

CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

September 27, 2010

MINUTES

- I. Gerry Cummings called the meeting to order at 6:50.

Attendance: Arapahoe Highlands, Chapparral, Cherry Knolls, FoxRidge, Greenwood South, Hanover Place, Heritage Place, Homestead Farm II, Homestead Village II/Sturbridge, Hunters Hill, Hunters Hill Condos, Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S., Parkview Highlands, Smoky Hill, Walnut Hills, Willow Creek 1, Willow Creek 2 (17)

Guests: Brenda Madison, City Clerk; Eloise May, Arapahoe Library; Cathy Noon, Mayor; Jean Ray, South Suburban Park & Rec.; Jerry Rhodes, Cunningham Fire; Grayson Robinson, Arapahoe County Sheriff; Barbara Setterlind, Deputy City Clerk; Ron Weidmann, City Council District 4; Bruce Williamson, Arapahoe County Under Sheriff; Michael Devers, Rhonda Livingston

- II. Guest Comments

A. Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO)

- <http://www.arapahoesherriff.org>

- Sheriff Grayson Robinson (was not present for the session on 23 Aug.):
 - ACSO will be only law enforcement agency accredited in Colorado.
 - Propositions 101:
 - Would eliminate about \$1.6M for law enforcement training for the entire state, the biggest hit would be in the rural areas;
 - Revenues will reduce annually by about \$10M, \$16.5M going into 2014;
 - Will eliminate Faster revenues for county government;
 - Reduction of specific ownership taxes will roll back that income to 1919 level, down 94%.
 - Amendment 60:
 - Arapahoe County is not debruced, but ALEA is and it would lose that; reduced by 22% for unincorporated area (no 24/7 coverage E of Gun Club);
 - The developmental disability levy would be reduced to 2001 level;
 - Amendment 61:
 - The jail would be hardest hit: we need to build 400 additional beds, but couldn't borrow money (for right now triple bunked, 272 beds) [We would like to explore a public/private partnership that would need investors.];
 - The atmosphere in CO would drive away investors; investors would want more than 10 years of investment;
 - Participation in all Task Forces would be eliminated (Safe Streets TF, Metro Drug TF, etc);
 - Cuts would happen across the department, not just street level positions;
 - State could no longer fund programs and would have to push funding down to the local level.
 - Wells asked questions about population. Robinson: county = 608K people; jail = 1297 people; percentages of people in various categories; 56% are post sentence (already sentenced to jail); county budget is \$370M
 - Williams: How did state deficit go from \$60M - \$250M in a heartbeat? Robinson: numbers were based on revenue projections.
 - Fulk: Is ratio of bad guys to county population changing? Robinson: It keeps pretty steady.

- One other item is Proposition 102:
 - Will do away with pretrial, pre-sentence services (these people make recommendations to the court for sentencing); every "criminal must bond out"
 - Mayor Noon pointed out that brochures are available to campaign against 60, 61, 101 and that campaign is in need of walkers.
 - Williamson:
 - Spoke briefly about the accreditation process.
 - Noted that Centennial is the safest city in CO.
 - The Conoco at Jordan & Arapahoe Rds. has been hit 3 times by cigarette burglars. Deputies found the car with a hotel receipt inside. The person in the room said they missed the bad guys at the hotel by 10 min. They arrested a peripheral person but others got away.
 - On 9/12, deputies were on the lookout for bad guys pulling on car door handles. Followed a car and found it parked in the driveway of a house they had nothing to do with. They saw burglary equipment in the car with the occupants. They snitched on the others in a hotel room and all were caught.
 - On 9/21, a man called in about kids messing with a car. Deputies chased them and caught them with stolen merchandise.
- B. Arapahoe Library District (ALD), Eloise May, Director
- <http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/>
 - The district has put up a web-based survey instrument and is urging all to take the survey.
 - She added a note about the 60, 61, 101 impacts: they will hit the district for \$7M the first year and up to \$8M after 4 years.
- C. Arapahoe Park & Recreation District (APRD), not present
- <http://www.aprd.org>
- D. Fire Districts, Jerry Rhodes, Chief, Cunningham Fire Protection District
- <http://www.cfpd.org>, <http://www.littletongov.org/fire>, <http://www.southmetro.org>
 - Cunningham:
 - Oct. 2, Pancake breakfast will end Fire Prevention Week, 9am - noon
 - Ready, Set, Go: How to create a defensible space if you live by open space;
 - Think about what you'd take if you had to evacuate; consider a fire safe
 - A County-wide fire ban is in place.
 - 4 acres burned at Cherry Creek State Park, started by a r/c helicopter.
 - Littleton sent people to the Aurora fire academy (joint academies).
 - Littleton & Cunningham just put new medic units into service.
 - South Metro: Trick or Treat at Fire Houses & Centennial Medical Plaza
 - ACSO is enforcing traffic safety around the schools; parents are the #1 violators
 - South Metro is reaccrediting and is on Twitter.
 - Generally fire services like to let the lowlands burn to get rid of underbrush but, not right now.
 - Weidmann: Is there a ban on fire pits? Rhodes: Parts of unincorporated Arapahoe and Douglas Counties have banned them, but not generally.
 - Mayor Noon: Do you know anything about the gas line break at Heritage Greens? Rhodes: There was a construction accident that cut a line, all departments are sharing info with the San Bruno Fire Department.
- E. Cherry Creek Schools (CCSD): not present
- <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/>

