

November 25, 2024

## Minutes

1. Call to order: President C.J. Whelan called the meeting to order at 6.47pm.
  - Attendance (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres	Arapahoe Highlands	Chapparral
Cherry Knolls Place	FoxRidge	Hanover
Heritage Place Farm	Heritage Greens	Jackson
Mill Creek Hills South	Monterey	Nob Hill/Ridgeview
Palos Verdes Village at Centennial	Smoky Hill Walnut Hills	Tiffany
  - Arapahoe County Commissioners' Office, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), Arapahoe Library Dist. (ALD), Centennial City Council, Chambers of Commerce (2), Colorado State Legislator
  - **Highlighted areas** below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
2. CenCON Business
  - A. President's Report, [C.J.Whelan](#)
    - Whelan reminded the group that there would be no Dec. Meeting.
    - Our 27 Jan., 2025, meeting is being planned to be at the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus. It's near the Centennial Public Works facility, 8000 S. Chambers Rd., Centennial, 80112.
    - Our 25 Feb. Will be a presentation on the Centennial Futures Committee and may be at Trails Rec. Cen-ter
    - Our 25 March meeting will have City Manager Matt Sturgeon on the City budget and will be at the Center of Generations, Southglenn.
  - B. Vice President, Plans: [Rhonda Livingston](#).
    - Livingston sent around the Information notebook.
    - We support Project CURE, Nourish Meals on Wheels, and the Centennial Arts & Cultural Foundation. If someone has an idea for a service project for us next year, please, contact one of the officers.
  - C. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
    - There were 2 corrections to the minutes, from Sue Rosser:
      - 1, Bob Baker who is retiring from South Metro Fire Rescue is the Fire Chief, not a captain.
      - 2, The article from Aurora Ogg on the woman in Castle Pines that was supposed to give gold bars to a bad guy was a little misleading. "DougCo Sheriff's deputies foiled an attempt by scammers to bilk a 76-year-old Castle Pines woman out of \$200,000. The 2 men are now serving 6 year sentences and will then be deported back to India."
    - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Oct. minutes as corrected. (I believe George Hamilton made the motion but, I don't get the second.)
  - D. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
    - We have \$2272.74 in our bank account. The Treasurer's Report is attached to the email.

- We would like to thank all of you who donated items for the Nourish 12 Days of Giving project.

E. Colleen Cullen: We sent out the survey on Survey Pluto, asking for ways to help CenCON to stay fresh. It will be going out again but, if you haven't seen it, here is the link: <https://surveymars.com/q/eyNuqxaRD> . Deadline to complete it is the end of Dec.

### 3. Centennial Government and Special Districts

#### A. Arapahoe County Commissioner Jeff Baker, Dist. 3

- 1A, the County debrucing ballot issue, passed. The next step for the County is to create a board of citi-zens of citizens to identify how that money will be used.
- Any County resident and/or property owner can be on many of the County boards and commissions.
- The County is in the midst of closing off the old 18th Judicial Dist. and creating the new one.

#### B. Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Bureau Chief Lt. Adam Burson

- Dennis Meyer, a Community Resource Deputy, presented in place of Chief Burson.
- Holiday gift shopping leads to crimes of opportunity. Lock your car doors. Close your garage door. Don't leave valuables in plain view inside your car.
- The ACSO does security checks on businesses.
- Biniek: I've been reading about people walking out of supermarkets without checking out. Meyer: It does happen. We have a special license plate reader deployed in may places.
- Meyer distributed a pamphlet on home security. It's attached to the email.
- The ACSO has responsibility for crime prevention, fraud, & home crime, We have a home security program we can present to groups to halp people assess their vulnerability to crime. (You can call & have a deputy walk through the house with you.)

C. South Suburban Parks & Rec. District, Michelle Kitchens was not present. Her report is in the email.

#### D. Arapahoe Library District, Holly Whelan, Manager of Community Rela-tions & Strategic Events

- The Events team is planning hapenings almost through 2025.
- **New Year, New Books**
  - When: Sat., Jan. 11, 10-11:30 am
  - Where: Koelbel Library (5955 S. Holly St., Centennial)
  - Who: adults
  - A new year means new books to look forward to.
  - Join us at Koelbel Library to hear about exciting new titles you can look for in 2025.
  - Free refreshments will be served.
- **Meet bestselling author Dr. Jewell Parker Rhodes**
  - When: Sun., Jan. 12, 1-3 pm
  - Where: Smoky Hill Library (5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial)
  - Who: tweens, teens, & adults
  - Meet Dr. Jewell Parker Rhodes the bestselling author of *Ghost Boys*, *Bayou Magic!*, and other award-winning books for youth & adults.
  - Hear about her latest novel, *Will's Race for Home*, then get your copy signed by the author.

