

# CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

January 24, 2011  
12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle

## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Gerry Cummins, President, called the meeting to order at 6:51 pm. She started off with asking everyone to introduce him/herself.
- Attendance:
    - Arapahoe Highlands
    - FoxRidge
    - Greenwood South
    - Hanover Place
    - Heritage Greens
    - Heritage Place
    - Homestead Farm 1
    - Homestead Village 2/Sturbridge
    - Hunters Hill Condos
    - Hunters Hill RA
    - Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
    - Parkview Highlands
    - Piney Creek
    - Smoky Hill
    - Southglenn
    - The Knolls
    - Walnut Hills
    - Willow Creek 1
    - Willow Creek 2
    - Guests: FGreen, Rlivingston
  - Presenters: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library Dist., South Metro Fire
- II. Guest Comments
- A. Arapahoe County Sheriff, Bruce Williamson
- <http://www.arapahoesherriff.org>
  - In Dec., in Piney Creek, a large grow operation was found in an "empty" house, no one has been caught.
  - A Centennial woman was arrested for robberies in Littleton & Englewood.
  - At a traffic stop in the 7700 block of S Holly, everyone bailed out of the car. ACSO found it was stolen. A K-9 dog tracked a youth (15) who was caught in Nob Hill. He admitted to several thefts & gave up his friends.
  - In Nov., a 21 year-old with 3 felony warrants was found in a house in Nob Hill. A K-9 dog was sent in & got him. He was in possession of 4oz marijuana.
- B. Arapahoe Library District, Eloise May
- <http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/>
  - In partnership w/Xcel Energy, "Watts Up" program. Energy power meters available to borrow from libraries. They are not out in the open but must be requested.
  - In Dec., 15,000 classic e-books were made available on our website through Project Gutenberg.
  - Program: Valentines for Vets (1/24 - 2/7), materials to make valentines will be available in the libraries. Cards will be sent to CO Veterans' Hospital.
  - Program: 24 Feb. & 2 March, a 2-part series on immigration in the U.S.
    - First, Koelbel, 6:30-8:30, history of immigration & the laws
    - I don't have specifics on second one.
  - Doerr: Are ebooks deleted automatically when their time is up? May: Yes, after 3 weeks (not DRM free Project Gutenberg)
  - Cummins: How did the Paperback Palooza at Smoky Hill Lib. go? May: It's too soon for the information.
- C. Arapahoe Park & Rec District: not present

- <http://www.aprd.org>
- D. Fire Districts, South Metro Fire Authority, Becky O'Guin
  - <http://www.cfpd.org>, <http://www.littletongov.org/fire>, <http://www.southmetro.org>
  - Cunningham was interviewed by FoxTV about mutual /auto aid agreements. They have their Wellness Summit coming up.
  - Littleton transitioned to 48 hr. on and 96 off format. They have a new teleconferencing program for training.
  - South Metro has completed its accreditation; everything went well. The whole authority will be accredited. Applications are being taken for the upcoming Citizen's Fire Academy, 4/13-6/1, Wed., 6 – 10; check the website for more info. 2 apparatus were hit by cars on ice (2 cars hit 1 truck). The Sweetheart Ball will be Feb. 12, see the website for more info.
  - Strickland: What about the news items about Littleton, S. Metro & Highlands Ranch? O'Guin: Highlands Ranch renewed with Littleton.
- E. Cherry Creek Schools: not present
  - <http://cherrycreekschools.org>
- F. South Suburban Park & Rec District: not present
  - <http://www.SSPR.org>
- G. City of Centennial: special council meeting, not present
  - <http://www.centennialcolorado.com>

### III. Centennial Community Development, Rita McConnell, Planning Director

The new Land Development Code was adopted in April 2010 and we'll begin implementing the code this year. This includes the adoption of a new zoning map for the City. Ms. McConnell will explain how the new code will be applied and how it affects your neighborhood at the January, February and March CenCON meetings.

