



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

In Person Meeting

Arapahoe Library Services bldg.

12855 E Adam Aircraft Cir., Englewood, 80112

www.cencon.net

March 27, 2023

Minutes

1. Call to order: President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present. We had a banner number of Members attend:

Algonquin Acres	Arapahoe Highlands	Chapparral
Cherry Knolls	Fairways at S.Suburban	FoxRidge
Greenwood South	Heritage Greens	Heritage Place
Mill Creek	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	
Orchard Valley	Palos Verdes (3)	Smoky Hill
Tiffany	Village @ Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2	
 - Guests: 18th Judicial Dist. (2), Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Park & Rec. Dist., Centennial City Council, South Metro Fire Rescue
 - Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
2. CenCON Business
 - A. President's Report, [Gerry Cummins](#)
 - This year is the year for races for City Council. Candace Moon is term limited but, in the other three Districts the incumbents have registered to run for re-election: District 2, Christine Sweetland; District 3, Rik Holt; District 4, Don Sheehan.
 - B. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
 - There were no corrections to the minutes of 2/27. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of 2/27/23. (Stone/Summerhill)
 - C. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
 - We had 36 members this year. Last year we had 41. We need more neighborhoods to realize the importance of our group, the great information you get on so many subjects. Since the Southglenn lawsuit, CenCON has had a deficit of \$446. We had to dip into our reserves.
 - 10 members have paid so far: Cherry Knolls, Fairways (we need a membership form), Glenn Oaks, Greenwood South, The Knolls (we need a membership form), Mill Creek, Village Co-op, Willow Creek 2
 - The lawsuit cost CenCON \$900, all told.
 - [REDACTED]
3. Special Districts
 - A. [18th Judicial District, Aurora Ogg](#) (This will take place during the main presentation.)
 - The 18th will be holding a Citizen's Academy in the fall in headquartered in Arapahoe County.
 - April is Victim Rights week, 4/23-29
 - April is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The 18th has a special team to investigate sexual assaults.

B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), [Kristin Eckmann](#), Deputy Chief of Communication

- In 2022, we had 50,000 calls. 32,000 of those were EMS calls of which 9,433 were in Centennial.
- Timing for Station 15 has been pushed back. The process should begin the end of May. They'll do a citizen walk through before demolition, probably near the end of May & tell some of the station's history. After it's completed in 2024, there will be another walk through.
- SMFR will have a board election in May. There are 4 open seats, 2 of them in Cent: 1 on the east side and 1 in west.
- We've just started a fire academy; 37 recruits are in academy now. They'll be running 2 per year. They're hiring now for paramedic/fire fighters
- We have a crew in WY. We're getting 2 pieces of aircraft rescue apparatus, replacing 1989 & 1999 equipment, in partnership with Centennial.
- We're having more EV fires with their batteries (lithium batteries); special training is needed. Fires can't be put out; we have blankets to save the surrounding area. Holt: How long have you had the academy? Eckmann: We've had them for many, many years. Holt: Do you accept trainees from other agencies? Eckmann: Generally, no, we have enough trainees to fill them with our own people.
- Stone: Are you short staffed? KE: No, we've even upped the number of firefighters on our apparatuses from 3 people to 4.
- Cummins: Will the staffing change? KE: No, it remains the same.

C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec.](#), [Delos Searle](#), APRD Exec. Director

- We'll have some exciting stuff coming up in 4-5 months. I can't talk about it now,
- Election cancelled: all bd members running unopposed
- Look Out pool, built in 2002, needs to be replastered. We're reevaluating it, first the whole site
- The water shortage is a major issue, the Board is being proactive. They're looking at areas that are only grass moving to xeriscape.
- APRD is hiring an HR director and a Marketing Manager (never had before.
- Events: Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Piney Creek Park. We're also doing an adult Easter Egg Hunt couple hours later.
- We'll hold our annual Summer Celebration around Memorial Day.
- Rosser: Is there an overnight camping problem? Searle: Not right now. All of our waterways are owned by SEMSWA, we're allowed use of the land.

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), [Holly Whelan](#), Manager of Community Relations & Community Events

- In April, we have much more than these 4 major, wonderful events.
- **History of Simon & Garfunkel**
 - If you took the rich harmonies of the Everly Brothers and matched it with the lyricism of Bob Dylan, the result might be Simon & Garfunkel.
 - Learn more about this duo on Thurs., April 6, 6 pm, on Zoom.
 - Co-sponsored by City of Centennial
 - Often considered the thinking person's rock 'n' rollers, they were also one of the most successful musical acts of the 1960s.
 - Using audio & visual content, we'll trace the arc of Simon & Garfunkel's career from their surprise teenybopper hit "Hey Schoolgirl," to the folk-rock classic "The Sound of Silence," to the ever popular "Mrs. Robinson," to the majesty of "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

