



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – February 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon at 6:52 p.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with 16 members present.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office - Captain Mark Fisher

- Sheriff's Dept. has a new program, 'A Child is Missing'. It allows a blast phone call to be made in the community to provide information about missing kids and adults. It is funded by federal grants.
- Department is involved with Metro Denver Gang Initiative, [Denver, Aurora, Arapahoe County] an effort to prohibit the proliferation of gang members in the area.
- Valuables had been taken from unsecured lockers at Trails Rec Center. One juvenile was detained but the victim refused to prosecute.
- Traffic signal light synchronization, CDOT project on Arapahoe Road, has been delayed due to weather.
- www.arapahoesherriff.org

Arapahoe Library District - Eloise May

- Links to tax resources are available on the website. Paper copies of tax forms are also available.
- 'Write Gift' contest for those from 5-105 yrs. [5 age categories] is underway. Participants should submit a story up to 1000 words with a gift being a major part of the story. Deadline: March 15, 9:00 pm.
- No movement on library facility at the Streets at Southglenn. A Letter of Intent has been submitted.
- Veterans Day closure was supported by a straw poll from several groups.
- www.arapahoelibraries.org

Arapahoe Park & Recreation District - Rebecca Nash

- Information on tree bids was distributed for HOA's. Requests submitted by hard copy. \$288 is average price per tree. Contact Singing Hills Landscape, Greg Anderson, 303-343-4100 for details.
- Construction has begun on several projects.
- Trails Rec Center will continue Kids Night Out, 8-13 years of age, \$15/child on Saturday nights.

- A March special with a 20-punch card includes 5 punches free is available.
- www.aprd.org e-mail: nashrebecca@comcast.net

Fire Districts - Chief Dan Qualman, Parker Fire District

- Littleton has taken delivery of a new fire truck and 2 rescue units, & has hired 4 new fire fighters.
- Cunningham is hiring 3 new fighters & is working on annual report, Chief Rhodes participated in a trip to Israel as part of the International Fire Chief Assoc. to study various techniques related to safety.
- Parker – new Arapahoe Rd. Station has been designed and hope to begin construction late spring/early summer. No community room will be included due to small lot size. Applications for the Academy are due soon.
- Stressed that HOA's help keep a path clear to fire hydrants when hydrants covered by snow.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org www.southmetro.org

City of Centennial - Nancy Reubert & Jacque Wedding-Scott

- Introduced new Deputy City Manager, Jacque Wedding-Scott.
- Amendment to fire works ordinance to allow professional fireworks displays will be heard March 5.
- Greg Hill has been appointed as new city treasurer. He will be sworn in on March 5
- Council Member Todd Miller was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.
- Open Space committee is meeting to develop a policy framework for the use of open space funds. There will be a March 5 briefing to Council on a master planning process & process to create an open space board.
- State of City luncheon, April 19, \$25, Embassy Suites Hotel, 303-991-6250.
- New version of neighborhood map was available for review.
- Tex Elam, City volunteer transportation coordinator, was awarded RTD's Champions of Transit Award for his work on the Southeast Corridor Light Rail system on February 21.
- Tanterra pre-annexation agreement proposal has been postponed to March 5.
- Jacque Wedding-Scott [303-754-3450] addressed code enforcement. A study will address issues. Susie Ellis is the current code enforcement contract person, Tim Marquez full time code enforcement officer. The current policy of complaint only as basis for code enforcement will be under review and implications of any changes.
- Animal Control ordinance approved by Council on Feb. 21, tightening up enforcement, dangerous animal provisions and leash law, among other items. It will be effective April 1.
- The snow & ice task force will review what worked/didn't work during recent snowstorms and make recommendations. Stakeholders are being identified and will be asked to be involved. Committee chair is Ms. Wedding-Scott.
- Council Member Suhaka discussed the proposed sign ordinance relating to signs placed in the public right of way. It will address where and how the signs may be placed, how to implement. A draft ordinance will soon be available. It is currently illegal to place signs in many places.
- www.centennialcolorado.com

