



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS
In Person Meeting
Arapahoe Library Services bldg.
12855 E Adam Aircraft Cir., Englewood, 80112
www.cencon.net

May 22, 2023; 6:45pm

Minutes

1. 6:45pm, **Call to order and CenCON Business**

A. President's Report, [C.J. Whelan](#)

- President C.J. Whelan called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.
- Let it be noted that we had banner attendance with 21 member associations present.
- Attendance (A quorum was present.):

Algonquin Acres	Arapahoe Highlands	Chapparral
Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge (2)	Greenwood South
Hanover Place	Heritage Greens	Heritage Place
Hunters Hill	Mira Vista	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Orchard Valley	Palos Verdes (2)	Southwind
Smoky Hill	Tiffany	Village @ Centennial
Village Co-op of Centennial	Walnut Hills	

- Guests: 18th Judicial Dist. (2), Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council, City of Centennial, South Suburban Parks & Rec. Dist.
- **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**
- Whelan made a short statement about CenCON getting more engaged with the City and our other providers.
- He then invited everyone to introduce themselves.

B. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)

- **Livingston noted an error in the minutes. School bus transportation issues need to be taken up with the school districts' bus depts. not the City traffic engineer.**
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as amended. (Cummins/Bridges)

C. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)

- **The Treasurer's Report is linked at the bottom of the email that contained these minutes.**
- We currently have 21 paid members. Dues were due April 1. Please, get your dues in.

2. We then followed up with a party to commemorate Gerry Cummins' 15 years as the president of CenCON.

3. **Centennial Government and Service Providers Updates** (~7 mins each)

A. [18th Judicial District](#), Vicki Klingensmith or [Aurora Ogg](#) - not present

B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), [Kristin Eckmann](#)

- 2 new pieces of airport firefighting apparatus (2) are now in service.
- SMFR hosted a Women in Fire Fighting conference (Mile High Women's Conference). 120 women attended.

- Station 15 will be decommissioned at the end of May. On Sat. 5/22, we'll hold a walk through, 9am-1pm, for people to "say good-bye". The new station will be higher & deeper. The station will be opening fall next year.
 - The medic unit will go to station 14, an engine and brush truck go to station 37. The new station will cost \$8M.
 - There will be a remembrance ceremony for fallen firefighters on June 24, 11 am, at SMFR HQ, 9195 E Mineral Ave.
 - In the election, the winners were Sue Roche, Renee Anderson, and Jim Albee.
 - Fire fighting organizations are studying fire fighting chemicals. We have systems in place for decontaminating fire fighters & equipment. We didn't discuss the harm to the environment.
- C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec.](#), Ryan Bailey
- On 6/2, APRD will have their summer event at Piney Creek Hollow Park, 10am-1pm.
 - Lookout Pool will open this weekend.
 - The Copperleaf neighborhood, off of Quincy Ave., has some vacant land. APRD is beginning the process of planning for a new park.
- D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), [Holly Whelan](#), Community relations mgr & mgr of strategic relations
- There are weekly events at all locations.
 - ***New Writers' Resource Page***
 - Calling all aspiring authors: Are you looking to write and publish your own novel, biography or graphic novel? The library is here to help.
 - Arapahoe Libraries offers a variety of resources for writers to learn, research, create, format, and submit an original work for publishing at [writers-resources](#).
 - For help, please, call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279), for resources and to learn more about online publishing, visit [writers-resources](#).
 - ***Summer Reading***
 - Summer Reading kicks off at all Arapahoe Libraries locations on Thurs., June 1. Babies, children, & teens ages 0-18 can choose a free book at their favorite Arapahoe library, while supplies last.
 - Come explore at the library with art projects, puzzles, & games that will change every 2 weeks. The libraries will also host in-person and virtual events for babies, children, & teens.
 - For more information, visit [summer-reading](#).
 - ***Hot Summer Reads***
 - Join our librarians for "Hot Summer Reads" on Sat., June 3, 10-11 am, at Southglenn at Library, and hear about exciting new books for adults. Light refreshments will be served.
 - ***Used Book Sale at Southglenn Library***
 - Shop a wide variety of hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, DVDs, audiobooks, and collectible books at the used book sale that starts on Fri., June 9, and continues through Sun., June 11, during library hours at Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St.
 - Come find a rare book or your latest summer read!
 - Through book sales, the Friends of Arapahoe Libraries raise funds to support library events and services.
 - For more information, call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279) or visit [Book-sale](#).
 - ***June 23 - That Eighties Band in Concert*** at Centennial Center Park
 - Join us for a free concert by That Eighties Band on Fri., June 23, 6-8pm.
 - That Eighties Band is one of the most popular 80s tribute bands in American, Their performance of iconic pop & rock hits will surely kickstart your heart.