F. South Suburban Park & Recreation District (SSPRD), Jean Ray, Communications Director

- <http://www.SSPR.org>
- Halloween Spooktacular & Spooktoddler, 22 Oct. at Goodson for 11 & under, 5:30 – 8 pm: carnival games, haunted house, crafts, etc.
- La Llorona Ghost Hunt at South Platte Park, ghost hunt with a naturalist on 22 Oct., 7 – 8:30 pm.
- Friday Night Firesides Spooky Storyed, 29 Oct. at South Platte Park, 7 – 8:30 pm.
- Oct. blood screenings: 19 Oct., Lone Tree; 20 Oct., Goodson; 21 Oct., Buck; 22 Oct., Family Sports Center, 7 – 9:30 am.
- Senior Resource Day, 8 Oct. at Buck Rec. Center
- Ski conditioning classes, starting 5 Oct. at Goodson, Tues & Thurs, 11:30-12:15
- Ed Bain: Is there any special information about SSPRD and fire danger? Ray: We mow our properties completely down 4 times per year. Rhodes said SSPRD & APRD do an excellent job of taking care of their properties.

G. City of Centennial

- <http://www.centennialcolorado.com>
- Mayor Cathy Noon distributed a brief recap of the Centennial Citizen Survey. The city did a survey of its citizens; we mailed 3000 surveys and 940 were returned. 89% of residents ranked the Overall Quality of Life good or excellent (28%), far above the national average for residents in other municipalities.

III. Centennial Election Commission, Brenda Madison, Centennial City Clerk

- <http://www.centennialcolorado.com/index.aspx?nid=807>
- Barbara Setterlind, the Assistant City Clerk, was also present.
- The Election Commission is in the process of redrawing the Centennial City Council District boundaries. The Commission is soliciting citizen input.
- There will be a Study Session with City Council on 13 Oct. A final decision should be made on 6 Nov.
- This meeting is the first open house.
- The City must redistrict if voter population comparison differ by 10% or more, currently it's 23% between District 1 and District 4.
- There will be a joint District 1 & 2 meeting on 20 Oct. at the South Metro Chamber, 7 pm. and several other open houses.
- Comment form link on the Cent home page
- Districts must be compact, as nearly as practicable and contiguous; try not to separate neighborhoods. Districts are based on the number of voters in each District, not on population (71,619 voters in Centennial at the end of July).
- Don Strickland: can't redistrict a CM out of their Dist.; showed discontinuous areas;
- Madison presented Option 1. Don Strickland presented Option 2 and Gerry Cummins presented Option 3.
- There was further discussion of possible annexations, where they could occur, good and bad issues about the different options.
- Please tell others to go to the City website to see information about redistricting.

IV. CenCON Business

- President Gerry Cummins reported that the Open Space Advisory Board will be taking applications for new members. The deadline to apply is 12 Oct. The application can be found on the city's website.

- Treasurer's Report, Don Strickland

Previous <u>Checking Account</u> Balance	\$ 1833.74	
Deposits: Dues*	\$ 60.00	
\$ \$		
Expenses: Admin Expense	\$ 75.00	
Constant Contact	\$ 153.00	
Meeting Exp	\$ 29.07	
Current Balance	\$ 1636.67	
Previous <u>Savings Account</u> Balance	\$ 2190.66	
Income: Interest	\$.	
Current Balance		\$ 2190.66

Dues from: Smoky Ridge MA, Palos Verdes CA

Note: The above accounts are located at First National Bank, 7777 E. Arapahoe Rd.

- Secretary/Membership Vice President Andrea Suhaka
 - A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August meeting as emailed. (Don Doerr/Charlene Hovey)
- Mike Devers, campaign manager for McClellan, running for Board of County Commissioners

V. Plans, C.J. Whelan

- Mayor Noon, Council member Weidmann and Planning & Zoning Commissioner Suhaka left the room for these discussions.
- Quebec Village Center FDP, NW corner of Quebec & County Line Rd.
- A burger & shake fast food restaurant at Cornerstar, SW corner of Arapahoe & Parker
- Additional buildings at Vellagio in unincorporated Arapahoe County, Dry Creek & I-25

VI. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka, interim Secretary.