



## CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle

August 25 , 2014

[www.cencon.net](http://www.cencon.net)

### Minutes

- I. Call to Order: President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.
- Attendance: Regular members (17 members constitutes a quorum): A quorum was **not** present.

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| Fox Hill #4    | Heritage Place      | Highlands @ Piney Creek    |
| Homestead Farm | Hunters Hill Condos | Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S |
| Palos Verdes   | Saddle Rock Ranches | Tiffany                    |
| Walnut Hills   |                     |                            |
| Willow Creek 2 |                     |                            |
  - Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (2), Arapahoe Library Dist., City of Centennial, Cunningham Fire, South Metro Fire, 4 visitors
  - We urge neighborhood newsletter editors to put the underlined items into neighborhood newsletters/communications.
- II. Guest Comments
- A. Arapahoe County Sheriff, Capt. Chris George
- [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org)
  - The County hosted/will be hosting some hazard mitigation public meetings..
    - 8/21, ACSO admin. bldg.
    - 8/28, Dear Trail Fire Dept.
  - ACSO has started a back to school traffic campaign to continue through Sept. Please, remind folks that kids will be walking to school.
  - There was an arrest in Copper Terrace Apt. fire; it was arson.
  - In the 2000 block of S. Vine, there was a house vs. car incident. the homeowner's car in the garage accelerated forward. He put the car into the kitchen.
  - There was a vehicle fire in the 7000 block of S. Himalaya Wy. A man working on his VW in the garage started a fire.
  - on 8/19, there was an attempted burglary in the 6900 block of S. Steele.
  - On 8/24, there was a roll-over accident in the 7600 block of S. Colorado.
  - In the 2300 block of E. Arapahoe, a motorcycle, driving rapidly, broadsided a minivan.
  - in the 22000 block of E. Lake Ln., 7 vehicles were broken into. the ACSO is developing the case and has gotten 1 suspect but his buddy got away. The homeowner gave chase. This is a reminder to lock all vehicles, even in the garage, and take all valuables out of your car.
  - In the 20500 lock of E. Lake Ave., man cleaning his weapon, shot himself. Please, quadruple check your weapons before handling in any way.
  - In the 8200 block of S. Akron, there was a high value theft from a commercial co.
  - Roberta Allen: For what kind of incidents should we call 911? George: Anything in progress. Call 3/795-4711 (non-emergency number), if it looks suspicious.
  - Schlatter: I wanted to complement the ACSO, they're very responsive.
- B. Arapahoe Library District, Daisy Grice, Manager of Community Libraries
- [www.arapahoelibraries.org/](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/)
  - The Sheridan library will open on 9/13. The meeting room will be named after Thersa Dando, a very active library volunteer. This is a very environmentally friendly building.

- The Annual Friends Used Book sale will be held 9/4-7 at Koelbel Library. This will not only be gently-loved books, but CDs, DVDs, audio books and other materials at bargain prices. Proceeds go to Support ALD programs & projects.
- The Southglenn Library Sidewalk sale made over \$7,000. The event was staffed by 25 volunteers.
- The summer reading program is over. 12,774 children & teens participated. Thanks to the Friends of the Arapahoe Library District for the prizes.
- The Koelbel renovation starts 9/12. The library will stay open almost the whole time. It should be done by spring, 2015. The children's room will be shut down for a couple months towards the end of the year for major renovations. Koelbel 2.0 will have a fresh and updated library, a cutting-edge coffee shop, and a brand new auditorium for future programs.
- Libraries Rock:
  - The Arapahoe Library District (ALD) invites the community to experience the library in a whole new way with a special event on Sat., 9/20, 5-8 pm at Centennial Center Park, 13050 E. Peakview Ave.
  - Libraries Rock will feature local food trucks, as well as pre-concert entertainment from 5-6 pm including demonstrations of the latest technology and library offerings, a performance from the Taiko with Toni drummers, face painting, a bubble machine, a stilt walker and much more. From 6-8 pm, the 6 Million Dollar Band will headline the event and rock out to memorable 80s favorites.
  - Libraries Rock is a part of "Outside the Lines", a national initiative designed to reintroduce libraries to their local communities. From September 14-20, 2014, organizations from across the U.S. and Canada will host either an event or campaign designed to get people thinking – and talking – about libraries in a whole new way
- Author Garth Stein will speak 10/9 at the Sheraton Hotel at 7007 S. Clinton St. He will sell books from 5:30-6:30pm and speak from 6:30-7:30. He's the author of *Racing in the Rain* and his new book, *A Sudden Light*.