#### A. Rita McConnell

- The next phase of the LDC process is implementation, creating the City's Zoning Map. The Planning staff wants to attend as many HOA meetings as possible to assure folks that this process will not be changing their neighborhoods. (Please contact McConnell 303-754-3316, [rmcconnell@centennialcolorado](mailto:rmcconnell@centennialcolorado) to schedule a meeting.) A City planner is assigned to each district. We've had several HOA meetings, there will be March Open Houses and 2 more visits to CenCON. The first phase of the Zoning Map is purely residential. We will recognize and legalize what's already on the ground.
  - Williams: Why should my condo associations have a meeting? McConnell: To learn what your zoning is, what changes can be done on the properties. You may also need to know about any interface between your residential and nearby commercial properties
  - Bain: It's a good idea to have a chance to talk about it so they understand their property rights.
  - Whelan: Our neighborhood has some parcels that are bigger than the maximum allowed and some smaller than the minimum. What happens to them? McConnell: The existing lots will be made legal and this will address anything new, e.g., compiling or splitting lots.
  - McConnell: The next phase will be a large citywide rezoning of commercial properties and the final stage will capture all the remaining bits of property, There will be P&Z hearings in May-June and it will go to City Council in June-July.

- Home improvement Program
    - The City Community Development Dept. is creating a program to help residents with information on who to call for home improvements, a library of home improvements, samples; information on contractors. We'd like reps for 3 lunchtime meetings: east, west, and CenCON. Suhaka volunteered for CenCON, Mauro volunteered to represent west, and Whelan and Koch volunteered to represent east. This will help the homeowner do the project. The program will be partially funded by city.
  - 10th Anniversary: The City will have an anniversary celebration on 7 Feb., 4-6 pm, with hors d'oeuvres, punch, and cake. (The date the first City Council was seated.) RSVP to Allison Wittern, awittern@centennialcolorado.com.
- B. Andy Firestine: Lighting Code
- The City got an Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant and is using some of it to rewrite its outdoor lighting code. The consultant was in attendance.
  - This code will be mostly for where commercial areas rub against residential areas and create conflict.
  - A model for energy efficiency will also be in the code.
  - The City will develop lighting zones based on intensity of use in that zone: light trespass, glare, and efficiency. This will only affect multifamily & commercial areas.
  - Koch: what about the monument signs of neighborhoods? Firestine: They are covered in the existing sign code and are good.
  - There was a brief discussion about streetlights, maybe handled by Public Works.

#### IV. CenCON Business

##### A. President's Report

- The City is negotiating to purchase property at Potomac & Fremont, 44 acres. Its probable use will be as open space.
- The new Senior Commission will be looking for applications in the next few months, for appointment in June.
- The Liquor Licensing Authority will be taking applications in another month.
- Redistricting has been passed by City Council and was official a week or so ago.
- The City is beginning to prepare for the November election.
- South Suburban Foundation asked CenCON for a letter of recommendation for a County Open Space Grant for the Centennial Link Trail. Cummins sent one.

##### B. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's (Membership) Report, Andrea Suhaka

- Seven CenCON emails were bouncing and I've followed up for correct addresses.

##### C. Minutes, Andrea Suhaka

- After the Nov. meeting a correction was sent in from Strickland. The ending Checking balance should be \$ 1467.67.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed and corrected. (Doerr/Williams)

##### D. Treasurer's Report, Don Strickland

- Strickland included Dec. and Jan. reports in his email to officers.
  - No change between November and December
  - The only change to January was the addition of \$ .44 in interest.
  - Final checking balance: \$ 1467.67
- Final savings balance: \$ 2191.54
- The new membership year starts in April, notices will be going out in late Feb.

E. Plans, C.J. Whelan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

1. Centennial Promenade Shopping Center, I-25 & County Line Road, Initial Zoning
  - 3 lots are left out of this annexation, REI and 2 restaurants on the exterior.
  - The city is working with the owners of those lots to also annex into the city.
  - Whelan had no complaints from his email outreach, the increased tax revenue will be good for the city. CenCON is in favor of the annexation.

**At this point Andrea Suhaka left the room for the group to discuss the other plans. Notes were taken by C.J. Whelan and will be separate from these minutes.**

2. First Bank, Arapahoe & Yosemite, FDP Amendment
3. Nilex Corporation, Jordan & Fremont; FDP
  
4. Williams: Are they going to be expanding Kaiser?
  - Whelan: I'm on the Board of Kaiser and will ask.

V. Adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.