



# CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle

January 28, 2013

## Minutes

I. Call to Order: Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Attendance:

- Members (A quorum is 19 members present.)

Arapahoe Meadows	Cherry Knolls	Fox Hill
FoxRidge	Heritage Greens	Heritage Place
Homestead Farm	Homestead Farm 2	Homestead/Willows (2)
Hunters Hill	Hunters Hill Condos	The Knolls
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S	Ridgeview Hills North	Sanctuary
Smoky Hill	Tiffany	Walnut Hills
Willow Creek 2		

- Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Park & Rec. Dist., City of Centennial (4), South Metro Fire Dist., Rhonda Livingston

II. Guest Comments

A. Arapahoe County Sheriff, Lt. Glen Thompson

- [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org)
- There is a lot of graffiti and tagging taking place in the Smoky Hill corridor and at the Trails Rec. Center. ACSO is aggressively working the case.
- There were also a number of thefts from motor vehicles in the area north of Smoky Hill & east of Picadilly. In that same area spare tires are being stolen from Dodge Ram trucks.
- In the Hills @ Piney Creek there were a few cases of arson. Decorative grasses in common areas have been set afire.
- On 12/8, there was a burglary at the Centennial Gun Club in which handguns were stolen. The ATF was working with the ACSO and an arrest was made on 18 Jan.
- At I-25 & County Line, a man who had been stalking and shot his girlfriend has been caught.
- On 1/25, in the 9900 block of E. Arapahoe Rd, a suspect ran from a traffic stop. He was caught on Orchard Rd. and was found to have stolen electronics from Wal-Mart in his car.
- Roberta Allen: Folks in our neighborhood have heard that Neighborhood Watch directories are illegal. Is this true? Thompson: Some attorneys have recommended that neighborhoods not create directories. Mostly that has to do with areas where the "Watchers" have been armed (FL). ACSO encourages Neighborhood Watch.
- Whelan: There's graffiti all over Smoky Hill. I called it in but nothing has been done. Thompson: Don't hesitate to call or email me ([gthompson@arapahoegov.com](mailto:gthompson@arapahoegov.com)), if you don't get a response.
- Weber: There have been car break-ins in Arapahoe Heights & Arapahoe Meadows. How do we get Neighborhood Watch started? Thompson: contact Brian McKnight, Community Resources [bknight@arapahoegov.com](mailto:bknight@arapahoegov.com). The ACSO hasn't gotten reports of a rash of crimes in those areas. Please, please report crimes so we can see a pattern & implement remediation, but us contact immediately, don't wait.

B. Arapahoe Library District, Daisy Grice

- [www.arapahoelibraries.org/](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/)
- The ALD is building a new library in Sheridan at 3550 W. Oxford Ave. We own the land and the project should cost about \$3M.
- The ALD has subscribed to a number of e-magazines through the Zinio subscription service. Patrons can just login to the library site and download their favorites. This service should be available in March and doesn't work on Kindles.
- Through February we are running a series entitled "Tips for the Sandwich Generation. Check online for the program locations, dates & times.
- Once again the ALD is partnering with the AARP to provide free, simple tax assistance for low-income older adults. An appointment must be made. See the website.
- Green: The new ALD website seems harder to navigate.
- Doerr: It's nice to have a system of logging in with a user ID, but they're displayed in plain text for anyone to see. I'm concerned about privacy.

C. Arapahoe Park & Rec District, DeLos Searle

- [www.aprd.org](http://www.aprd.org)
- There are a number of coupons for the Trails Rec. Center on our website. (APRD offers in-district and out-of-district pricing.)
  - A Valentine's Dance on Sun., 10 Feb. for parent/child (ages 2-10), 2-4 pm. There'll be dancing, refreshments and fun.
  - Healthy Heart Valentines Special: 10% discount for nutrition services, including counseling/consultations and classes.
  - 10% off your next Trails Athletic Program (not leagues), 1-28 Feb.
  - \$20/\$29 45-minute private guitar lesson through 28 Feb.

