

## CenCON MINUTES - November 25, 2013

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

Chapparral	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Cherry Knolls	Palos Verdes
Foxridge	Smoky Hill
Heritage Place	Tiffany
Homestead Farm	Willow Creek I
Hunters Hill Condos	Willow Creek II
Mira Vista	

Attendance, 13 Members (16 members constitutes a quorum)

### II. Guest Comments

#### A. Arapahoe County Sheriff, Lt. Ken Myllem, Watch Commander

[www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org)

- Communication accreditation conducted this year. Hearing last week, where panel makes final decision. Sheriff's division has been reaccredited with Excellence, which means that the Sheriff's Division lives the spirit of the standards.
- Crime issue: Channel 7 reported a gentlemen walking around with body armor and carrying firearms behind the Highline Canal trail. Two calls for service. One regarding a man with a pistol and the other regarding a man with a leg holster. Sheriff's investigated with Channel 7 following them around for the story. Citizen called in response to Channel 7, saying the person was wearing a "weighted vest". Indeed, the man was a fireman who was exercising with a weighted vest – no body armor or guns.

#### B. Arapahoe Library District, Daisy Grice, Manager of Community Libraries

[www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org)

- Castlewood library reopened with new carpeting
- Blue Rays will be starting in a few weeks. If the public likes the blue rays, more will be ordered.
- The "Geek Out" Contest for teens challenged teens to do something creative regarding something in which they were interested. Over 70 kids entered items that included; cakes, costumes, videos – huge variety using the teens' creativity. Prizes were awarded and a party thrown for the contestants. Great outpouring from the teens – "there are really neat kids in the community."
- Drive for the Friends Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds for the Arapahoe Library District. There are a number of membership levels -- \$15 for seniors up to \$1,000 for the Queso Grande level. The Foundation funds many projects, including 100% of summer reading. Benefits include invitation for early shopping at book sales.
- Text alerts: to let folks know when items are due or available. Call 303.Library.
- Holiday Drive to benefit Denver Dumb Friends League. Collecting water, towels, blankets, cat treats and dog treats. All libraries are collecting donations.
- Closures: Wednesday, November 27, closing early, closed all day Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 29, as well as December 24 at 5:00 p.m., all day December 25, 5:00 on New Year's Eve and all day on New Year's Day.

**C. Arapahoe Park & Rec, DeLos Searle, Asst. District Manager,**  
[www.aprd.org](http://www.aprd.org)

- Customer Service Representative: The Trails Rec Center is hiring a full time Customer Service Representative. Contact Michelle McGhee at 303-269-8400 for more information or check the website.
- Thanksgiving Fitness Schedule  
Hours 5 am to 2pm offering special classes like Burn the Bird Ride, Boot camps, Step & Sculpt, and Zumba. Other classes available check the website for classes and times.
- Holiday Pass Special  
\$60 District \$86 Non-District Pass good Nov 16th through Jan 12th.
- Holiday Storytelling & Cookie Decorating  
This event is for youngsters, ages 3-7, \$10 District \$14, Non-District, Friday December 13 and December 20th from 5:00-6:30pm.
- Holiday Toy-Dive  
Benefits Toys for Tots, families up to 4 get in free for the pool if they bring in a new toy still in original packaging. Saturday, December 14th, 10 am to 2pm.
- Triple Threat Winter Basketball Coed League  
Ages 5 to 10 years old. Starts January 11, registration deadline December 20th. \$70 District, \$95 Non District
- Art and Pottery Winter Sale  
Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm, at the Trails Rec Center

**D. Fire Districts: Littleton Fire Rescue, Fire Chief John Mullen**  
[www.cfpd.org](http://www.cfpd.org), [www.littletongov.org/fire](http://www.littletongov.org/fire) [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)

- This is the last visit from Chief Mullen as he is retiring after 40 years of service. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the last official day, but December 31<sup>st</sup> will be his last day working.
- Budget has been passed for Littleton Fire District.
- South Metro and Cunningham budgets will be approved shortly.
- South Metro is starting a rebate program up to \$300 that will run through December 15 if you install sprinklers in your home.
- Littleton will be hiring 8 paramedic firefighters to be put through the academy beginning December 10, 2013, for 12 week academy.
- The Littleton departments have contracted with ESCI (Emergency Service Consulting International) to develop a 5, 10 & 15-year strategic Master plan ;
- New Littleton Fire District will interview 7 candidates for Fire Chief on December 9, 2013.

**E. South Suburban Park & Rec District, Teresa Cope, Communications Director**  
(absent), [www.SSPR.org](http://www.SSPR.org)

- Gold Medal Committee to create a long range five year plan for the District is being put in place. Gerry Cummins is a co-chair with Jim Taylor, former member Littleton City Council. One meeting thus far in November. Tammy Maurer and Andrea Suhaka are also on sub committees. The committee is still looking for additional citizens under the age of 50 to serve on committees.

