



## CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Virtual Meeting

Oct. 26, 2020

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### Minutes

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

#### **CenCON Business**

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

Chapparral (2)	Cherry Knolls (2)	Greenwood South
Heritage Place (2)	Hunters Hill Condos	The Knolls (2)
Mill Creek	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S. (2)	Orchard Valley
Palos Verdes (2)	Ridgeview Hills North	Village @ Centennial
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2	
- Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff, Arapahoe Library District, Centennial City Council members Tammy Maurer & Christine Sweetland (District 2), Centennial City Staff (Jeff Dankenbring), SEMSWA (Nicole Harwell, Paul Danley), 4 other guests
- **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**

A. President, Gerry Cummins: No report

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Sept. 26 minutes as emailed. Stone/Doerr

C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins

- Balance Forward: \$2,665.85
- Deposits : 200.00
- Expenses: (52.00)
- Interest Income: 0.00
- Ending Balance: \$2,813.85

- Members paid: Greenfield Master, Mill Creek, Park View, Saddle Rock Ranches

2. **Regular Guest Presentations**

A. [Arapahoe County Sheriff](#) (ACSO), Capt. Ken McKlem

- Coffee with a Cop was cancelled with new social distancing rules. ACSO events will probably become more restrictive.
- Trunk or Treat at Cherry Creek State Park was well attended.
- **A Virtual Citizens Academy is going well. There should be another one in late Jan./early Feb.**
- **A COVID Testing Center was set up in north Aurora. One is coming in Centennial after state approval. It will be in Centennial Center Park parking lot. (Now operating.)**
- Noon asked about car thefts, is the ACSO getting brought in? McKlem: We can't book them into jail because of COVID. We haven't had a single case in the jail, yet.
- **Please, contact the ACSO if you see something suspicious.**
- Cummins asked what the population is at the jail? McKlem: There are about 700 jailed. The courts are cooperating by delaying sentencing or giving out summons.

- Noon asked about officers out searching Foxfield by spotlight? McKlem said an individual ran from a felony hit & run accident.
- B. [Arapahoe Park & Rec. District](#), Delos Searle, Asst. Director, Trails Rec. Center, absent.
- C. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Nicole Wilhems
- The new Kelter Library in Byers will be opening this winter. Visit [arapahoelibraries.org/new-kelter-library](http://arapahoelibraries.org/new-kelter-library) for the latest updates.
  - **Empowerment Through Literacy: A Conversation with Jason Reynolds**
    - He will do a virtual presentation on Fri., 11/6, 5:30pm, geared towards adults and teens. He's the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.
    - He'll discuss the importance of empowering young people through literacy, a necessary tool for building empathy and fighting systematic racism.
    - Reynolds' books include the bestselling nonfiction *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning*.
    - A Q & A will follow the presentation. Books may be purchased from BookBar
    - More info at the library's website or call 303-LIBRARY.
  - **Native American Hoop Dancer**
    - Enjoy a virtual, high-energy performance by hoop dancer Notorious Cree, a men's Powwow dancer and one of the top 3 hoop dancers in the world on Fri., 11/13, 4 pm.
    - Notorious Cree, who also plays the flute & hand drum, blends traditional, modern and contemporary arts mixed with comedy. For teens and adults.
    - More info at the library's website or call 303-LIBRARY.
  - Cummins asked about accessibility of the libraries to the public? Wilhems: You can make reservations or walk-in, 90 min appointments & close for cleaning for ½ hr. in between. Park N Pickup is still operating
  - Some libraries are Vote Centers: Southglenn, Kelter, and Smoky Hill.
- D. [City of Centennial](#)
- Sweetland:
    - Centennial has over 87% Census participation; the best of cities over 100,000 population.
    - The smart tech set up along Yosemite is up & running (Traffic coordination through digital technology through Greenwood Village, Centennial, & Lone Tree.
    - The second round of business grants for businesses, nonprofits, and senior care facilities is available through 11/12. Go to the Centennial website to apply.
  - Stone asked if there would be any landscaping along the new sidewalk on Orchard Rd. Dankenbring answered that we're not planning on any extra landscaping. If a group stepped forward to do the maintenance, we'd go forward. Stone added that even mulch would be an improvement Dankenbring said it would be seeded with native grasses and plants.

