



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – March 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon, President, at 6:53 pm with 12 members present and adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesherriff.org Deputy Amir Stephan/Lt. Greg Palmer

- Since Jan. 23, daytime burglaries have occurred in the city in the area bounded by Broadway, Orchard, Easter & University. The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male and driving a minivan.
- Deputy Amir Stephan encouraged people to lock doors especially the pass thru door from garage to house and report suspicious activity.

Arapahoe Park and Rec www.aprd.org Rebecca Nash, Board Member

- Submitted an electronic report that activities in the district were ongoing.

Fire Districts Captain Brian Cronin, Littleton Fire Dept.

- Teams are preparing for the summer wild land fire season.
- There have been several people retire from the department and there are two new recruits training at the Fire Academy.
- The merger of the South Metro and Parker Fire Departments is still in the works. The boards have scheduled four meetings: 5:30 & 7:00 pm at South Metro on April 3, and 5:30 & 7:00 on April 9 at Parker headquarters. The feasibility study for the merger is posted on the website. Mutual aid agreements will not change if the merger occurs.
- Vote in Special District elections on May 6 or obtain a mail in ballot.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org
www.southmetro.org

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com Sherry Patten, Director of Communications

- Cooperative agreement with the County to participate in the Rebuilding Together Metro Denver program. Teams of volunteers go into a house of a person in need and revitalize a house. April 26 is the date set for this project on a home in Ward IV.
- A workshop on the Southglenn Sub-Area Plan is scheduled for April 30, 6:30-8:30 at Newton Middle School. The purpose to identify neighborhood strengths/weaknesses, needs & concerns of the neighborhood in developing the Sub- Area Plan.

- Visioning process is finalizing its recommendations. It will be presented to City Council on April 14. Copies will be available at the State of the City luncheon on April 17.
- A contract for Public Works Services is being finalized with CH2M Hill OMI (Operating Division) & partners with DMJM Harris, American Civil Constructors and IMS. April 7 is the target date for Council approval of the contract. Contract amount is about the same as with the county. Equipment will be purchased by the contractor but identified as City of Centennial. Customer service will be handled in person on a 24-hour basis. 6000 additional hours are identified in the contract for public works needs.
- Centennial Connection newsletter will be distributed in late April.
- 2008 Centennial Summer Events:

May 10: Highline Canal Run - City will be sponsoring children's events following the run.

June 6: Sponsoring a couple of teams for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Eaglecrest H.S.

June 27: Night at the Movies – Trails Recreation Center – event begins at 7:00, movie begins at dusk

July 18: Night at the Movies – deKoevend Park –event begins at 7:00, movie starts at dusk

August 9 – Centennial Medical Plaza, Celebrate Centennial Under the Stars – 6:00 pm

- Glitch in the recent mailing of the Centennial Connections newsletter (Home Rule Charter) is being addressed.

Centennial Rotary Laurie Christensen

- State of the City address will be on April 17 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 11:30 - 1:30. Tickets are \$30. Register on Black Tie.com. Seating is limited. Contact Laurie Christensen at 303-LIBRARY. Alberta Development Partners, Jeppeson, CH2M Hill and Wells Fargo are some of the sponsors of the event.

South Suburban Park and Rec District www.sspr.org Phil Cernanec, Board Member/Justin Hamil,

- Phil Cernanec described Special Districts as single purpose districts - Colorado is one of 3 states with Sp. Districts.
- S. Suburban covers multiple jurisdictions, has 140,000 residents, 4 golf courses, 5 rec centers, 86 miles of trails, 90 parks, & 4 outdoor swimming pools. The district is primarily west of I-25 except for the Family Sports Center.
- \$55M-\$56M budget – funds come from property taxes, grants, GOCO, etc.
- New signage on the trails will use GPS designations.
- Election for board of directors - 2 open positions on the board with 8 candidates. Vote on May 6 at polling place or request a mail in ballot.

- SSPRD was formed in 1959. (A property can become part of the district either by petition or by an election.) An IGA was negotiated with Denver Water Board for the Highline Canal trail & petitioned the DWB for recreational use.
- The new Trails map has been recognized with an award from the Printing & Imaging Assoc.
- Participate in the district thru the use of the facilities. Seeking citizen participation with a vision process as 50th anniversary occurs.

Senior Services in Arapahoe County Linda Haley, Senior Resources Manager

- The senior population in Arapahoe County is about 76,000 & growing. Centennial has 15,000-18,000 seniors. County statistics: 34%=75 yr. +; 60%= 60-74 years; 5% live below the federal poverty level (\$866/month).
- DRCOG has done a survey of strengths/weaknesses of the senior population. Indicators of a healthy senior population: good mental health, self-efficacy, valued by community, connection to spirituality, good physical activity, managing daily living activities, support from family, neighbors, etc., hobbies.
- Seniors want to choose where they live (not in a restrictive setting). Concerns: income sufficiency, services available, cost of health care, cost of food. 41% of seniors in DRCOG survey said they had experienced one serious health issue in the last year.
- Arapahoe County does not have many residential senior centers or places where seniors congregate. Distribution of senior resource materials would be helpful. Arapahoe County General Fund supports additional services e.g. Homemaker Program & Chore Services which are available to seniors living near the federal poverty level.
- Services Available include: Chore Services - heavy house cleaning, clean out services; First Ride - available this year to 60 years and older; Adopt-A-Senior program for snow shoveling. Will be adding grocery shopping & pick up of medications. Volunteers will go through background screenings.
- Involved with Aurora and Sheridan for commodities pickup sites for seniors who are income qualified. CBDG funding assists several agencies that also serve Centennial. Information to be placed in libraries.
- Meals on Wheels program is not always means tested for clients. In Littleton, there is a sliding scale.
- Information on Arapahoe County website. Arapahoe County Council on Aging – every county has an Aging Council - and is looking for members (accoa.info).

CenCON Business

Cathy Noon, President

- April is CenCON election season. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact one of the board members.
- May 19 is alternate date for CenCON meeting which would normally fall on Memorial Day.
- Centennial Airport will take comments until April 22 on the Airport Noise Compatibility Study.

Rhonda Livingston, President Pro Tem

- National Night Out is August 5. Hints and tips on hosting a block party on the website: www.nationaltownwatch.org.

Ron Podboy, 1st Vice President

- 40% of the previous year's memberships has renewed at this date. Sanctuary-on-the-Park has renewed membership following a lapse.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

- Lynn Leader moved to approve the February 2008 minutes. Ron Podboy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking		Savings	
Previous Balance:	\$ 424.91	Previous Balance:	\$ 2484.21
Income:	570.00	Income (Interest):	0.00
Expenses:	50.09		
Closing Balance:	\$ 944.82	Closing Balance:	\$ 2484.21

Site Plan Review Workshop – April 16

- Co-sponsored by CenCON, the Site Plan Review Workshop will be held April 16, at the City offices, 7:00-9:00 pm. Agenda is being finalized. Door prizes will be given away.

Plans Jim Levy, 2nd Vice President

- He reported on a pre-submittal meeting about a development planned at the corner of Syracuse & Peakview. The current proposal is for a 17-story office building incorporating retail on the lower floors, and 2 4-5 story residential adjacent. The proposal incorporates the concept of urbanism and a 'green' building.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2008