

CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

May 21, 2012

Minutes

- I. Call to Order: 6:45
 - Gerry Cummins, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 and asked all present to introduce themselves.
 - Attendance (members)

Arapahoe Highlands	Bristol Cove
Chenango	Cherry Knolls
FoxRidge	Hanover Place
Heritage Greens	Heritage Place
Homestead in the Willows	Homestead Farm II
Hunters Hill Condos	The Knolls
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Smoky Hill
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek II

- II. Guest Comments
 - A. Arapahoe County Sheriff: Deputy Steve Rolen
 - www.arapahoesherriff.org
 - The Shred-a-Thon on 5/18 did a booming business with a total of 459,368 lb. of shredding from all 5 metro area sites. \$18,148 was donated to Crime Stoppers just at the ACSO site.
 - There have been some garage burglaries in Sturbridge. A man confessed to them.
 - A criminal on parole with an ankle monitor was caught through a call from JeffCo in the process of committing a burglary.
 - A burglary ring that was also stealing cars has been caught.
 - On 5/20, in the 6000 block of S. Monaco Wy, cars were broken into (left unlocked). This is a warning to **lock your cars & take all your valuables in the house with you.**
 - The ACSO did a liquor compliance check on 5.18 and caught 5 Centennial sites.
 - On 4/2011, there was a sex assault in Cent. of 12-yr-old girl. The perpetrator was just caught in Lakewood. **Pay attention to what your children are doing on the Internet**, this was from a Facebook chat. A parent contacted the ACSO about a male contacting her young daughter. The man lives in Cent near Lois Lenski. Facebook is willing to provide information on alcohol & marijuana contacts.
 - On 5/2, there was a robbery at Mayfair Cleaners (King Soopers center at Arapahoe & Holly). The clerk fought back but the robber got away with the clerk's wallet. Citizens got into the act and cornered the woman who had previous arrests. Held her until the sheriff arrived.
 - Click It or Ticket this weekend (ACSO received an award last year for the program.)
 - Doerr: I've seen 2 motorcycle cops watching for seatbelts.
 - Fear: She put in a plug for the Sheriff's Academy.
 - B. Arapahoe Library District: Eloise May, Executive Director
 - www.arapahoelibraries.org/
 - There is a section of the law that protects your privacy in the library. Arapahoe Lib. does cooperate with ACSO on internet crime. ACSO did catch a man into the company from which he'd been fired on a library computer.

- June 2, Summer Reading begins; register on our website. This is for babies, toddlers, young, teens. Here are the kick-off events.
 - In Centennial: Koelbel, 10 – 12; Southglenn, 2 – 4pm; and Smoky Hill, 10 – 12.
 - Children’s Hospital book drive was a success: 1,085 gently used books for teens were collected. Many thanks to the generosity of the community in making a difference to the patients at Children’s.
 - Meet author Eric Littwin, children’s author (*Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*), for some great music, fun books and a laid-back evening on the lawn on July 11 at Smoky Hill Library. Check website.
 - Save the Dates for Upcoming Book Sales
 - The next book sale is Southglenn Library’s Super Sidewalk Sale, July 13-15.
 - The next Paperback Palooza book sale is at the May Library July 28 & 29.
 - Volunteers are needed for both. Contact our volunteer coordinator Louise Richey for more information.
 - The databases being promoted this month:
 - LearningExpress Library is for academic & professional practice tests, skill-building courses, exercises, related electronic books, etc.
 - Gale Virtual Reference Library offers electronic books on a large selection of topics. For instance, the business eBooks cover advertising, marketing, branding, accounting, business plan writing and leadership.
 - For this time of year, you might also want to look at Gale’s large selection of eBooks on travel.
 - To find Learning Express and the Gale Virtual Reference Library, go to our website and click on “Research and Databases.”
 - I’m retiring on 31 Aug. There are 3 finalists in the running for the new Library Executive Director.
 - Nicolle Davies, ALD’s Deputy Executive Director
 - Scott Hughes, City Librarian in Bridgeport, CN
 - Kari May (no relation), Elbert County Library Director
 - Fulk: We’ll miss you.
 - When I started there were only 2 libraries, Southglenn & Walnut Hills & a book mobile.
- C. Arapahoe Park & Rec. District: DeLos Searle was not present.
- www.aprd.org
- D. Fire Districts: Fire Capt. Ullery, Littleton Fire, Cherry Knolls Fire Station
- www.cfpd.org, www.littletongov.org/fire, www.southmetro.org
 - There have been a lot of lightning strikes and a few fires. We could handle it.
 - We’ve been helping with the wildland fires. We expect to have a very bad season; 3 members just came back from the Hewitt Fire
 - We participated in the Air Life Memorial Run this past weekend.
 - We will be getting a new medical unit.
- E. Cherry Creek Schools: No one present.
- <http://cherrycreekschools.org>
- F. South Suburban Park & Rec District: Teresa Cope
- www.SSPR.org
 - In the recent Board election, the winners were Sue Rosser and Scott LaBrash.
 - At the Board meeting following the election, John Ostermiller was s elected Chair & Sue Rosser was Vice Chair.