- For more information and to register, visit [here](#).
- **A Park Ranger's Introduction to Yellowstone National Park**
 - Meet a Yellowstone National Park ranger & learn about the park's natural wonders on Mon., April 10, 4:30 pm on Zoom.
 - We will hear about Yellowstone's cultural history and its prominent attractions, from geysers, hot springs, & volcanoes to its roaming wildlife.
 - We will also hear about the National Park Service's mission to preserve the natural landscape.
 - This event is geared toward families, tweens, teens, & adults.
 - For more information and to register, visit [here](#)
- **Meet Paul Holes, True Crime Author of Unmasked**
 - Join us for an evening with veteran cold case investigator & author Paul Holes on Thurs., April 27, 7 pm, at the Embassy Suites Denver Tech Center.
 - Holes will discuss his true crime memoir, *Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases*, which recounts his involvement in several high-profile cases and the effects on his personal life.
 - Paul Holes retired as a cold case investigator in 2018 after more than 27 years working in the San Francisco Bay Area.
 - Holes specialized in cold case and serial predator crimes, lending his expertise to notable cases including the murder of Laci Peterson and the kidnapping of Jaycee Dugard.
 - Holes hosts the television show *The DNA of Murder with Paul Holes* and serves as an expert on *America's Most Wanted*.
 - He is the co-host of two podcasts, *Jensen & Holes: The Murder Squad* and *Buried Bones*.
 - Books will be available for purchase from The Bookies and an audience Q&A and book signing will follow.
 - For more information and to register, visit [here](#).
- **'Music Sparks Memories' Concert**
 - Come and join us for a dementia-friendly concert with The Denver Brass5 on Fri., April 28, 2 pm, at Smoky Hill Library.
 - The Denver Brass5 is a recital quintet of The Denver Brass. The ensemble is internationally recognized for its elegant approach to brass chamber music performance.
 - They play familiar music that sparks memories, inspires and leaves people with a sense of well-being and contentment.
 - For more information and to register, visit [here](#).
- **Becky Manning: Can you tell us about the Explorer Pass? Whelan: Arapahoe Libraries partners with all kinds of museums. You can also get a free pass & State Parks Passes**
 - The [Exploration Pass](#) is your ticket to adventure! Any Arapahoe Libraries card holder can reserve passes to metro Denver attractions including the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Butterfly Pavilion, Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, and more, at no charge.
 - Book passes up to 30 days ahead of time. There's a max of 2 passes booked at one time.
 - Each pass covers 2 or more visitors. See pass information for details.
 - If you need help booking, call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

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

- Note from Mayor Piko: Centennial is looking for judges for the traffic box wraps contest. “Calling All Artists: [Call for Entry](#) is open until 5/14 for any local artists interested in participating. Artists will be awarded \$2,000 if their entry is selected.”
- The City has updated its logo a bit.
- We’ve just completed our annual full financial audit and received a clean audit.
- The Housing Study is ongoing. City Council is taking a deeper dive into 4 concepts: land banking, expedited review, exclusionary zoning, and accessory dwelling units.,
- We just enacted a 6-month moratorium on new pickleball courts because of noise.
- I chair the FiberWorks Committee. We need to decide what to do with our dark fiber now? We’re planning for the future.
- YMCA is setting up a facility in Southglenn for seniors & youth (esports). It will have a grand opening in very early June.
- The bridge over Big Dry Creek, Arapahoe & University, should be completed in late summer.
- Work is continuing on the build out of Centennial Center Park.
- Rik is currently Mayor Pro Tem.
- City Council Retreat was in Feb. They showed us the [video](#) on the founding of Centennial. The City is planning to update it.

4. **Human Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation**, 18th Judicial District District Attorney’s Office, [Jacob Kremin](#), Deputy District Attorney

- This presentation is hoping to raise awareness of this serious and deadly problem.
- This is a very brief overview of the presentation.
- What is “Commercial Sexual Exploitation”? CRS 2018-3-504: Coersion: physical, financial abuse
- The 18th Judicial District has a dedicated prosecutor, victim/witness specialist, & a special investigator (detective) all working on this problem.
- The internet is the marketplace for human trafficking.
- Determining factors of human trafficking: running away, homelessness, abuse (sexual molestation, & neglect, truancy, delinquency, family disfunction.
- Groups may request a presentation.

5. **Plans**, [Rhonda Livingston](#), 2nd Vice President

- Comments may be submitted at “Have Your Say” at www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial.
- Community Meeting: Arapahoe Urban Center District No 4 (AUC-4) Regulating Plan. This meeting is intended to solicit comments from the community for a City-initiated Regulating Plan for approximately 50 acres consisting of 23 properties located SW of E. Arapahoe Rd & I-25. The Regulating Plan is intended to provide for a long-term vision for development in this area. ***Comments due April 7.***
- Community Meeting: Racine Warehouse, 6598 S. Racine Cir. Crossland Construction Co. proposes constructing a building of approximately 16,264 sq.ft. (SF) on 1.4 acres. The building is partitioned to accommodate 2 tenants and is a mixed-use commercial project consisting of office & warehouse space. “Tenant space 1” is approximately 8,132 SF & “Tenant Space 2” is also 8,132 SF. ***Comments due April 7.***
- There land planning issues coming up:
 - Camp Pickle, 4/5 deadline, east of Top Golf
 - Cherry Knolls Shopping Center, SE corner of Arapahoe & University, will be undergoing a refresh

- Memory Lane Salon near Broadway & Arapahoe, changing to live-work, will need a site modification.
- Self storage at 6880 S. Kenyon St.

5a. **CenCON will hold officer elections at its April meeting. If you're interested in running for an office, please, complete the form linked near the bottom of this email.**

6. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:58pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

Next Meeting: April 24, 2023