C. Arapahoe Park & Rec District, DeLos Searle, Asst. District Manager: absent

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

D. Fire Districts: South Metro Fire, Chief Dan Qualman

- [www.cfpd.org](http://www.cfpd.org), [www.littletongov.org/fire](http://www.littletongov.org/fire), [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)
- Qualman passed around the report of all activity for all the fire districts in Centennial. This is available on any of their websites.
- Cunningham Fire:
  - hired 3 new fire fighters.
  - has a vacancy on the board; 3 candidates to interview.
  - is holding School bus training.
  - will have its biannual Fire Prevention Open House on 10/4 at Station 2, 9am-2pm.
- Cherry Creek School District will be holding its annual Fitness Festival on 9/6.
- South Metro:
  - all ladder trucks are out of service for ladder use (no people in the bucket extended, still work as pumper trucks). NTSB will be examining the trucks. (There are ladder trucks from a different manufacturer that they can call from another fire dept.)
  - has begun its 2nd year with its Advanced Resource Medic car; there's a nurse practitioner & paramedic onboard (avoids a trip to the ER).
  - graduated 8 new firefighters; these were trained paramedics, now also firefighters going into probationary period.

- Will soon start rebuilding Station 31 on Orchard & Havana (from 4,000 sq - >12,000 sf (2-story); there will be a community meeting.
  - will swear in the new Fire Chief, Bob Baker, in Oct.
- E. South Suburban Park & Rec District, Teresa Cope, Communications Director: absent
- [www.SSPR.org](http://www.SSPR.org)
  - Cope emailed her report to Cummins.
  - 9/20, Family Touch-a-Truck event, 10am-1pm at SSPR Ice Arena, 6580 S. Vine St. The highlight of the event will be playing in the "snow" courtesy of our very own Zambonis! It's sure to be a fun and unique experience for all ages. Call 303-798-7881 for more information.
  - 9/12, 9am-noon, South Platte Park, 3000 W. Carson Dr.: Nature Workshop for Grandparents- Activities for the Children in Your Life. Learn fun, easy educational activities, songs and more from Project Learning Tree. Materials package and activity guide to take home is included in the fee. For more information, contact [victorias@sspr.org](mailto:victorias@sspr.org)
  - Sept. punch card sale, through Sept. at Goodson, Buck & Lone Tree Rec. Ctrs. Buy 15 punches get 2 free; buy 30, get 5 free. Also, receive 10% off personal training packages, facials and massages. Call 303-347-5999 for more information.
  - 9/21, 9am, David Lorenz Park: Free NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition. Boys & girls age 6-15 (age as of 12/31/14) demonstrate their football skills. Register the day of the event beginning at 9 am and compete 9:30 - 11 am; final results will be posted at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org) by 5 pm Mon., 9/22. Each child must complete a registra-tion form with parent or guardian signature and provide copy of their birth certifi-cate. NO CLEATS OR SPIKES ALLOWED. Winners have the opportunity to ad-vance to regional and national competition and will receive a certifica-tion from the NFL. For more information, contact [michellek@ssprd.org](mailto:michellek@ssprd.org).
  - 9/13, 1-4pm, Goodson Rec. Center: Introduction to Self Defense. This introductory workshop will teach you how to be more aware, avoid dangerous situations and be able to defend yourself in the event of an assault or attack. This is a hands on class where you can practice the techniques you learn under the direction of an experienced martial arts instructor. Ideal for age 9 to seniors, and for all abilities. For more information, contact [KelseyW@sspr.org](mailto:KelseyW@sspr.org).
  - 9/17, 7pm, Goodson Rec. Center: Public SSPRD budget workshop: The public is invited to attend the meeting, or submit questions and ideas. Citizens will have an opportunity to address the Board, regarding requests for new programs or facilities or improvements to existing facilities, parks, trails and open space. The public also may submit ideas to Exec. Dir., South Suburban Parks & Recreation, 6631 S. University Blvd., Centennial, 80121. Fax (303) 798-3030; or email: [BrettC@sspr.org](mailto:BrettC@sspr.org). Please label your request, 2015 South Suburban Budget. For more information call (303) 798-5131 or visit [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).
  - 2030 Gold Medal Citizens Committee Recommendations: A Citizens Committee composed of more than 70 members of the public volunteered to analyze current recreational programs, research demographics, trends and needs, and to come to consensus about goals and direction for the South Suburban Park and Recreation District in the near future. After 6 months of work, the Citizens Committee present-ed its findings and recommendations in the 2014 Gold Medal Report. Overall, the Citizens Committee concluded that the District is well managed. The Committee's recommendations trend toward making enhancements and improvements to exist-ing recreation facilities, parks, playgrounds and trails. The report also calls for action to secure more funding to ensure that SSPRD can take care of and maintain what it

