

CenCON April 27, 2015

I. President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

- Attendance:
- Members:
  - Hanover Place
  - Highlands @ Piney Creek
  - Homestead Farm
  - Hunters Hill Condos
  - Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
  - Ridgeview Hills North
  - The Fairways of South Suburban
  - Tiffany
  - Willow Creek II
- Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library District, Littleton Fire District, Arapahoe County Assessor's Office. Other guests (2).

### **Guest Comments**

Arapahoe County Sheriff, Capt. Chris George

- [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org)
- The Aurora Theater Shooting trial began today with numerous media outlets in attendance.
- Nationally, the 1033 program administered by the Dept. of Defense has led to discussion of the militarization of law enforcement. (The 1033 program allows for the transfer of unneeded military equipment to local law enforcement at a low price.) An effort of educating the public on the program is underway.
- For an upcoming meeting, the Sheriff will bring Bear Cat, which is an armored car which allows police to safely get closer to a possible, dangerous incident. The media likes to describe the Bear Cat as a tank, but it's not – it is an incredible piece of defensive machinery.
- Suicide on 4/24, near Sky Vista Middle School. Gentleman decided to jump over fence onto track on the school grounds where he took his life. Students walked by and discovered the body.
- Burglary arrest. 3700 block of Lisbon Way. A call was made regarding a stolen car. East Metro auto theft task force responded. Numerous stolen items were found in the car. Those items were linked to robberies on Lisbon Way.
- A chemical suicide occurred in the Wal-Mart parking lot, 10900 E Briarwood. The victim left a note on the car window advising the public not to open the door and to call 911.
- On April 17 in the Parker/Iliff area, Mr. Lewis was pulled over and 25 pounds of marijuana packaged in 1 oz packages was found in the vehicle. Also found were numerous guns – including an AK47 and a sawed off rifle.
- Bank robbery at 8600 E. Arapahoe Road. First Bank. The suspect was tracked down in Castle Rock and apprehended. The suspect is Josh Garmen, age 28.
- There was a robbery at Smash Burger on Arapahoe Road east of I-25.
- In the future, Capt. George will start giving trend reports. Currently, they are seeing a lot of thefts from recreation centers – Park and Rec, Lifetime Fitness, etc.

Arapahoe Library District, Daisy Grice

- [www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org)

- Programs: Jay Asher, Author of *13 Reasons Why*, will appear on Saturday, May 16, 2:00-4:00 pm at Smokey Hill Library.
- Fashion month in May with several programs at various libraries. See website.
- Library has new logo. It is a “colorful splat.”
- Summer reading registration begins Saturday May 21. Kickoff Saturday, June 6.
- Koelbel Library renovation construction is complete!

Arapahoe Park and Rec, Delos Searle

[www.aprd.org](http://www.aprd.org)

Not present due to a scheduling conflict. An electronic report was received as follows:

- Mowing of native grass has begun and 1 full cycle of mowing has been completed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> mowing cycle will now begin. With all the moisture, growth of native grasses will be ramped up once the warmth and dryness return.
- Three flyers with information Include:
  - Spring Pottery & Art sale, May 9, Trails Rec Center
  - Summer Celebration, Friday, June 5, 10am – 1pm, Trails Rec Center, numerous activities.
  - Trails Summer Pass is available beginning on May 16 – June 30. Good for 3 months from date of purchase.

Fire Districts, Jeff Tasker, Littleton Fire, Training Chief

[www.cfpd.org](http://www.cfpd.org), [www.littleton.gov/fire](http://www.littleton.gov/fire) [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)

- Cunningham Fire District
  - May 30, 10-1 EMS Open House at Station 3.
  - At the last district board meeting, a “Good Neighbor” award was given to a family who took in another family that suffered garage fire that spread to other parts of house. They hosted the family for about one month.
  - May 30, Air Show at Aurora Reservoir.
  - Safety tip: Make sure to pick up tired teens from after prom events.
  - Working on a Distracted Driver Campaign.
- South Metro Fire District
  - South Metro just purchased 95 foot mid mount fire truck for station 35.
  - At station 42, a new Pierce Engine is now in operation.
  - Hiring paramedic firefighters.
  - Plans to rebuild station 31 are underway. The new trucks are too big for the existing station.
  - State Farm awarded the district a \$20,000 donation to start a safe driving program.
- Littleton.
  - New aerial truck for Station 12.
  - New medic unit for Station 15.
  - Hired 4 lateral firefighter paramedics. They will be at Fire Academy for 5 weeks.
  - Preparing for 2016 budget.

