



## **Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – August 27, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon at 6:49 pm and adjourned at 8:58 pm with 19 members present.

### **Arapahoe County Sheriff - Captain Mark Fisher**

- Distributed a CD version of the 2006 Annual Report, titled 'Making a Difference', from the sheriff's department.
- Announced that a Citizen Advisory newsletter was available to citizens. Sign up on the sheriff's website. (see below)
- Citizen's Public Safety Academy will begin in October. Gives an overview of the Sheriff's Dept. & what a peace officer does. Contact Larry Laflam, 720-874-3903, for details.
- There is a Reward Program in place for information leading to arrest in cases of crime.
- The accreditation process is underway. They are currently triple accredited and pursuing a 4<sup>th</sup> element-dispatch center.
- Crime Report: Burglary arrest in eastern part of the city. Juveniles arrested with citizen assist.
- [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org)

### **Arapahoe Library District - Eloise May, Executive Director**

- The district runs the library at the Arapahoe County Jail. Use early childhood literacy program to have inmates read to their children via videotape.
- In cooperation with Aurora and Bemis Libraries, the Library District received the National Endowment for the Arts 'Big Read' award to encourage citizens to read. It will focus on the importance of free expression in a democratic society & the role that science fiction plays in expanding imagination. Fahrenheit 451 was the novel chosen for this program. Events planned: book discussion groups, movie of Fahrenheit 451, speakers featuring: Joyce Meskis of the Tattered Cover, David Harsanyi, Denver Post columnist, & author Hilari Bell.
- Book Sale is next week beginning on September 6. September 5 is preview night for Friends of Library. Volunteers sort books every Tuesday for about a year and the sale represents income of \$30,000-\$40,000 to the library district.
- New Phone #: 303-542-7279 or 303-LIBRARY. It goes to a library call center to handle the most common inquiries.
- Volunteers needed to teach English as a Second Language to youth at the Sheridan Library. No experience needed.
- October 18 – Online reservations for library meeting rooms. First come, first serve. Sign up for one year. (Oct-Oct.)
- [www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org)

## **Arapahoe Park & Rec District - Rebecca Nash**

- Received 3 grants: \$200,000 from GOCO for Spring Creek Park, \$250K from Arapahoe County for Highland Park near Tower and Orchard, and \$160,000 to work on trail at Piney Creek Hollow.
- Village Park now is the best park following many improvements including a new water tap, & fertilizer mix.
- Finalized an agreement with Cricket Phone Company for a tower at Lookout Park.
- Finished trail connection between Tall Grass and Dakota Elementary school.
- District Manager met with SMSWA (Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority) to work on common drainage issues.
- Have received an IGA approval for a trail between Buckley and Tower Rd. parallel Orchard along the creek.
- [www.aprd.org](http://www.aprd.org)

## **Fire Districts - Chief Jerry Rhodes, Cunningham Fire District**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Report: some success with only a few field fires due to fire works and one structure fire unrelated to fireworks.
- Sept. 8: Fitness Festival is the primary fundraiser for the Developmental Assets program in Cherry Creek Schools.
- Safety Fair on Sept. 8 at Southlands with car seat checks & safety checks. Event located behind theater.
- City Council requested info on outside activities of fire chiefs: John Mullin, Mike Dell'Orfano Jerry Rhodes, and Dan Qualman. Their involvement is represented in numerous organizations. As a result, they are in the forefront of writing the rules and regulations that will affect all fire departments.
- September is Preparedness Month. Have emergency supplies to last 3-5 days.
- October – a Fire Prevention Open House will be held at Smoky Hill and Buckley. Details later.
- [www.cfpd.org](http://www.cfpd.org) [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) [www.parkerfire.org](http://www.parkerfire.org) [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)

## **South Suburban Rec District - Jean Flynn**

- Budget process in progress. Hearing on Sept. 12. Oct. 10 hearing on fees at Goodsen Rec Center. Info on website.
- Tighten tummy with a September punch card special. A 30-punch card is equivalent to \$3.00 & includes all amenities.
- Youth Pepsi NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition on Sept. 22 for boys and girls, ages 8-15, at Lorenz Park. 9:00 am. registration; free event at 10:00. Winners go on to regional competition. Birth certificate to prove age and parent's signature needed.
- [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org)

## **City of Centennial - Gail Carissimi, Citizen Liaison**

- Centennial 2030 Visioning process is underway.

