



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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Minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.) Members:

Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge	Greenwood South
Heritage Greens	Heritage Place (2)	Knolls TH
Mill Creek	Mira Vista	Orchard Valley
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Palos Verdes	Smoky Hill
Tiffany	Village@Centennial	Village Cooperative
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2	
 - Guests: 18th Judicial Dist. (2), Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council members Dist. 4, Centennial Neighborhood Services Manager, Guests (2)
 - Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
2. **CenCON Business**
 - A. President's Report, Gerry Cummins, President
 - Cummins said that our next CenCON meeting, 28 March, should be in person at the Arapahoe Library Admin. buildin. Watch for the Call to Meeting.
 - B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the January 2022 minutes. (Stone/Goodhard)
 - C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins
 - Meakins reported that we had no deposits or expenses for January so, our treasury remains the same @ \$2,159.28.
3. **Regular Special District Presentations**
 - A. 18th Judicial District, Vicki Klingensmith and/or Jamie Sorrells
 - **Sorrells:**
 - Romance scams aren't only for Valentine's Day, between the end of Oct. 2021 and the end of Jan., more than 200 people in CO & WY lost about \$32M. Social media is the major promulgator. The scammers take advantage of your emotions. Never give out personal/sensitive info online. Organized crime is in those call centers
 - Tax season in another big window for scams; try to file on time. IRS will never call, text, email! Gift cards are for gifts not for paying overdue bills.
 - For online purchases, especially on Facebook & Instagram, many ads for goods aren't legitimate. It's very easy for the bad guys to spoof the name of a company.
 - Senior Law & Safety Day, on the Chas. Schwab campus, is back on 5/21, 9am-2pm. The number of participants will be capped so register as soon as you see the info. *Suhaka: This is a fantastic event; I've attended 3 times and garnered lots of important information. Registration has been \$10 in the past; that included a box lunch.*
 - Lambert: Is it on your website? Sorrells: It will be when it's finalized. It should be up by the end of March. Registrations will be required.

- **Aurora Ogg:**
 - DA Kellner will have his quarterly town hall on 3/30, 6pm. The primary subject will be fentanyl. There is an issue right now with possession of thousands of fentanyl pills only being a misdemeanor; Legislature is trying to address that now.
 - The DA has written an Op Ed in the post on the loophole in State Statute that allows some felons to carry guns.
 - DA Kellner's February newsletter is [here](#). The monthly spotlight is our Organized Crime Unit (OCU)
 - See what's going on in the DA's newsletter: community events, programs, resources, courtroom updates, education, news, and more.
 - To subscribe: aogg@da18.state.co.us or c) 720-595-0035 or click the link above.
- B. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office \(ACSO\)](#), Capt. Ken McKlem: absent
- C. [South Suburban Parks & Recreation District](#), Lindsay Robinson: absent. She couldn't get into the Zoom with the link.
- D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan

Meet the Author of Other Words for Home: Jasmine Warga

- On 4 March at 6pm, tweens & parents are invited to meet Jasmine Warga, author of *Other Words for Home*, which has won multiple awards, including a John Newbery Honor, and focuses on the experiences of a young immigrant and finding oneself.

Parenting Strategies: Bedtime Tips and Tricks

- Does any young one in your family have trouble getting to sleep? Or staying in bed? Nicole Double, a certified pediatric sleep consultant, will share advice to help your family return to sleeping well.
- On 16 March, 6:30pm, this free online event will be presented through Zoom
- Bring your questions. For parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5.
- To register, visit [here](#).

Meet the Author of the "Scythe" Series: Neal Shusterman

- On 4/1, meet author Neal Shusterman, by Zoom, who has written many young adult fiction titles including the "Unwind" series, *Dry*, and his latest thriller *Roxy*.
- Shusterman will chat with us about his body of work with a focus on his popular "Scythe" series and his writing process.
- The program is geared to teens & adults and requires [preregistration](#).
- A Q&A session will follow. His books may be purchased from BookBar and will include an author-signed bookplate.

EdgGuide Introduced at Smoky Hill Library

- EdgGuide solution is now available to the public for the first time at Smoky Hill Library.
- The Blind Institute of Technology has teamed up with the Arapahoe Libraries to introduce this enhanced technology experience that currently impacts over 39% of the U.S. population that are blind or visually impaired, and those who use English as a second language to experience new spaces.
- EdgGuide is a mobile app that is field tested and proven to allow the blind and visually impaired visitors the feeling of independence as it guides users through a safe step-by-step tour of the facility using a combination of audio descriptions and haptic sensors.
- While visiting the library, visitors will be able to download the EdgGuide app to their mobile devices and will be provided a smart vest that works in collaboration with the app. As the user navigates through the library, EdgGuide will be able to direct

them to different points of interests. For example, users will be able to independently locate the children's section, the bathroom, and the various displays throughout the library.

- Arapahoe Libraries strives to be inclusive for all members of the community and the partnership with EdgGuide ensures that libraries are more accessible and inviting to patrons with visual impairments.