provides for the community. The South Suburban Board has reviewed the 2014 Gold Medal Report and is considering a mail ballot election this Nov. for a 2-mill property tax increase. This type of funding mechanism would cost a home-owner approximately \$4 dollars a month for a home valued at \$300,000. To follow the Board's decision, visit [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).

F. City of Centennial: no one present.

- [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com)
- Rhonda Livingston reported that the City meetings should be moving back into the Council Chambers during the week after Labor Day.
- C.J. Whelan, District 4 Councilman, arrived late (after the Centennial Budget Committee meeting) and gave a brief City report.
  - The City has a strong partnership with the ACSO and the Budget Committee is in favor of their requests.
  - The City has increased the Business Personal Property Tax exemption to \$100,00. Businesses still must pay State and County BPPT taxes.
  - The City Council will have it's fall budget workshop on 9/15.
  - Districts 3 & 4 will hold a combined Districts meeting on 9/17 at the Public Works facility on Eagle St.
  - The rain water damage to the City's basement will be completely covered by insurance.

III. Sheriff's Office Overview, Sheriff Dave Walcher

- The ACSO has 2 Bureaus: Jail and Public Safety
- The Jail Bureau has 700 employees, \$80M budget, 1,100 inmates. It's just over half of the ACSO budget. It houses pre-trial holds (for serious crimes), but the majority are people sentenced to the county jail. The average stay is 27 days.
- The Public Safety Bureau is comprised of 3 Divisions: Patrol, Investigation, and Dispatch.
- Over half of the ACSO budget comes from the Arapahoe County (ArapCo) general fund, \$20.5M is from the contract with Centennial, and the rest comes from the ALEA mill levy (4.92 mills) on unincorporated ArapCo property taxes. (The ALEA mill levy became the City of Centennial's property tax.)
- The City contracted with ACSO in 2001 for law enforcement and has been renewed several times, through 12/2018.
- The City's audit of the contract came up with 2 findings.
  - The staff assigned to Centennial should have "Serving the City of Centennial" on their business cards. This was in the contract but not done.
  - There was a miscalculation of risk management (indirect cost), \$3501 to the AC-SO's favor.
- In the audit the question was asked, what do we get for our money. The City compared ACSO service to 2 cities of comparable size: Westminster and Arvada
  - Arvada, population 109,000, law enforcement staff is 232 employees. It has a very similar budget but didn't include fleet and legal in it. Cost per capita of law enforcement services is \$252.57, 1.54 police per 1,000 people.
  - Westminster, population 104,000, law enforcement staff is 247 employees. The cost of service per capita is \$254, 1.7 police per 1,000 people.
- Centennial, population 103,000, law enforcement staff is 161 employees assigned to the City. The cost per capita of law enforcement services is \$194.44, 1.18 police per 1,000 people. The ACSO is a very efficient department.