D. Fire Districts: Becky O'Guin, Information Officer

- [www.cfpd.org](http://www.cfpd.org), [www.littletongov.org/fire](http://www.littletongov.org/fire), [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)

E. South Suburban Park & Rec District, Teresa Cope, not present Cummins reported

- [www.SSPR.org](http://www.SSPR.org)
- Kids' Nights at select SSPRD facilities every Fri. & Sat. night: Xtreme Teens, Buck Blitz, Rec & Rock, Movie Night, Kids Adventure Night, Parents Night Out Gymnastics, or Family Skate Night. To register: <http://ow.ly/helig> or for info, call 303-483-7036.
- It's time again for the South Suburban Matching Gifts program. Deadline: 8 March
  - South Suburban Park and Recreation District's Board of Directors has allocated \$10,000 for its annual Matching Gifts Program. The program matches donated dollars with District funds, resulting in double the money available for the development and improvement of community parks, trails, facilities and programs.
  - Neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, service clubs, individuals and other community organizations are encouraged to apply for matching funds to complete their projects on District-owned or leased property. Projects selected for funding will be announced at the Wed., April 10, 2013 Board of Director meeting.
  - Application requests for projects should not exceed \$2,000. Projects submitted for consideration must be completed within 2013.
  - [The Guidelines and Application](#) can be downloaded, viewed at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org) or picked up at the South Suburban Administration Office, 6631 S. University Blvd., Centennial. For more information, call Nancy O'Connor at 303-798-5131.
  - *Several comments from those present indicated that SSPRD would help an organization prepare their request.*

- Golf leagues are forming. Applications are now being accepted for men's & women's leagues for the 2013 season. League play is available for players of all abilities and is offered many different times and days. Most leagues play March-Oct. For more information, contact the Pro Shop of the course you would like to play: Family Sports Center Golf Course, 303-649-111; Littleton Golf and Tennis Club, 303-794-5838; Lone Tree Golf Club and Hotel, 303-799-9940 and South Suburban Golf Course, 303-770-5500.
- Bain & Cummins complemented the grant program.

F. Centennial Open Space Board, Mark Gotto

- In 2013 Centennial is making \$400,000 available, from open space funds, for grants for neighborhood parks & trails. For this year, this money will only be available for properties not in SSPRD or APRD. Grants will be judged on number of residents served, equipment needs, shovel readiness, organizational match, accessibility, among other things.

III. City of Centennial, [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com)

A. Be a Snow Hero, Kersten Baldwin, Centennial Communications Specialists

- Flyers were distributed that described this new Centennial program. "Give back to your community and be a Snow Hero this winter season."
- Program is to encourage citizens and businesses to clear snow & ice from sidewalks and parking lots on and near their properties, within 24 hours of a snow event.
- City will recognize outstanding participants that do this. Businesses, organizations and residents can be nominated for a "Centennial Snow Hero" recognition at [www.centennialcolorado.com/snowhero](http://www.centennialcolorado.com/snowhero).
- Hunter-Maurer: What can we do about ice buildup in the streets? Baldwin: Call 303-325-8000
- Ploen: Our neighborhood (Sanctuary on the Park) already has a program like this where residents help other residents unable to shovel. Suhaka: Walnut Hills does, too.

B. Outlook for Centennial in 2013, John Danielson, City Manager

- Programs like Snow Hero are a way of saying thank you to folks, the carrot instead of the stick (laws).
- The City has recently gone through a reorganization. We've shrunk our work force, combined activities and cross-trained so we can now do more with less.
- The City has purchased 9 acres on S. Eagle St., south of Arapahoe Rd., in a distressed sale, to use mainly for Public Works: heavy equipment storage, snow & ice control materials, office space for those workers. We also have the opportunity to be landlords and bring in some firms that might need space for the same purposes.
- We've renegotiated some contracts to create partnerships with contractors for reduced costs for the City. Some of that encouragement has meant 93 added miles of snow plowing. This also means we can expand the snow removal program as needed on an individual storm basis.
- Dave Zelenok, previously the Public Works Director, now heads our Office of Innovation. He'll look at things differently than the way they've always been done (see snow route optimization above).
- Civic Center Park is going strong, lots of reservations for use for large groups. We may have to review that system as it shuts off use for individual families.
- The largest asset of a city is its infrastructure. We contract with a company to create our Pavement Condition Index, how good are the streets. The Council has

decided that our streets should average a 75 out of 100. We have started to work out a system that will attempt to process every road, as needed, every 10 years to maintain an average PCI of 75.

