



April 22, 6:45 pm, in person or on Zoom

Centennial Center for Generations  
6972 S. Vine St., Unit 366 (in the Streets at  
SouthGlenn, 80122

## Minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Whelan called the meeting to order at 6:49pm.
  - Attendance (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres	Arapahoe Highlands	Cherry Knolls
FoxRidge	Greenwood South	Hanover Place (2)
Heritage Greens	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill RA
Mill Creek	Mira Vista	Monterey (2)
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Palos Verdes (2)	Smoky Hill
Southwind	Tiffany	Village at Centennial
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2	
  - Arapahoe County Commissioner, Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Sheriff's Office, Centennial City Council, Centennial Staff, South Suburban Parks & Rec. Dist.
  - **Highlighted areas** below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
  - CenCON will not be able to meet in the Library Admin. building after 1 Jan. due to renovations. **Next month's meeting will be at the Centennial Public Works building (7272 S. Eagle St., 80112)**
2. **CenCON Business**
  - A. President's Report, [C.J.Whelan](#)
    - We hold elections for officer in April, at the start of our new fiscal year. We'll do that at the end of the meeting.
    - Tonight our presenters are ill and not able to attend. We'll reschedule their presentation.
  - B. Vice President, Membership: [Andrew Spaulding](#): Nothing to report.
  - C. Vice President, Plans: [Rhonda Livingston](#).
    - Rhonda met with Vanessa Gates, the City's & County's homelessness coordinator, for brainstorming. If/when they meet again a few more should attend.
    - She reiterated information for the July field trip.
  - D. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
    - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the March 2024 minutes as emailed. (Cummins/Middleton)
  - E. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
    - We ended the fiscal year with \$1747.99.
    - Please, see the Treasurer's Report linked with these minutes.
    - **The State Legislature is still planning to step all over home rule charter cities like Centennial, our right to make our own rules for our own people. The [City has a letter](#) you can send to your legislators about the housing bills. Suhaka added that she had read an e-newsletter from State Sen. Sullivan saying that if duplicate let-**

ters come in they just count them & get rid of them. If you personalize the letter, you're more likely to be read.

3. **Centennial Government and Special Districts** (We ask our special district guests to, please, limit their comments to 7 minutes.)
  - A. Commissioner Jeff Baker was with us in place of Commissioner Jessica Campbell-Swanson.
    - The County will have a [budget shortfall](#) in 2025.
    - Many programs may be cut or limited, possibly to include: Transportation share-back dollars to the cities from County, like the widening of Smoky Hill Rd.
      - The homelessness program would be eliminated;
      - Public Health would be backlogged for inspections of restaurants & day cares;
      - ACSO impacts would be in the detention center, investigations, cut personnel in task forces.
      - Give input online (see link)
    - Question: Isn't tax revenue up? Baker: Yes, but, all expenses are up.
    - The County does TABOR refunds by lowering the mill levy the next year. We've done that several years in a row and now we're stuck with a too low mill levy.
    - County survey: Sales tax was more popular, "Winner" was .25% sales tax or de-Brucing.
    - In the 2024 election, Districts 1, Carrie Warren-Gully; 3, Jeff Baker; 5, Bill Holen is term-limited; are up for election.
  - B. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office](#), Capt. [Adam Burson](#)
    - He is the Special Operations captain.
    - Summer is when theft from motor vehicles & stolen vehicles are more active.
    - Homelessness is on the rise
    - KSeymour asked about catalytic converter theft. Burson said it was way down.
    - Hamilton asked about car thefts? Burson: They're very strong in north metro but, we're much lower
    - Moore commented that Centennial funded 2 more traffic cops to target high accident areas.
    - Piscopo asked I'm seeing a lot of people without rear license plates. What's that about? Burson responded, People were given long extensions during COVID so, now they feel they don't have to register.
    - Klutho: What about drag racing in the summer? Burson: We participate in a task force on drag racing.
  - C. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District](#), [Michelle Kitchens](#)
    - The summer catalog went live online on 4/9.
    - We're trying to hire a ton of seasonal employees for the summer.
    - The Splash Pass is available for summer swimming.
    - Please, see the flyer attached with these minutes.
    - Board Chair Susan Pye resigned last week. Applications are being taken, it's on the Board of Directors page of the website.
    - Chipping & mulching event on 6/1, Willow Spring Open Space & Public Works.
    - Rosser asked if the pools were going to be open longer/later? Kitchens responded that SSPR was having staffing problems.
  - D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan  
**Summer Reading**
    - Who: ages 0-18 years old

- When: June 1-Aug. 3
  - Summer Reading kicks off at Arapahoe Libraries on June 1.
  - This year's theme is "Reading: Your Passport to Adventure."
  - Starting June 1, patrons age 0-18 can visit any Arapahoe library to choose a free book, while supplies last.
  - The libraries will also host events and activities for all ages, all summer long.
  - To learn more, visit [arapahoelibraries.org/summer-reading](http://arapahoelibraries.org/summer-reading).