- Centennial has the lowest crime rate of the 3 cities, e.g., burglary is 177 per 100,000 residents, the national rate is 616.
- Moving forward: The ACSO has asked Centennial for 3 school resource officers, 2 canine officers, and investigators for internet crimes at the Centennial budget meeting.
- Doerr: You can isolate someone to Centennial in an internet crime? Walcher: The crime takes place in Centennial.
- Allen: There are stories about crimes against people in jail or innocent people, what's happening here? DW: There are very few in our jail. I don't put up with misconduct or dishonesty. We don't have a union. No one tells me how to run my dept. except the voters.
- Cummins: Is the jail pop segregated by pre-trial and sentenced? Walcher: We have an objective jail classification system, violence, gang affiliation, male/female.
- Schlatter: I like the contract approach, they can't grow the office with contract control.
- Doerr: What is dispatch? Walcher: 9-1-1 is dispatch.

#### IV. Amendment 68 – Horse Racetrack Casino Gambling.

- Proponents: Chris Paulsen & Becky Brooks (Coloradans for Better Schools)
- Opponent: Crissy Faraci (Don't Turn Racetracks into Casinos)
- I won't go into the discussion here, but it was quite contentious.

#### V. CenCON Business

##### A. President's report, Gerry Cummins

- Cummins passed around South Suburban's report.

##### B. First Vice President/Membership, David Schlatter

- Schlatter will start with those organizations who haven't paid, yet.

##### C. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- The May minutes were tabled to this meeting and were passed unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve June's minutes by Wilson/Doerr. There being no quorum, it was tabled until Sept.'s meeting.
- Suhaka told the members of the ViewHouse grand opening on Friday, 29 Aug. The ViewHouse is in the Old Trail Dust Steakhouse.

##### D. Treasurer's report, Henry Blum

- Checking Account at Wells Fargo Bank, Smoky Hill Branch
- Balance forward from 6/23/14 report \$3,322.70
- Income: Dues deposited\* 240.00
- Expenses: Andrea Suhaka: Field trip and postage (472.85)
- Account balance, 8/25/14 \$3,089.85

- Bristol Cove II TA; Greenwood South HOA; Homestead Farm (2015-2016); Knolls TA; Parkview Highlands; Smoky Ridge MA, Valley Club Acres; Willow Creek #3

#### VI. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Plans, Ed Bain/Tammy Maurer

- Andrea Suhaka and C.J. Whelan left the room for this discussion.
- 1643 & Willow Creek Park & Trail Improvement Project, 8000 E Phillips Pl, Willow Creek Park: replace & expand existing playground, replace the existing bridge on trail that crosses drainage area, upgrade the crusher fines trail from the bridge to County Line Rd.
- Wall Signs on Storage Facility, SE corner of Holly & Arapahoe Rd.: Amendment to FDP to install 2 wall signs, one each on the N side and the S side of the building following the City's zoning practices

- Falls Event Center FDP, E. Costilla Ave. & S. Fulton St.: 14,300 sf on 3.3 acres, Center will consist of a main event hall, a large and a small conference room, board room, game room, bride room, and theater.
- Trulia FDP Amendment (Waterpark), 10771 E. Easter: installation & screening of a larger generator. will eliminate 3 parking spaces but will not affect minimum parking requirements.
- Lawton Taylor Academy FDP, 6929 S. Holly Cir., Child Day Care Facility: 10,750 sf on 1.44 acres, single story, fenced play areas, 37 parking spaces.
- AlloSource FDP 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, 6278 S Troy Cir.: addition to the existing building of 6,400 sf on the first floor and 5,400 sf of second floor, steel frame construction and using materials to match the existing building.
- Chase Bank at Cherry Knolls Subdivision Site Plan, NE corner of University Blvd. & E. Easter Ave. (Cherry Knolls Shopping Center): 3,065 sf with 2 remote drive-up lanes, 4-sided architecture, complimentary colors, and flat roof with mechanical roof top units fully screened, access will be from existing curb cut on University and the existing shopping center.
- Peakview Place Master Development Plan (MDP), 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment, S. Greenwood Plaza Blvd. & E. Caley Ave., previously approved for a high rise office building now requesting approval for a high rise multi-family residential development. *Note: This request was denied by the City Council in 2013. The applicant has submitted more information related to Council's concerns – that of noise impact from Fiddler's Green and potential traffic closures due to amphitheater events.*

VII. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka, Secretary.

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

**Next Scheduled Meeting – September 22, 2014**