- We've put Kelly O'Haver in charge of Customer Service, run. The City is on data overload, and we don't know when one issue in a given area is related to another. We want to relate all that data to spot problems ahead of time. We have a program that takes all GIS data & relates it. Eventually, the public will be able to access the data and create any map they want: power lines, tickets written, ice floes.
- For every utility trench that's dug, we're trying to get our fiber in there, too.
- Cummins: What's the status of Potomac Park? Danielson: We're still trying to figure out what would fit in that space and looking for partnership opportunities.
- Green: Could the availability of City data lead to terrorism? Danielson: There will be restrictions on the data available, and it probably won't be real time.
- Bain: How is the city doing in getting businesses to recognize they're in the City. Noon: The sales tax people believe we're at 99.+ percent compliance. All businesses that have a physical location know they're in the City.
- Cummins: What are the revenue projections for the year? Noon: All the numbers from 2012 aren't in yet, but we're up \$4M, not including Christmas.
- Bain: I've gone to a lot of the community meetings required of developers prior to submitting a plan to the City. The people in attendance think they're great, staff does a good job of explaining the planning process.
- Doerr: Where are we with our IKEA sales tax agreement? Noon: The agreement runs to 2020.
- Whelan: I've gotten some complaints from Sienna residents about being annexed? Noon: No, the City is **not** annexing Sienna. The complaints may be because of the City's annexation of Piney Creek Hollow Park, on their border. For the City to spend open space dollars on a property, it must be in the City.

#### C. City Council Report, Cathy Noon, Mayor

- The Senior Commission Forum will be held 6 Feb., 6 pm, at the City office.
- For the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Centennial is the safest City, over 75,000 population, in Colorado.
- The C-470 Coalition Policy Committee will be deciding on its recommendation for financing C-470 improvements on 4 Feb.
- The State of the City address will be held 11 April.
- Doerr: Why were there holes in the City during the original incorporation? Noon: Properties over 40 acres could choose not to be part of an incorporation. For some properties, it was very, very difficult to find the owner in time for the process, so they had to be left out. We brought in many of the properties that we had surrounded

#### IV. CenCON Business

##### A. President's report, Gerry Cummins

- DRCOG is forming a Metro Vision 2040 Citizen Advisory Committee and is looking for applicants. Citizens must reside in or own business in the DRCOG area, be engaged in civic processes, and/or represent an underserved population.
- CAI will be having another homeowners' boards round table on 18 April, 5:30-8 pm. All board members are urged to attend!

##### B. First Vice President/Membership & Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Oct. and Nov. CenCON minutes from 2012. (Doerr/Green)

- Suhaka has been working diligently to recruit/retain CenCON members. Three associations have joined: Arapahoe Meadows, Knolls Townhouses and Valley Club Acres. Arapahoe Heights is almost here.

C. Treasurer's report, C.J. Whelan

• Previous <u>Checking Account Balance</u> (from Nov '12)	\$ 92.74
Deposits: Dues – 12/5 deposit <sup>1</sup>	\$30.00
Dues – 1/16 deposit <sup>2</sup>	\$30.00
<u>Expenses: &lt;none&gt;</u>	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$ 152.74

• Previous <u>Savings Account Balance</u> (from Nov '12)	\$ 2,418.80
<u>Income: Interest accrued 12/31/2012</u>	\$0.30
Current Balance	\$ 2,419.10

- Notes: The two above accounts are located at First National Bank, 7777 E. Arapahoe Rd.  
Dues<sup>1</sup>: Valley Club Acres HOA.  
Dues<sup>2</sup>: Arapahoe Meadows HOA.

V. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Plans, Ed Bain

A. Cases

- Les Schwab Tire Center, Replat & FDP – NW corner Arapahoe & Parker
- Time Warner Data Center, Replat & FDP – 11011 E. Peakview, expansion of current facility
- Cherry Creek Vista Trail Extension, FDP – connect trail from Peak View Park to pedestrian bridge crossing at Cottonwood Creek (approx. 900 feet to the east)
- Dry Creek Office Park, Site Plan – 9819 E. Easter Ave., 6,150 sq. ft. office/warehouse on .474 acre – also request rezone from PUD to BP (Business Park)
- Keesen Landscape MGMT, FDP – 14156 E. Easter Ave (unincorporated Arapahoe County), 10,206 sq. ft. office space, leased space, maintenance shop & indoor storage. Outdoor storage included.
- Morningstar of Centennial, Sidewalk Connection Variance – Arapahoe Rd. & Jordan Rd.

B. Community Meetings (*Note: Most of these meetings have occurred but are listed for your information.*)

- 18 Dec., Rezone from M-U PUD to CG, Centennial Center, NW corner of Arapahoe Rd. & Parker Rd.
- 10 Jan., Rezone from M-U PUD to BP, 2305 E. Arapahoe Rd., NW corner of Arapahoe Rd & S. Vine
- 28 Jan., Rezone from M-U PUD to CG, Southfield Center, NE corner Arapahoe & Peoria

VI. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

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

**Next Scheduled Meeting – February 25, 2013**