### **Meet legendary musicians Steve Gadd & Lou Marini**

- When: Sunday, June 2, 12-1 pm
- Where: Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St.
- Who: Adults
  - Musicians Steve Gadd & Lou Marini, currently on tour with James Taylor. Before their show at Red Rocks, they'll stop by Koelbel Library to share stories & career highlights, which include playing with Aerosmith, Paul Simon, The Rolling Stones, & Aretha Franklin.
  - Marini is also known for his role as "Blue" Lou Marini in the movie *The Blues Brothers* and was an original *Saturday Night Live* band member.
  - Join us for a rare opportunity to meet these musical legends.
  - To save your spot, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

### **Used book sale at Southglenn Library**

- When: Friday, June 7-Sunday, June 9
- Where: Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St.
- Who: all ages
  - Shop a wide variety of paperbacks, hardcovers, children's books, collectible books, media, and more.
  - Through book sales, The Friends of Arapahoe Libraries raises funds to support library events and services.
  - For more information, visit [arapahoelibraries.com](http://arapahoelibraries.com) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

### **Colorado Author Panel**

- When: Mon., June 10, 6:30-8 pm
- Where: Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St.
- Who: Adults
  - Arapahoe Libraries will host a panel of award-winning Colorado authors. Each author will talk about the path they took from the first ideas to publishing.
  - This event will be a treat for readers and writers alike.
  - Attendees can ask questions, join the discussion, and get tips for forging their own creative paths.
  - At the end, there will be a book signing, with books available for purchase.
  - Free refreshments will be served.
  - To save your spot, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) or call 303-542-7279.

### **Community concert: That '80s Band at Centennial Center Park**

- When: Fri., June 14, 6-8 pm
- Where: Centennial Center Park, 13050 E. Peakview Ave.
  - Get ready for a blast from the past!
  - Arapahoe Libraries and the City of Centennial will host a free community concert with That Eighties Band. The band will play all your favorite hits from pop to hard rock and everything in between.

- There will be on-site food trucks.
- '80s attire is encouraged, and all ages are welcome. **No pets, please.**
- Bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the music.

***Arapahoe Libraries events are free and open to the community.*** All events are posted on the library website during the month prior. To save your spot or to learn more, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279). (*Links lead to the events.*)

E. [City of Centennial](#), Council member District 3 Richard Holt

- Holt gave a legislative update on the State Legislature bills that are still of concern to the City.
  - HB24-1113, forcing ADUs everywhere, no matter what your HOA's rules are; passed the State House, has been amended by the State Senate committee.
  - HB24-1304, no parking minimums, no matter what the City has to say; it has been amended, is in the State Senate now.
  - HB24-1313-Transit-Oriented Communities will require a density of 40 dwelling units per acre (DU/ac) around any transit hub. Passed the Senate with amendments. (Think Southglenn & The District on Yosemite.)
  - *Suhaka: My daughter has a wonderful website, [BillTrack50.com](http://BillTrack50.com), where you can look up legislation in any state & see where it stands at the present time.*

4. **Planned Program** has been cancelled due to the illness of the presenters. Ryan Thompson, City's Neighborhood Services Manager, was with us so we asked him to update us on the community grant programs.

- The City has granted over 100 small grants (<\$500),
- There were 23 proposals for the large community grants (<\$10,000), only 2 or 3 can be granted.
- Short term rentals have had only 1 complaint this year.
- The City will hold a [Noxious Weed workshop](#), May 18, 9-noon. You must preregister.
- Street sweeping has begun. Every street in the City is swept.

4a. We went into an **Open Forum**

- Middleton stated that his management company is not responsive to complaints and they (Mira Vista) need to look for a new company. Any suggestions?
  - Someone recommended TMMC, a very good company. *Suhaka: I have a contact there listed as [lhill@tmmccares.com](mailto:lhill@tmmccares.com).*

4b. Paula Hillman told us that the Center for Generations will have a celebration on **6/1** to mark their 1st year in operation. There'll be an escape room for which they're thinking about pairing youth with seniors.

5. **Plans**, [Rhonda Livingston](#), 2nd Vice President: There were no plans.

- *Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them.* You can also check [www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial](http://www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial) to see what's happening.

6. We held **CenCON elections**.

- Cummins nominated the current Board to continue. Rosser seconded the motion.
- There being no other nominations from the floor, the motion passed unanimously.
- President: C.J. Whelan; 1st Vice President, Membership: Andrew Spaulding; 2nd Vice President, Plans: Rhonda Livingston; Secretary, Andrea Suhaka; Treasurer: Jill Meakins.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Minutes submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

**The 20 May meeting will be One week early, at Centennial Public Works**