Community Assets - Michael Frasier, teacher, & Sierra Harris, student

- Michael Frasier, teacher, and Sierra Harris, board member for Youth Summit, Cherry Creek Schools described the Community Asset Project as an attempt to provide the 40 Developmental Assets, developed by research in Minnesota, to provide constructive skills for youth. Three agendas are: promote awareness of the 40 developmental assets, support the fitness festival, and support the Youth-Adult Summit. Youth-Adult Summit participants tend to refrain from self-destructive behaviors. Attendance has increased each year with this year a goal of 800. Designed & implemented by youth, the Youth-Adult Summit will be at Grandview H.S., March 17 from 8:30-2:30 pm. The Centennial Youth Commission provides additional support.
- Contact information: www.assetsconnect.org, 720-554-4427.

Cherry Creek Schools Long Range Planning - Angela Phillips, Administrator of Planning

- Angela McCain Phillips described her role with Cherry Creek Schools: reviews projections, collects data which determine graduation rates, dropout rates, which affect facilities, & works with new developments in terms of land dedication or cash in lieu. The 'school of choice' options review has just been completed with about 15-20% of students attending schools other than home schools.
- The district has 6 high schools and has purchased a site for a seventh high school & new middle school. Under construction are Buffalo Trails, the 40th elementary school, located in Toll Gate, east of 470, and a middle school at the new Cherokee Trail HS site. Cherry Creek School's official comment on developers plans are typically handled by a letter. Cherry Creek attempts to work behind the scenes with the developer to ascertain the amount of land or cash in lieu needed to support development and a comment letter is seldom submitted to City or County. A citizen based committee participates in making recommendations regarding building of schools and placement of neighborhood students.
- Acreage needed for schools: 12 acres for an elementary school, 25 acres for a middle school or be adjacent to parks to share facilities, 60-70 acres for a high school with two access points [two different streets].

CenCON Business - Cathy Noon, President

- Announced that renewal notices would be sent out soon & asked that accurate contact information be submitted.
- Announced the Open House for proposed sign ordinance, Wednesday, February 28, Council Chambers.
- CenCON members will attend the State of the City luncheon as individuals.

Minutes Gerry - Cummins, Secretary

- Moved by Don Doerr, seconded by Andrea Suhaka, to approve the January 22, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report - Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking Previous Balance:	\$ 454.84	Savings Previous Balance:	\$ 2949.78
Income:	30.00	Income (Interest):	0.00
Expenses:	115.0		
Closing Balance:	\$ 369.84	Closing Balance:	\$ 2949.78

Plans - Jim Levy, 2nd Vice President

- Metrum Credit Union preliminary plans have been submitted and will be reviewed.
- Greg Armstrong and Chris Elliot introduced the pre-annexation Tanterra project, a 387-acre parcel east of Centennial Airport & part of the Dove Valley Business Park. It would create a community-type development in and around Broncos Parkway between Chambers and Jordan Road and would include residential, commercial, future retail, ball fields, school site, mixed use transitional area. It is not intended to hinder the viability of Centennial Airport. The developer looked at regional needs and identified an east/west arterial as one element needed with the developer providing \$4M to road improvements. JPA [Joint Planning Agreement] goals have been reviewed. Discussion with Centennial Airport is underway regarding impacts with the RDA [restricted development area], noise, and safety included in the discussion. 65 decibels is the noise limit for residential construction, mitigation must be addressed between 50-65 decibels. Based on current amount of airport traffic, the proposed area falls into the definitions of a suburban residential area. The annexation and zoning process with the City will need to be followed. The proposal has been continued until March 5 with the City.
- CenCON Concerns: flight patterns & safety in relation to the proposed development, & providing potential, adequate revenue to the City.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 26, 2007