- Attendees will receive free copies of the book, while supplies last. Additional books will be available for purchase.
- This event is co-sponsored by The Bookies Bookstore.
- ***Teen Life Skills: Resume Workshop***
  - [Session 1](#): Sat., Jan. 18, 2-3:30 pm, Smoky Hill Library (5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial)
  - [Session 2](#): Wed., Jan. 22, 5-6:30 pm, Castlewood Library (6739 S. Uinta St., Centennial)
  - Session 3: Tues., Feb. 11, 4-5:30 pm, Sheridan Library (3425 W. Oxford Ave., Denver)
  - Session 4: Wed, Feb. 26, 5-6:30 pm, Eloise May Library (1471 S. Parker Rd., Denver)
  - (The Feb. sessions aren't on the ALD website, yet.)
  - Teens, join us for a free resume workshop.
  - Choose from 4 convenient sessions in Jan. & Feb. and learn how to build your first resume.
  - This event is part of the library's Teen Life Skills series, helping teens learn real-world skills to make adulthood a little less mysterious.
  - Future events will cover skills like job hunting, cooking, and sewing.
- ***Chinese Calligraphy Workshop***
  - [Session 1](#): Sat. Jan. 25, 10-11:30 am, Smoky Hill Library (5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial)
  - [Session 2](#): Sat., Jan. 25, 3-4:30 pm, Southglenn Library (6972 S. Vine St., Centennial)
  - Who: all ages
  - Join us for one of two free workshops to learn the beautiful art of Chinese calligraphy.
  - Local artist and letterer Christian Cruce will teach the basics of calligraphy with simple step-by-step instructions.
  - They are bilingual in Spanish and English, and all supplies will be provided. For ages 16 & up.
- ***Tween Drama Club at Koelbel Library***
  - When: Tues., Jan. 28, 5-6 pm (monthly on the fourth Tuesday)
  - Where: Koelbel Library (5955 S. Holly St., Centennial)
  - Who: tweens
  - Tweens, are you interested in drama or the performing arts?
  - Join the monthly Tween Drama Club at Koelbel Library.
  - We'll enjoy exciting games, fun activities, and practice sessions.
  - The club will start at the Koelbel Library Forum Theatre.
  - All experience levels are welcome!
- Arapahoe Libraries events are free and open to everyone. Each event is posted on the library website at the start of the month prior. To save your spot, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).
- The Library has finally gotten its permits to begin reworking the admin. Building!

E. [City of Centennial](#), Centennial City Council Member District 4 [Marlo Alston](#)

- Thank you for the work that CenCON does.
- [City protocol regarding snowstorms](#): Our workers do an amazing job plowing P1 & P2 streets. P3s are the neighborhood streets.

- City Manager Sturgeon discussed the issue at a Council meeting. In the huge Nov. storm, the amounts of snow differed greatly in different parts of the City. Generally, 8" of snow and following days below freezing are the standards for plowing in the neighborhoods. We need a better way to deploy our plows.
- More info: <https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works/Snow-Ice-Control>

F. Paula Hillman, who is our contact with the Center of Generations thanked CenCON for letting them take part in the Nourish project. Their knitting group made a box full of "Positive Potatoes" to donate.

4. The two Chambers of Commerce that represent most of Centennial's businesses

- [Aurora Chamber of Commerce](#) President/CEO Naomi Colwell
  - Our members all over the metro area; 60% are small businesses.
    - Aurora & Centennial, Arapahoe & Adams Counties
  - The medical sector is huge, including Anschutz in Aurora.
  - We make sure they have visibility & exposure.
  - We have Military Affairs group.
  - Klutho: How do you help a small business just starting? Colwell: We'll hold a ribbon cutting with City Council members present, lots of social media. Klutho: Do you offer help w/bookkeeping, etc.? Colwell: We sponsor workshops with subject experts
  - We work with Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to help with problems finding workforce.
  - We're making a push for High school juniors & seniors to start thinking about careers.
- [South Metro Chamber of Commerce](#) President/CEO Jeff Keener
  - Not as much military is in our membership but. 60% small businesses.
  - There is a regional chamber, Colorado Chamber Alliance, that takes in Castle Pines, Castle Rock, GWV, soon Parker, Lone Tree, Centennial, Littleton, and more.
  - We work with all of the cities.
  - Every year we sponsor an economic forecast breakfast program.
  - Klutho: Why would a Chevron belong? Keener: They want to be part of the community; their workers live in our communities
  - Klutho: What about networking? Keener: We are absolutely all over networking.
  - ???: Are you trying to work on the vacancies in strip malls? Colwell: The malls have their own PR groups, We don't work to fill vacancies.
  - We keep an eye on legislation to make sure they don't harm small business. If you belong to the Chamber, we represent you at the Capitol.
  - CJ: Challenges? Are things that are going well? Colwell: Centennial City Council gets along & talks together. They're willing to take the risks. Keener: Having a Council that works together, is focused on the future is a very good thing.
  - And of course, the Aurora & South Metro Chambers work together well.

5. Plans, Rhonda Livingston, 2nd Vice President

- *Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them. You can also check [www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial](http://www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial) to see what's happening.*

6. Adjourn: Whelan adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

Last meeting for the year, no meeting in Dec.

**The next meeting will be  
27 January 2025!**