- You're welcome to bring blankets or lawn chairs, and 80s attire is encouraged. Food trucks will be onsite starting at 5:30. No pets, please.
 - This event is co-sponsored with the City of Centennial.
- E. [City of Centennial](#), Mike Sutherland, City Councilman Dist. 3
- Housing Study: There's a 75% draft on Accessory Dwelling Units. The Housing Study links are found below under item 6.
 - The Dist Summer Socials are all [scheduled](#).
 - The housing Senate Bill SB23-213 will be back next year.
 - The City ant to hear from CenCON, [HaveYourSay](#).
 - The City is looking at accessibility for ADU housing: size, parking, utilities
 - Free standing ADUs &/or additions to house
 - Whelan commented that, it's impossible to enforce parking regulation.
 - Suhaka added that ADUs cannot be more than ½ the square footage of the primary house and less than half the footprint.

4. May CenCON Keynote Discussion – CenCON Strategy Planning

- I didn't know how to parse this item on what you'd like to see for CenCON's future so, I just figured I write it as it came out of attendees.
- *What do you think is CenCON's most pressing need?*
 - Advertising about CenCON & how you encourage assoc to join & hear about what's going on
 - Getting more neighborhoods involved: advocates
 - What would draw peo to CenCON, value delivery, speakers
 - Videotape the meetings to give to CJ: let the speakers know to be shorter
 - Info from providers spotlight one a month
 - 2278 calls emergency SMFR
 - Klutho: need to get info out sooner for newsletters
 - Moore: move the meeting? Doodle poll for date
 - Disseminate info prior to the mtg
 - Keep a running calendar of events
 - Service providers provide training
 - Changes in Code, get code compliance officer
- *Hybrid option?*
 - Excuse not to show up
 - Test it for a few months
 - Rotate location
 - Find out about NextDoor, Facebook
 - Whelan had an interview with the Centennial Citizen & and wants to have CenCON listed in the Citizen's Calendar.
 - Whelan we need to give a purpose to the neighborhood newsletter. Middleton said he takes things back to his board about what's going on in the City.
 - Members want more info about neighborhood agents/managers, good garbage companies.
 - More seasonal info
 - Survey the membership for recommendations for garbage and lawyers. Check with the Community Associations Institute for progrm.
 - Cummins said we really need to find out what's going on in the City.
 - Could we create a tutorial or have the City present one on the City website.
 - Ideas for speakers:
 - ⇒ Pickle ball

- ⇒ City people
 - ⇒ Discuss property managers
 - ⇒ SEMSWA
 - ⇒ Backstories of ACSO actions
 - ⇒ Personal info about a specific member, a presentation
 - ⇒ State Representatives
 - ⇒ Highline Canal Conservancy
 - ⇒ Commissioners
 - ⇒ City Manager Matt Sturgeon
 - ⇒ A P&Z tutorial
 - ⇒ Better traffic info.
- *What would be the one thing you would change with CenCON?*
 - *What are we doing well?*
 - *Ideas for a featured speakers or topics of discussion for future meetings?*
 - *Speakers/topics that we haven't heard from in awhile that you think may be good.*
 - *Ideas for July Field trip*
 - City tour
 - Craft brewery tour
 - Distillery tour
 - Arapahoe/Douglas Counties joint training facility.
 - *Anything else!*
5. **Plans**, [Rhonda Livingston](#), 2nd Vice President
- ***Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them. Her email is we4liv@aol.com. You can also check www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial to see what's happening.***
6. **Housing Update**, email from Melanie Ward:
- The City of Centennial is seeking feedback on an early draft of regulations that would allow construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on properties with one single family unit.
 - The ADU draft regulation can be viewed directly here: <https://centennialhousing.konveio.com/adus>
 - Additional information about Centennial's Housing Study & Policy Development Project can be viewed here: centennialco.gov/housing.
 - In particular, Whelan is curious to hear how rules from HOAs and civic associations might intersect with these drafts.
 - The housing team looks forward to answering any questions. They can be reached at housing@centennialco.gov or 303-325-8000.
7. Adjourn: Whelan adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

Next Meeting: June 26, 2023