- Mayor Pye met with 18 pastors and ministers last week and hopes to continue this outreach effort.
- Parks & Open Space Master Plan survey is available on the web site.
- November 7 election: Ward I - 3 candidates, Ward II - 1 candidate, Ward III - 2 candidates, Ward IV – 1 candidate, Treasurer – 3 candidates, and City clerk – 2 candidates.
- Jacqui Wedding-Scott has been named the new city manager.
- Streets at Southglenn: Demolition of the Tropakai building is complete with vertical construction due to begin this fall. Announced tenants: Staples super store, Barnes & Noble, Whole Foods, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, American Screen Works. Additional retail is 80% leased.
- Code enforcement: 100's of signs have been removed from the right of way on major thoroughfares. City has approved the hiring of another code enforcement officer. Approval of a temporary position for a community services officer to meet the community and listen to problems and complaints.
- Ice and Snow Task Force: Information has been turned over to a contracting service to compile and make recommendations.
- [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com)

#### **CenCON Business - Cathy Noon, President**

- A drawing for free RTD tickets was held with Ron Podboy & Judy French the winners.
- Bylaw Change: To add the position of President Pro Tem as an elected position to assist the president. Additional changes are technical in nature to bring bylaw language into conformity with this proposal. Two weeks notice is necessary prior to a vote by the membership and prior agreement of the members will permit the vote on this proposal by email.
- Attended SEMSWA (Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority) open house. Presentation from SEMSWA is planned.

#### **Membership - Ron Podboy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

- There are two new members bringing the total CenCON membership to 40 for this year to date.

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

- It was moved by C.J. Whelan and seconded by Ron Phelps to approve the minutes of the June and July 2007 meetings. Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report - Don Strickland, Treasurer

### JULY

<b>Checking</b>		<b>Savings</b>	
Previous Balance:	\$1304.37	Previous Balance:	\$2950.87
Income:	0.00	Income (Interest):	1.10
Expenses:	0.00		
Closing Balance:	\$1304.37	Closing Balance:	\$2951.97

### AUGUST

<b>Checking</b>		<b>Savings</b>	
Previous Balance:	\$1304.37	Previous Balance:	\$2950.87
Income:	60.00	Income (Interest):	1.10
Expenses:	0.00		
Closing Balance:	\$1364.37	Closing Balance:	\$2951.97

## Plans Review Cathy Noon for Jim Levy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

- Lifetime Fitness (Honeywell/Metrum property) is developing a plan for this property. There will be a meeting on September 13, 7:00 pm. at Homestead Elementary School on Dry Creek Rd to meet with concerned citizens. On September 26, a meeting/open house on mitigation of the site is scheduled at the Comfort Suites on County Line Rd. from 5:00-8:00 p.m. For background on the company: [lifetimefitness.com](http://lifetimefitness.com)
- Dry Creek Crossing – (NE corner of Dry Creek & Colorado) comments have been made. Bella Vista submitted comments to CenCON. Proposed professional building/doctors, etc.
- Upcoming plans on file: Homeland Security: office at Arapahoe and Peoria.
- Digicom Property requesting a street name change.
- Homestead House (American Furniture Warehouse): parking area behind the store.
- Updates: Cornerstar: SW corner of Arapahoe & Parker in Aurora – Centennial has been asked to support developer to build in the floodplain. The NW corner of Arapahoe and Parker: a PDP has been approved but no activity to date.
- NOTE: To make comments on the Arapahoe Road Corridor study: [arapahoecorridor.com](http://arapahoecorridor.com). The study includes roads to the north and south of Arapahoe Road.

**Next Meeting: September 24, 2007**