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

**A. City Council Report, Cathy Noon, Mayor**

- The City's Tree lighting was held on November 23. About 1000 people attended. They had the "best Santa in the world!" Hot chocolate and cider were served.
- Election Results: C.J. Whelan was elected to City Council from District 4. – Congrats! Others elected were Mark Gotto, District 3, Kathy Turley, District 1 and Doris Truhlar, District 2. Mayor Noon was re-elected to a second term.
- Applications are being accepted for Centennial 101. Those interested have until December 2<sup>nd</sup> to complete the application.
- Question 2G (fiber optics) passed. Coincidentally, on the day of the election some staff members travelled to Chicago for a fiber optics seminar.
- The Snow Hero program is continuing this year.
- Cherrywood Circle Bridge, south of Orchard Road is having a new guard/hand rail installed.
- New city website going up for beta testing, with goal of having site up and running the third week in December.
- The City will also make more use of social media – tweeting, Facebook, etc.
- City will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.
- CDOT is raising the bridge over Cherry Creek on Orchard Road -- it will be high enough so that a person riding horse can pass underneath.
- Invitations coming to the dedication ceremony for the new public works facility to take place December 19, located at Jordon Road and Eagle. Expanded facilities will include space for public meetings and other events, animal services, and a call center. Snow plows and other support services will also be located at the facility.
- Greg Glischinski, new Senior Commission chair, was present for his first CenCON meeting.
- The city has hired Angela Engle as the staff liaison to Youth and Senior Commission.
- Barbara Martin-Worley, Consumer Protection Director with the Arapahoe County DA's office was present to observe the CenCon meeting. She explained that her job is to prevent crime and fraud & also provide tips for being a wise consumer. To be added to consumer alert list contact Barbara at 720-874-8543  
[bmw@da18.state.co.us](mailto:bmw@da18.state.co.us).

## **B. Animal Services: Sgt. Matthew Creaghe and Kayla Kotcsh.**

An overview of Animal Services was given. It is contracted by the City from the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region based in Colorado Springs. Animal Services operates animal control from Pueblo through Centennial. There are five people scheduled to work every day, including holidays and they are on call 24 hours a day through the Sheriff's office 365 days/year.

### Highlights:

- Medical emergencies where pet is interfering. Assist with animal care during natural disasters. Moved 96 livestock during the floods.
- Has a 97% save rate. On average only euthanize 1 animal per month. They are considered a non-kill organization. Other jurisdictions are less than a 50% save rate.
- Most common calls: Loose pets, noisy pets, owners not picking up after pets. A written statement by a resident is considered evidence – Animal Services' personnel do not need to observe violations.
- Try to fix problems with a verbal warning, if not, monetary penalties and/or citation may follow.

- When you contact Animal Services, almost always dealing with the same group of people.
- New location at the public works facility on Jordon and Eagle, will be used for housing, kenneling, licensing (1 free license for seniors over the age of 65), offices, etc.
- Happy to speak at HOA meetings.
- Very diligent with record keeping regarding vaccinations, violations, licensing.

#### **IV. Undergrounding of Power Lines on Orchard Road**

David Schlatter of Palos Verdes addressed CenCON on behalf of his HOA. Orchard Road is the City boundary between Centennial and Greenwood Village. In one section on

the Southside/Centennial-side of Orchard there is a six block section with power lines above ground. The HOA would like to underground the power lines and as a starting point & would like the City to prioritize the project for 2014. The Verona Estates development is located nearby. Centennial is requiring them to underground their power lines during the development of the property.

The service line provides power to portions of Greenwood Village. They are proposing that the costs of the undergrounding project on Orchard be shared with 50% paid from Greenwood Village Xcel funds and 50% from Centennial Xcel funds. This would also take advantage of work that will be taking place to save money and get the job done. The recent board meeting of Palos Verdes Civic Association approved a letter asking the City to prioritize this project. Palos Verdes is asking CenCON for support of efforts to tell the City that the project is important and should be prioritized.

Mayor Noon comments. City can apply for credits for undergrounding if power lines are in its right of way. Centennial money gets used in its right of way and the same applies for other City's right of ways. Also, when the electric service lines are taken down, there are also cable and phone lines to be undergrounded which would not be paid for by Xcel. The current City undergrounding policy prioritizes commercial and business corridors. A proposal is on the table will involve Council re-consideration of the policy. It is a very complicated issue because the poles serve different owners. CenCON is encouraged to ask the City to address a change in policy.

#### **VI. CenCon Business**

A thank you gift was given to the library district for use of building/ meeting room.

##### **A. President's Report, Gerry Cummins**

The resignation of C.J. Whelan, treasurer, was accepted due to his recent election as a City Councilmember from District 4. Henry Blum, Fox Hill #4 was appointed as treasurer to fill the vacancy.