E. City of Centennial, Council Members Don Sheehan & Marlo Alston, District 4

- ***Don Sheehan:***

- ***2022 City Events***

- June 3: Centennial Center Park's 10-Year Celebration (partnering with Arapahoe Libraries)
- Weeknights in June/July, TBD - Summer Socials (one in each District)
- July 9: Brew-N-Que
- August 13: Centennial Under the Stars, bands, booths, & laser light show
- September 24: Chalk Art Festival at Streets of SouthGlenn
- October 22: Whiskey Warmer
- December 3: Holiday Artisan Market

- ***Lone Tree Creek Trail (LTCT) Phase 1B – Update***

- Phase 1B is the section of the Lone Tree Creek Regional Trail that runs along the east side of Lone Tree Creek from Arapahoe Rd. on the north to Broncos Pky. on the south. Construction commenced in the fall of 2021, and, even with the recent snowstorms and cold weather, the project is moving forward and anticipated to be complete in Aug., 2022. Recently, the initial sections of concrete were poured in the south and central sections of the trail just north of Broncos Pky.
- Excavating and prepping the surface for additional sections of concrete will continue. The team will coordinate with ACWWA and finalize plans for manhole adjustments and we will begin stormwater infrastructure placement and inspections with SEMSWA. The trail is anticipated to be 20-25% complete by early March and construction of the retaining wall will begin around that time as well.

- ***Orchard Road Widening***

- This project will widen the south side of Orchard Rd. from Ogden Ct. east to the High Line Canal. Design for the widening of Orchard Rd. started in Jan. 2019, deferred in 2020 and was reinitiated in 2021.
- During the project crews plan to install:
 - a westbound left turn lane into Franklin St.,
 - curb & gutter, sidewalk, and
 - an underground storm sewer within the identified stretch.
- There are numerous community partners involved in this project. Comcast bored their facilities underground on the south side of the road. Xcel Energy has been working on undergrounding its electric lines. Xcel Gas is working to relocate a small pipe in Orchard Rd., while CenturyLink continues to work on its undergrounding design efforts for the aerial fiber lines.

- ***Arapahoe Bridge over Big Dry Creek Replacement Project***

- Work has begun to reconstruct the bridge on Arapahoe Rd., east of University Blvd. The existing bridge over Big Dry Creek was constructed in 1945 and is past its useful life. The Arapahoe Rd. Bridge project will replace the existing bridge with a wider and taller structure, improve pedestrian access over, under, & around the bridge, and make improvements to the Big Dry Creek waterway.

- Recently, staff updated the project page (centennialco.gov/arapahoebridge), posted a message on Nextdoor, and began sending out e-newsletters to notify the public of anticipated traffic impacts. Staff will continue to notify the public regularly.
- Sheehan has included some graphics about sales tax in the City, furniture is up 27%. See the document attached in this email.
- Cummins asked if all road construction time lines are set for the year. Sheehan replied that that they are but, there may be some shifting. The money has been allocated.
- **Alston:**
- *City Council had a Strategic Planning Session* this past weekend. Housing was one of the issues discussed.
- Livingston asked if there is anything in the Land Development Code on the removal of graffiti in private areas? Alston: No, not yet. We work with the Sheriff's Office for removal in public areas. Code Compliance follows up on the removal. Suhaka: Sheriff's Office "guests" remove graffiti in public areas but prop owners must take care of private locations. Lambert commented that you could take a picture of the graffiti and send it to the Sheriff's Office.

4. **Centennial Neighborhood Grant Program, Ryan Thompson**, Neighborhood Services Manager

- Thompson has been with the City just over a year, now.
- The Small Grant program (up to \$500) can be used for social gatherings to build neighborhood identity & civic pride, safety & neighborhood well being. These are accessible to everyone, apply online. Applications open on 4/1.
- The Large Community Improvement Grant program, last year had \$20K in funds; this year, \$40K for 4 projects.
- The grants are available for neighborhood organizations & others who're interested in doing something big for their neighbors.
- Ideas: Willow Creek 1 did a community planting day & bat boxes; FoxRidge & Heritage Place did entrance signs; Southglenn had new entrance monuments.
- Fencing? We'll consider anything, how will it bring your community together
- You need to go online & complete the application. If you need a contractor for the work, we require 3 quotes. If you're having issues getting 3, contact Thompson.
- The applications will be live 3/1 through 4/17.
- The project lead must meet with Thompson before s/he may submit to make sure it's possible.
- After 4/17, the City's grant review team will check out the applications. All applicants will be notified in early May. The project must be completed by early Nov.
- Matching funds? No. Sweat equity can take the place of matching funds
- To qualify it needs to be a project that brings the community together. No private property or private residences. Nothing inside a community clubhouse; must be code compliant.
- Need: contact info, primary & secondary contact, 3rd if possible; community info, age of community, how your community stands apart; specific details; sketch or drawing; before & after photos (after in exactly the same spot); property ownership & agreement; neighborhood impact; ongoing maintenance
- Manning: There were 4 completed for 16 applications? Ryan: 4 is the number, but more might be possible

- **Short term rentals**, new program, new ordinance
- 41 registered rentals. We're not seeing a big increase in registrations. Has it run its course?
- The rental doesn't have to be a primary residence.
- The infrastructure for the program is set up and running smoothly.
- We haven't received a complaint, yet. We do follow up when we discover a place not registered.

5. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, Vice President

- Lincoln Executive Center Site Plan revision for Bldg 4. The rest of the site is unchanged from the previously approved documents. For Bldg 4, the parking area to the east of the building has been revised to allow for van parking. This area is being secured with a solid precast concrete fence to match the building. In addition, the truck court between Bldgs 3 & 4 is being secured with black vinyl coated fencing. The van parking is being considered as outdoor storage as discussed.

5a. **CenCON Housing Committee**: Centennial received a grant from the State to pursue affordable housing. They are hiring a consultant to help, who will do a survey on the housing in the City. One of the RFP stipulations is for plenty of citizen input. The result of the study could be an update to the Land Development Code.

6. **Adjourn**: President Cummins called the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2022, Arapahoe Library Meeting Room