



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – January 2006 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. and adjourned at 8:40 with a total of 20 members present.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office - Bruce Williamson

- There was a racial hate crime in Smoky Hill area on 7 January. Several juvenile suspects were arrested and subsequently confessed
- There was a person on Nichols Avenue, between University and Broadway, who went "hunting" for a red fox with a shotgun. A homeowner got a vehicle description and deputies were able to locate the suspect and arrest him
- Garage burglaries were down about 1% last year because of the "Drop It, Lock It, Stop It" campaign
- The new Rocky Mountain Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory is located in the South Metro Administration building. It will provide digital forensics expertise and training for local law enforcement. Visit www.rcfl.gov for more information
- There is a "Sexual Assault Awareness" information pamphlet available on the sheriff's web site www.arapahoesherriff.org. It is being reproduced and will be available in the libraries, city hall, public buildings, etc. It provide advice on how to protect yourself, and what to do/not do if you are a victim
- I-25 is one of the most accident prone areas for accidents. People have been caught doing 100 mph with a speed limit of 55. There was a recent motorcycle accident where the motorcycle laid down 150 feet of skid marks, and then slid more than 1000 feet. The driver survived, and in fact, didn't even go to the hospital

Arapahoe Library District - Laurie Christensen

- Laurie Christensen is now the manager at Koelbel Library, and Janet Schneider is the new manager at Castlewood and Southglenn Libraries
- The Strategic Plan has been completed and copies are available. Contact one of the libraries for information
- All libraries will be closed on Monday, 20 February, for President's Day
- All the libraries have basic state and federal tax forms. Call your local library for information about AARP tax preparation assistance hours
- New program, "Family of Libraries" has started. Included are: Castlewood, Koelbel, and Southglenn. Rather than duplicate material at each library, which are in such close proximity, each library will complement the others to provide the best overall selection of library materials
- Castlewood - multiple copies of new & popular items, bestsellers, movies
- Koelbel - all-purpose, reference, research, business, art, science and technology

- Southglenn - family library with focus on modern living (travel, cooking, crafts, parenting, how-to's)

Arapahoe Parks and Recreation - Rebecca Nash

- District is doing a lot of watering because of the dry winter
- Work is starting on Piney Creek trail. Received \$500,000 from Arapahoe County to help fund the trail work

South Metro Fire District - Bob Rinne

- There were two "back-to-back" apartment fires caused by fireplaces last month. Littleton and South Metro combined forces in fighting them
- South Metro is preparing to go through an accreditation process. There are only three fire districts in Colorado that are accredited: South Metro, Parker, and Aurora
- New fire communication center is open and in operation
- Despite the recent media reports, there is no problem with the state's Emergency Operations Center being built in the South Metro building. An audit has been completed, and any problems are procedural in how the federal grants were administered. No criminal problems were found

South Suburban Parks and Recreation - Jean Flynn

- The 2006 Matching Gifts Program provides \$10,000 for the year 2006. Call 303-798-5131 for more information or to get answers to questions. Requests must be submitted by Friday, 17 March 2006. Projects that will be funded will be announced on Wednesday, 12 April
- There will be an election for at least two, possibly three board members. Application forms must be filed by 24 February. Call 303-798-5131 for information or to get applications
- At the Willow Spring Open Space, you can get free mulch from 7 am to 3:30 pm
- There will be a Super Bowl 5K fun run on Sunday, 5 February. Check-in at 10:30 am at deKoevend Park. Race starts at 12 noon. There is a \$10 pre-registration fee. Registration forms available at www.sspr.org

City of Centennial - Nancy Reubert

- Southglenn Mall
 - Lease termination agreements have been completed with all but 10 of over 100 clients (they are all national chains)
 - Centennial Urban Redevelopment Authority (CURA) has authorized eminent domain proceedings for these 10 leases
 - Demolition scheduled to start in May 2006, Stores scheduled to close on 28 February
 - Developer has scheduled Open Houses from 4 to 6 pm on 9 & 23 February, at the Southglenn Mall near Foley's store
 - Financing agreement has been approved
 - The CURA board members are City Council members

- Any comments to City Council members concerning Southglenn Mall can only be made at a public meeting
- Road Construction
 - Arapahoe/University intersection will be completed before the mall re-opens
 - Arapahoe Road repaving should be done before construction on County Line Road. Starts this summer
 - County Line Road will be widened between Colorado Blvd and University Blvd. Project starts next summer and should take about a year to complete. Road will stay open as much as possible
- New City elected officials sworn in on 9 January
 - One new member in each ward (Dindinger, Bosier, McClellan, Weidmann)
 - New clerk (Fishbein)
 - Mayor & Treasurer were re-elected
 - Orientation sessions were held for the first time for the newly elected people
- City Council holding a retreat, tentatively scheduled for February 4 & 5 (dates may change)
- There are 2 regular and 1 alternative openings on the Liquor Board. Application is on web site: www.centennialcolorado.com. Applications must be turned in by noon, 9 February
- City budget is balanced with all key areas funded. The budget is tight because of loss of revenue during Southglenn redevelopment
- There is a TABOR issue concerning the City's portion of the Arapahoe County Open Space funds. Other funding (such as sales & property taxes) is "de-bruced" but miscellaneous funds are not
- City is continuing discussion with the County about storm water authority
- Arapahoe Road study has begun (Arapahoe Road from I-25 to Parker Road)
- City has adopted rules for GIDs. Rules are posted on the City's web site: www.centennialcolorado.com. The Land Use rules are also on the web site
- Quarterly newsletter is set to be distributed shortly
- "Pye & Coffee" meetings are scheduled for the 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday of the month

CenCON Reports - President - Cathy Noon

- Eloise May sent a "Thank You" card to CenCON for CenCON's donation to the Library District for use of the meeting room
- After discussion, it was moved & seconded to approve \$85 for CenCON membership in the Community Association Institute (this group works with the state legislature on the SB-100 changes). Approval was unanimous
- Ed Massman volunteered to develop survey questions and send them out to all CenCON members concerning a referral list of management companies, landscape companies, lawyers, insurance companies, etc. that are used by members of CenCON. CenCON would not recommend anyone, but merely provide the list of names

- Minutes - Frank Green

- Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Approval was unanimous

- Treasurer - Gerry Cummins

Checking Previous	\$	Savings Previous	\$
Balance:	404.20	Balance:	3714.75
Income:	\$ 60.00	Income (Interest):	\$ 1.31
Expenses:	\$ - 135.00		
Closing Balance:	\$ 329.20	Closing Balance:	\$ 3716.06

- Plans - Jim Levy

- No representatives from the City of Centennial participated in any discussion of the developer plans or comments
- Several new developer plans were discussed. Copies of the comments will be sent to all CenCON members

Next CenCON meeting is February 27, 2006