- Free Golf for Kids has started. Last year it saw 600 kids. Kids 17 & under can play for free at any SSPR golf course every Sat. & Sun. through the summer. Just show up at 5pm at Littleton or Family Center or 6 pm at SSPR or Lone Tree courses. These are live theater shows performed by youth actors, a funny version of Puss in Boots.
 - SSPR is hosting 5 free outdoor performances of The Commedia, Puss & Boots.
 - 6/19, 10 am, DeKoevend Park, Shelter C
 - 6/20, 10 am, Puma Park
 - 6/21, 10 am, Gallup Gardens (Littleton)
 - 6/22, 10 am, Prairie Sky Park Shelter (Lone Tree)
 - 6/22, 7 pm, Walnut Hills School Park Amphitheater
 - There's still some room at summer camps, see website.
 - For 55 and older, free breakfast & drop-in tennis, from 6/14-8/30 at Holly Tennis Center, 7:30-9 am.
 - There'll be swim lessons at Holly & Franklin outdoor pools & indoors at Goodson, see website.
 - Krameria north of Arapahoe (into Holly Pool) will be closed for repaving 6/5-14.
- G. Open Space Advisory Board: Mark Gotto
- <http://www.centennialcolorado.com>
 - In May they met with Arapahoe Park & Rec., in April with SSPRD, for partnership dollars. They did a field trip to see all of the sites for which APRD was requesting funding and they're planning to do it with SSPRD.
 - There are a lot of irrigation renovation projects. Contact me (standy@ecentral.com) if you'd like a copy of the SSPRD requests.
 - Doerr: Isn't diverting water to a neighborhood pond a problem with water rights? *Here follows an explanation that was sent to me from Mark on how they got their water: SSPRD waters the grass at the County Line Golf Course with well water. SSPRD owns the wells and the rights to that water. They calculate that a great deal of that water simply runs off into the creek. They have petitioned the Water Court to allow them to extract that amount of water from the Big Dry Creek, down stream of the Golf Course, and to use it for additional irrigation at Cherry Knolls Park. The formal use of secondary Water Rights would require an adjudication from the Water Court to allow this to happen. SSPRD did this but it took a lot of effort. That is why when we asked if that process could be used for other projects they stated it might not be worth the effort. Denver Water uses this process in a similar argument when they capture the "recycled" water from Metro Waste Water on the South Platte River for reuse in Downtown Denver City Parks.*
 - Whelan: I wasn't aware that HOAs could get in the request process. Gotto: You would need to start with SSPRD or APRD and they make the request for you.
 - Cummins: Where did the large art piece go that was slated for Willow Creek Park? Cope: It was installed at Hudson Gardens
 - The Open Space Advisory Board consists of 5 regular members and 2 alternates.
- III. City of Centennial: We will not have City comments tonight because of a City Council meeting.
- IV. Code Compliance: Rita McConnell, Deputy Director, Community Development Pets and Wildlife, Andy Firestine
- Code Compliance
 - Since incorporation there has been minimal in-house staff & contractors did the work; competitive bids means innovation