### 3. Special Guest Presentation:

Arapahoe Road Bridge Over Big Dry Creek

- Jeff Dankenbring, Centennial Director of Public Works
- Nicole Harwell, Project Manager, SEMSWA

- Dankenbring: Construction will begin in 2021 and take 18 months. There will always be 4 lanes open for driving. The bridge will be raised 4-5'.
- Nicole Harwell: There's no capacity for the 100 year storm event. Correcting that will impact the open space. We'll widen the creek to make for better water conveyance. The trail under the bridge will be widened.
- JD: There'll be better lighting & more space under the bridge, more aesthetics. ADA ramps on the north & south sides to access Arapahoe Rd. We'll minimize landscape impacts and to trees directly adjacent to the bridge. We'll transplant grass & trees back. SSPRD is also a partner. The area of the gradual ramp on the north side of Arapahoe will be replanted with native plants. Aesthetics of bridge will match the Cherry Knolls entryway limestone structure. The project is being designed now. There will be VMS signs on Colorado & Dry Creek warning about the project on Arapahoe.
- Jones asked when the lanes will go down. JD: There will still be a turn lane for Elizabeth St.
- Jones then asked if the ACSO know about this project? JD: Yes, we'll be working with them.
- Doerr asked if there'd be any work on Dry Creek Rd. JD: No, that's not part of this project.
- Cummins asked about the construction on the University bridge, what was that? Harwell: The bridge was just improved a bit for a longer life.
- Noon: On the aesthetics, shouldn't some of the Centennial identity branding be included? JD: We'll be looking at that more deeply. We don't want the branding to hold up the project. We'll need to look at the aesthetics.
- Stone asked if they'd be raising the bike path so that it doesn't flood? JD: The channel improvements should keep the path mostly dry. We'll raise it a bit.
- Cummins: What will this project cost? JD: We are also undergrounding the electric wire. That cost is shared with Xcel. SSPR partners in maintaining the land. SEM-SWA is a big partner. We're also utilizing Open Space funds on the trails. \$6.4M total cost.
- Paul Danley briefly talked about the Big Dry Creek mapping project. That will lower the flood plain on the south side a little. There will be no flood impact to any properties.

#### 4. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, Vice President

- Trails Edge Townhomes, Site Plan for the SW corner of S. Chambers Rd. & S. Fairplay St) near the border with Parker. The developer is proposing an open space throughout the community which will also connect residents to a central park.
- Holly Park Senior Living, NW corner of Arapahoe Rd & S. Holly St. on the vacant lot next to the Kaiser facility. The developer is proposing a 4-story, 160 unit independent living, assisted living & memory care facility on about 3.4 acres.
- Arapahoe County Oil & Gas Regulations Update: The County is proposing an update to its oil & gas regulations following the adoption of SB 181, which gave local government more authority to regulate the impacts of oil and gas development. Arapahoe County encourages your feed-back on the proposed rules which are intended to improve our review process, promote quality of life, and protect health & safety.
- Arapahoe County Proposed Subdivision: The current property owners are proposing to create one additional lot for a single-family dwelling unit. The **existing lot is** approximately 45 acres and the applicant is proposing to create a new 22-acre lot.

The above information on plans was sent to members on Thurs., Oct. 15.

- Today, I received notice that the Jones District parcel 8 has been submitted. It's 305 units, 6 story, on Chester. Comments are due by Nov. 20.
- Meakins asked if the gas station at Paris & Arapahoe got their 24- hour request? Livingston said it's not planned for a P&Z meeting, yet.
- Jane, a guest from the Knolls Townhouses, asked about the University Blvd. retail strategy study. Suhaka commented that the information originally collected hasn't been collated, yet, and that neighborhoods will be brought into the process in the new year (according to a City Council meeting).

5. Adjourn: President Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

Please inform Andrea Suhaka at 303-770-0058 or [standy@ecentral.com](mailto:standy@ecentral.com) of changes in your GenCON Representative or Association President/Chair.

**Next Meeting, Nov. 23, 2020 Virtual !!!!!**