

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – January 2007 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m. with a total of 17 members present.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office - Captain Mark Fischer

- Drop It. Lock It. Stop It. program has been successful resulting in a 49% reduction in garage burglaries.
- Vehicle crashes have been reduced 16.3% in the city since 2003.
- Crime statistics reduced in 2006: homicides down 100%; sexual assaults down 11%; robberies down 8%; aggravated assaults down 13 %; burglaries down 25%; thefts down 34 %. There was an 8% increase in arson.
- A 16-year old drug dealer from Arapahoe High School was arrested as a result of collaboration between parents and school authorities.
- Sheriff's office provided canine assistance with success in both Englewood and Littleton with three arrests in a week.
- In the hotel area, two drug suspects were arrested who had come into the area via Light Rail. Also a juvenile runaway was picked up in downtown Denver who had used the Light Rail to get there.
- No gang activity is evident in Centennial. One member of the staff serves on the Metro Gang Task Force.
- <u>www.arapahoesheriff.org</u>

Arapahoe Park & Rec District - Rebecca Nash

- Requested patience as they work to clear snow from the parking lot at the Trails Rec Center.
- Kids Night Out available on Saturday nights from 7:00-10:30 p.m. for \$15.
- Rec Center will be offering 'off-track' classes for youngsters on vacation.
- CPR classes are available to the community. It is a 2-day class from 6 10 pm. at the Trails Rec Center.
- Everyone is asked to please lock your lockers at the Rec Center to protect personal items.
- Construction is on hold due to the recent snow storms.
- No winter watering is necessary due to the snow accumulation and do not anticipate any mite problems this spring.
- The tree planting program is open to HOA's to participate. Information will be available at the February meeting.
- <u>www.aprd.org</u> <u>nashrebecca@comcast.net</u>

Fire Districts - Chief Bob Rinne

- Fire Departments have dealt with snow with additional resources brought in when storms were anticipated. Plows were placed on some fire trucks and chains on other trucks. They are working with counties and the EOC to have a plow dedicated to fire district needs. More firefighters were needed to help shovel an access to homes needing service.
- South Metro has just met the national time standard of responding to requests.
- South Metro has added additional personnel. They are mostly EMT's.
- Renovation is being done at Dry Creek and Quebec station.
- Colorado State Fire Chiefs have leased space in the South Metro facility.
- Power prams have been added to equipment to assist in lifting heavier individuals and in carrying people down stairwells.
- The public as been asked to assist by digging out fire hydrants in neighborhoods. Adopt-A-Fire hydrant program is encouraged not only in the winter but in the summer by cutting back foliage growing over & around the hydrants.
- Parker Fire District is working on a design for the fire station at Arapahoe & Euclid.
- All districts are gearing up for Democratic National Convention in 2008.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org www.southmetro.org

South Suburban Rec. District - Jean Flynn

- Distributed information on the 'Matching Gifts' program. This year there is no restriction on the planting of trees.
- Family Sports Center hosts a special night of Rock, Skate & Ride DJ night on Feb. 23. Dance/skate from 7-9 pm.
- Young actors performing an Irish Tale, *Blather, Barney & Balderdash*, on Feb. 24. at 7 pm and Feb. 25 at 3:00 pm at the Buck Rec Center. Purchase tickets online.
- Mulch is available to the public at the Willow Spring Open Space between 7:00 3:00 pm. Monday-Friday. Bring own containers.
- Council Member Suhaka announced that Centennial is working on an Open Space policy with regards to the Open Space funds available. South Suburban is interested in developing trail connections.
- <u>www.sspr.org</u>

City of Centennial - Nancy Reubert

• The City has received over 1000 storm related phone calls. The City will take advantage to the good weather forecast this week to scrape off ice on residential streets although not to pavement level. Construction equipment is necessary to remove some of the ice. Potholes will be evident as soon as the snow melts. The storm related costs is near \$750,000. The City has applied for emergency funds to help cover the costs. There have been many assistance requests from seniors to dig out from the snow. Volunteers are being coordinated by Gail Carissimi at 303-754-3323. Mayor Pye has formed a task force to examine how the city responds to severe weather events in the future and will be coordinated by the new Deputy City Manager, Jacque Wedding-Scott.

- Walgreens at Southglenn is planning to move its temporary building to the new site north of Arapahoe Road.
- A public hearing is scheduled for February 21 on a proposed animal control ordinance with a vote the same night.
- A February 5 Study Session will receive a briefing on a proposed amendment to the sign ordinance re: signs in the public rights of way along main thoroughfares.
- Applications are being taken to fill the position of city treasurer due to the resignation of Doug Milliken.
- Applicants are being sought for the Liquor License Authority to fill 2 regular positions and 1 alternate position.
- The 2007 schedule for Pye and Coffee has been posted on the city web site.
- The Neighborhood Map & database project is proceeding with the latest update available next month. Nancy is looking for volunteers to find additional information.
- <u>www.centennialcolorado.com</u>

Wayne Reed, Director of Planning, Centennial – Joint Planning Agreement

Provided an overview of the Joint Planning Agreement between the City of Centennial and Arapahoe County and the Vision Plan. It provides a blue print to address issues in neighborhoods and is designed to be proactive. The JPA addresses the area primarily east of I-25 to Jordan Road to improve design by maintaining minimum agreed upon building standards and throughput transportation needs. A Fiscal & Market analysis identified accessibility & visibility as a primary consideration as well as the disjointed nature of what was going into the area. Economics, transportation and design were considered. Mr. Reed described various possibilities for the development of the area which has close access to the Cherry Creek Trail area with recreational opportunities. A Land Use Plan is under development with a mix of uses and activity centers. The County has previously approved an MDP [Master Development Plan] at three areas within the JPA. Approximately 2000 residential units are currently located in this area but residential development is not part of the long range plan. The City & County would have to mutually agree on any changes to the plan. An IGA must be adopted by both City and County for future reference. Annexation issues are addressed in the JPA. Referrals are not. Vested property rights are protected in the JPA. CenCON agreed to support this plan.

Denver Water Board Irrigation Charges to HOAs – Jim Levy

Water rate structures are being reviewed by the Denver Water Board which would bill HOA's according to the residential schedule. Increases in the water bills for HOA's may range from 40% - 90%. CAI is negotiating this issue.

CenCON Reports

Cathy Noon, President

The CAI renewal of dues is \$115. Moved to approve by Jim Levy and seconded by Don Strickland. Motion carried.

Minutes - Gerry Cummins, Secretary

Moved by Andrea Suhaka, seconded by Lynn Leader to approve the November 2006 minutes. Motion carried.

Appointment of VP for Membership (Betty Ann Habig resigned)

Ron Podboy, Knolls HOA, was appointed to fill the position of 1st Vice-President for Membership.

Plans - Jim Levy, 2nd Vice-President

Plans have been received on Copperleaf and the site on the NW corner of University and Arapahoe for Walgreens.

Financial Report - Don Strickland, Treasurer

December

Checking Previous Balance:	\$ 771.14	Savings Previous Balance:	\$ 3648.50
Income:	700.00	Income (Interest):	0.00
Expenses:	0.00	Transfer to Checking	700.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 1471.14	Closing Balance:	\$ 2948.50

January

Checking Previous Balance:	\$1471.14	Savings Previous Balance:	\$ 2948.50
Expenses: Library	266.30	Income (Interest):	1.28
Expenses: Library	750.00		0.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 454.84	Closing Balance:	\$ 2949.78

Next meeting, Monday, February 26, 2007