



## CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Virtual Meeting

Feb. 22, 2021

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### Minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:47pm.

- Attendance (A quorum was present.), Members:

Chapparral	Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge
Greenwood South	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill Condos
Mill Creek (2)	Mira Vista	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S.
Orchard Valley	Palos Verdes (2)	Walnut Hills
Willow Creek 2	Village @ Centennial	
- Guests: 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Dist. (3); Arapahoe Library District; Centennial City Council members Tammy Maurer & Christine Sweetland (District 2), Richard Holt (District 3); Centennial City Staff, South Metro Fire Rescue, South Suburban Parks & Rec., Rhonda Livingston, 2 other guests (Chenango)
- **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters. CenCON Business**

#### CenCON Business

A. President, Gerry Cummins

- Heritage Place has made a request of any organization that has recently put in new monument signs for their neighborhood. Please, contact [bill.ogden@kw.com](mailto:bill.ogden@kw.com).
- Middleton: Mira Vista just put in new monuments, have him contact me.
- A former resident of Cherry Knolls has said that her new neighborhood is getting rid of 3 dog stations. If any association is interested in them, contact [pnbabesancon@msn.com](mailto:pnbabesancon@msn.com).

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the 1/25/21 minutes as emailed. (Stone/Kirrane)

C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins

- Balance Forward: \$2,004.97
  - Deposits: 0.00
  - Expenses: (0.00)
- Interest Income: 0.00
- Ending Balance: \$2,004.97
- Expenses: none
- Notes:
  - We have 37 paid members
- Submitted by: Jill Meakins  
The bank is Wells Fargo
- Dues for the year are \$40

2. **Special Guest:** John Kellner, District Attorney for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

- **The 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District has over 1M people: Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, & Lincoln Counties.**

- Our office has 250 staff, 90-95 prosecutors, 24 investigators, and more.
- He became a prosecutor 8 years ago in Boulder County, then a deputy DA. He ran the Cold Case Unit and ran the Douglass, Lincoln, & Elbert counties' offices.
- He's also a Lt. Col. in the National Guard in Judge Advocate Corp.
- We're not having any trials right now. We normally have 2700 criminal trials per year; we have a backlog of 10K.
- We started hearing misdemeanors last week. This week, we'll hear felony trials.
- We normally file 32K cases a year; last year we filed 26K, which is down 20%. COVID
- Weapons charges, homicides, robberies, aggravated motor vehicle thefts are all up more than 20%.
- We're keeping COVID out of the jail which means less arrests; the prisons haven't been accepting people. It'll take about 1 ½ years to deal with the backlog.
- Legislature would like to codify the COVID rules we're using now (SB21-62: Jail population management tools). This would have a significant impact on your safety. Contact your state representatives & urge them to vote no.
- Cummins: Is there an office in each county? Kellner: There's 1 in the Douglas County Justice Center, and in the Elbert & Lincoln courthouses.
- Tinkey: Are the arresteds just out pending trial? Kellner: Yes but, not the people committing dangerous crimes.
- Middleton: Does SB62 have a chance? Kellner: Sadly, yes, we're trying to work with the State Legislature. One item in the bill is that even if you fail to appear three times for your trial, you still won't be arrested.
- Middleton: Can you do some PR on this? Kellner: Yes, we do want to sound the alarm, it's time to be heard.
- Cummins: Who are the sponsors? Kellner: Sen. Pete Leed & Rep. Benavidez.

### 3. Regular Guest Presentations

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

- Kristin Eckmann has taken Chief Rhodes place. He has retired.
- Colorado's COVID numbers are trending down. South Metro (SMFR) has had 105 employees in the past year get COVID with more in quarantine but, it hasn't affected their staffing levels.
- Fire fighters are now in Group 1b and a little over half have gotten the vaccine.
- SMFRD has had a contract to provide fire service to Lockheed Martin. LockMart is now officially annexing into the district.
- SMFR will have a Citizens' Academy, following all COVID protocols, running April-May. This is full. We will have more academies and the application process opens every Jan. You may put your app in any time on the website.
- In this last month, we had everything from ice rescues (dogs) to significant fires. We have a program called "Winter Wise" discussing special problems in winter, contact the district for a presentation.
- Cummins: There was a fire at Cherry Creek State Park, how did it start? Eckmann: We believe it was manmade but, we're still investigating and asking for anyone who may have information to contact us.

#### B. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District](#), Becky Grubb

- The new Sports Complex is officially open but, at 60% capacity. We do have 5 Star certification.
  - There are 3 sheets of ice, 2 basketball ball courts, a restaurant and more.
  - Drop in for a tour.