr. Scott Siegfried about the future of Cherry Creek Schools at one of two upcoming community events. There will be an evening reception at 5pm on Wed., Feb. 12 and a breakfast reception at 7am on Tues., Feb. 25. To RSVP, please, visit [here](#) or call 720-554-4475.

5. 9:00: Adjourn: The meeting adjourned a few minutes early.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

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

**Next Meeting: February 24**