- CH2Mhill won bid for Code Compliance.
- Craig Faessler gave a brief history of CH2Mhill & Centennial.
- McConnell introduced Tamra Gregory the new Centennial Chief Code Compliance Officer.
- Fulk: I thought we were reactive with code compliance. RMcConnell: We're proactive now. If we're checking a complaint and see a violation, we inspect it.
- Fulk: Do you patrol? Gregory: We only patrol for signs in the right-of-way.
- Bain: How are you coordinating with all of these organizations in Centennial? Gregory: We're meeting with HOAs & we go to District meetings.
- Bain: You might want to consider having classes for HOAs.
- Fear: How will you deal with signs for this upcoming election? Gregory: We let candidates know the law & we will be out pulling signs.
- Doerr: Hunters Hill Condos owns the median in Xanthia, we put signs there, will they be pulled? Gregory: There is a list of streets we monitor, Land Development Code: 0-6-502.
- Gail: What's the difference between code compliance and code enforcement? Gregory: compliance is Centennial, more user friendly, education & help; enforcement is the ticket, hearing, & punishment
- Kincaid: Why is there a problem with an HOA putting up a sign for an event? *This led to a long discussion. The general answer is that a code compliance officer cannot read a sign, can only note if it is illegally placed, content-neutral.*
- Pets & Wildlife, Andy Firestine
 - The definition of a pet: Dog, cat, small animals, reptiles, fowl (chickens, ducks) customarily kept in a home or on the premises that can be purchased in a pet store; up to 3 in Land Development Code but 4 in Municipal Code.
 - The City wants to have 1 rule on pets and set a reasonable limit on the number of dogs & cats, and not worry about pets in cages or aquariums.
 - Chickens are a different matter. We're looking at the codes of other cities.
 - Wildlife: Organizations that have permits for wildlife, falconers & rehabilitation from one of several sources: CO Parks & Wildlife, US Fish & Wildlife, etc.
 - The City has this on its Study Session agenda for 6/11; P&Z in July; City Council in Aug.
 - Whelan: We need to be consistent with surrounding communities Firestine: Denver permits rehabilitation but not falconers; there's a tremendous amount of different rules out there.
 - Guest: Will we be discussing breeds? Firestine: yes
 - Fear: ACSO has HawkQuest, they take it into schools. We do need to consider the public health & safety.
 - Guest: How are the meetings advertised? McConnell: Through city blast emails, PR blast emails, Council members email lists.
 - Bain: Administrative approvals might get crosswise with covenants, admin. approvals for variances should be noticed to HOAs.

V. HOA Forum: Where CenCON members can share questions and problems
No forum tonight.

VI. CenCON Business

A. President's report, Gerry Cummins:

- 7/23 is set for the CenCON field trip. CenCON will sponsor a Picnic in the Park at Centennial Center Park. Supper is on us; bring spouses, children, grandchildren.

- Suhaka & Cummins attended a Saddle Rock Ranches HOA Board meeting on Tues. night. They'll be rejoining CenCON after a long absence.

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. (Doerr/Leader)

C. Treasurer's report, C.J. Whelan

- Previous Checking Account Balance (from April) \$ 1212.55
 Deposits:
 Dues – 5/14 deposit¹ \$ 150.00
 Dues – 5/21 deposit² \$ 90.00
 Expenses: <transfer to Savings> (\$ 225.00)

 Current Balance \$ 1227.55
- Previous Savings Account Balance (from April) \$ 2193.21
 Income: Interest <none> \$ 0.00
 Transfer from Checking \$ 225.00
 Current Balance \$ 2418.21
- Note: The two above accounts are located at First National Bank, 7777 E. Arapahoe Rd
- Dues¹: Antelope POA, Arapahoe Highlands CA, Glenn Oaks TA, Homestead in the Willows HOA, Knolls HOA,
- Dues²: Chaparral 480 HOA, Heritage Place HOA, Knolls Village TA

D. First Vice President, Membership, Andrea Suhaka

- With tonight's payment, we now have 44 paid members in CenCON.

E. Election of Officers:

- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to re-elect the current board. (Leader/Kirrane) There is still no Secretary and Suhaka will continue, for now.

VII. Plans, 2nd Vice President, Ed Bain

- Two Community Meetings are scheduled:
 - May 23, 6:00 pm, Rezone of Lot 6, Block 3 Southfield Park, 6221 S. Racine Cir
 - May 24, 4:00 pm, AT&T antennas modification on building, 7061 S. University (far SE corner of Streets @ SouthGlenn
- Bain urged people to go to the community meetings that are scheduled for projects in their vicinity. This is a way to give public input on projects and the City Council gets a record of what is said at those meetings.

VIII. Other Matters

- Fear: CenCON should consider having a County Commissioner come back to discuss fracking. Gregg commented that the only requirement for fracking is that they have to ID what chemicals they're using.

IX. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

Please inform Andrea Suhaka at 303-770-0058 or standy@ecentral.com of changes in your CenCON Representative or Association President/Chair.

Next Scheduled Meeting – June 25, 2012