South Suburban Park & Rec, Teresa Cope & Brett Collins

- Executive Director, David Lorenz, retired in March after 48 years with the South Suburban. On April 24, the application acceptance window closed. The District is moving forward with interviews, etc. and hope to have person selected in the July/August timeframe.
- Brent Collins, South Suburban Director of Planning and Development provided an update on how tax dollars are being spent. There are many projects all over the District including Centennial. They were able to leverage the budget by working with other entities.
- Current construction – energy performance contract – got a loan on energy savings in the future to perform energy saving improvements throughout the District. Projects underway include: a roof at Family Sports Center, upgrades on the Administration Building and South Suburban Golf Course Clubhouse. The Willow Creek playground and trail will receive upgrades.

Upcoming projects:

- Highline Canal Working Group looking at in the future. Two bridges will be replaced at deKoevend Park as well as the Franklin Street bridge at the Highline Canal.
- Highlands 460 new crusher fine on trail
- New roof at Family Sports Center
- Hunters Hill playground (new design)
- Matching gift projects: Walnut Hills – disc golf baskets, Ames Elementary Park picnic tables, and tot lot and trail connection at Palos Verdes Park
- Big Dry Creek Corridor master plan to remap flood plain. Changes expected in the future.
- SEMSWA is planning a trail from County Line to the South Platte River
- Replace the pool deck at Goodson Rec Center
- Adding a flush restroom at Milliken Park
- Little Dry Creek Improvement – Dry Creek and Yosemite
- Arapahoe Park playground improvements
- \$3,525,000 has been leveraged for the projects.

City of Centennial, Davis Livingston

Youth Commission: The Teen Court heard its first teen case last week. The program is designed to offer a second chance for teens who commit minor violations.

III. Property Tax Assessments: Arapahoe County Deputy Assessor, Marc Scott

- Later this week, residential property owners in Arapahoe County will receive property tax assessments. The Assessor's office will mail out over 200,000 residential property valuations. The Assessor's office has 62 staff members working on the assessments.
- Steps in property taxation cycle.
  - The Assessor's Office does the appraisals, which are then provided to the taxing districts (there are 344 taxing districts in Arapahoe County). The districts apply the taxes and mil levies. In Arapahoe County, Commercial properties pay 29% and Residential properties pay 7.96%. The actual value is not the taxable value.

- The assessment values are based on residential sales during the time frame of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014. Values are higher now than on June 30, 2014.
- Notices will show the 5 best comparable sales in a given area.
- Values are going up. In 2009 values went down which resulted in lower property taxes.
- The Market has been active, with 46,000 property transfers during the last 2-year period. Of these, 23,100 could be applied/used for the assessments. Sales during the assessment period show a 20% increase in Centennial home values. Some of Aurora homes are seeing a 40% increase. Condos are even higher – some approach 50-60%. The median price is \$330,000 with the average = \$365,000. An increase in value does not mean increase in taxes.
- Total for the county, \$47,899,609,072 for residential value. All properties combined is approximately \$66 billion. The expectation is for the value to hit \$70 billion.
- Appeals Process:
  - Step 1. Appeal window May 1 to June 1. If you miss the deadline, must pay taxes and file an abatement. An appeal can be done via mail, fax, on line, in person or schedule a personal visit with an appraiser.
  - Step 2. County board of equalization meets in July.
  - Step 3. Three choices, board of assessment, district court, arbitration.
- Cannot appeal taxes, only value of home. Mil levy impacts taxes and could double taxes for comparable homes in different districts.
- There are two exemptions: senior property exemption and disabled veterans exemption.
- When you receive your notice, look closely at the home information to insure that all details are correct. Also, look at comparables to see if you know something that may have impacted the sale price. If it's wrong, or if in doubt, appeal! If you have trouble filing an appeal, please call the Assessor's office for assistance.

#### Plans

- Jones Property – Amendment to the previously approved zoning plan.
- Early in the meeting, Tammy Maurer distributed the Jones Property plans and asked for comment from the group.
- IV. CenCON Business
- Presidents report:
- First VP:
- Secretary:
- Minutes: Don Doerr moved to accept the minutes of the March 2014 meeting. Roberta Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - Treasurer: no change except for dues income received. *Note: No treasurer's report due to travel out of the country.*
  - Election of Officers: Open for nominations. Wes Wilson moved to accept the slate of officers (all remaining except First VP) as presented. Don Doerr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting: May 18, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.



**CENCON MEETING –April 27, 2015**  
**PLAN REVIEW SUBMITTALS AND COMMENTS**

1. City Electric Supply to be located at the northwest quadrant of Jordan & Easter Ave.
  - CenCON Comments: CenCON did not have any comments.
  
2. Jones District Regulating Plan Amendment

Plans were circulated during the meeting, but there was no questions or comments. Tammy will issue this submittal on Constant Contact.