



**CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**All meetings are now planned to be in Person at:**  
**Arapahoe Library Services bldg.**  
**12855 E Adam Aircraft Cir., Englewood, 80112**  
[www.cencon.net](http://www.cencon.net)

**23 January 2023, 6:45pm**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order:** President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.

- Attendance (A quorum was present.) Members:

Algonquin Acres	Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge
Heritage Greens	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill
The Knolls	Mill Creek	Mira Vista
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Orchard Valey	Palos Verdes (2)
Saddle Rock Ranches	Smoky Hill (2)	Tiffany
Village @ Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial	Walnut Hills
Willow Creek 2		
- Guests: 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Dist. (2), Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council, South Metro Fire Rescue
- **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**

2. **CenCON Business**

A. President's Report, Gerry Cummins: None

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

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

C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins

- Balance Forward: \$2,512.28
- Deposits: 0.00
- Expenses: (100.00)
  - Gift card for our attorney on lawsuit
- Interest Income: 0.00
- **Ending Balance: \$2,412.28**

• Notes: 36 paid members

• Submitted by: Jill Meakins      The bank is Wells Fargo

- **A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanymously to donate \$300 for the use of the admin. Library room. (Meakins/Middleton)**

3. **Special Districts**

A. [18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District](#), Jacob Kremin, Asst. DA; Bob Friebl, Investigator

- **January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month.**

- Human trafficking costs the US about \$10B/year.
  - The average age for a child to begin being trafficked is 13 and they're not likely to reach 21.
  - The District wants to get eyes & ears on the streets, on the kids most at risk: The main risks are truancy, homelessness, bad home life.
  - See something, say something
  - Q: Why don't we see anything in the press, why isn't this front page news?
  - More women/girls than boys are trafficked and immigrants are targeted more heavily.
  - Biniek: Is there a success rate for how these kids get integrated back into normal life? Kremin: It really depends on when we get them, the earlier the better results.
- B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), Kristin Eckmann, Deputy Chief of Community Services
- The South Metro Dist. 4 person has resigned. We'll fill that seat in a May election.
  - You can self-nominate for the Board, by 2/24; the [nomination form](#) is online.
  - [Citizens' Fire Academy](#) will be 3/2-4/27, Thur. evenings, 6-10pm, apply by 2/10. Learn about all aspects of South Metro Fire Rescue.
  - We're still hiring. We hired 38 in Dec. and they've completed the Fire Academy. Now, we have a new Academy ready to go, with 39 recruits, starting in Feb.
  - We also have a Citizens' academy alumni program.
  - Social media: New series on fire medics on [YouTube channel](#). The primary reason for calls for help are medical.
  - Livingston: Is there a timeline for station 15? Eckmann: In Mar/Apr we'll be closing the station. We're expecting completion in spring/ summer 2024.
  - CPR, First Aid, Babysitting and more are offered by [South Metro Foundation](#).
- C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec.](#), Delos Searle, Exec. Director or Ryan Bailey: No one attended.
- D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan, Community Relations & Strategic Events
- Biniek: The library rooms can only be booked 60 days in advance, any chance that will expand? Whelan: No. CenCON uses this space with a special Memorandum of Understanding with the Library District.
  - Rosser: Please, talk more about Memory Café? Whelan: Attendees should be people with memory challenges & their care givers. It's held on the 2nd & 4th Fri. Of the month, 10-noon, at Koelbel. We have a package that can be checked out to go home with which to work/play.
  - ***Find Bargains on Books and Media at the Used Book Sale***
    - I'm sorry these minutes are too late for this
  - ***Meet 'This is My America' Author Kim Johnson***
    - Teens and adults are invited to meet the award-winning novelist of [This Is My America](#), Kim Johnson, who will speak on Fri., 10 Feb., 6-7 pm, via Zoom.
    - Her novel explores racial injustice against innocent Black men who are criminally sentenced and the families who are left behind.
    - Johnson's writing accolades include the Pacific Northwest Book Award and Malka Penn Human Rights Award for Children's Literature.
    - In addition to being an author, Johnson is vice provost at the University of Oregon where she maintains engagement in various organizations while also mentoring Black student leaders.
    - She holds degrees from the University of Oregon and the University of Maryland, College Park.

- Johnson will share about her book, the writing process, and more. Her books may be purchased from The Bookies and will include an author-signed bookplate.
- For more information on this speaker, please, visit [prhspeakers.com](http://prhspeakers.com).
- For information and to register, visit [here](#).

- ***You Need to See Yourself in Art: A Conversation with Graphic Novelist R. Alan Brooks***

- Join us virtually for an evening with R. Alan Brooks, author of several graphic novels, including *The Burning Metronome* and *Anguish Garden*, stories with social commentary on Thurs., 23 Feb., 6:30 pm, via Zoom.
- Brooks also writes a weekly comic for *The Colorado Sun*, "What'd I Miss", has presented a TED Talk, and is a podcast host.
- Using examples of Black characters being omitted from science fiction & comic books, Brooks will discuss the power of being able to see yourself in art, what it does to strengthen you, and how it can humanize you in the eyes of people who aren't like you.
- Books will be available for purchase from The Bookies.
- For more information and to register, visit [here](#).

- ***Arapahoe Libraries Annual 'Design a Bookmark Contest' in February***

- Children ages 5-12 are invited to get creative and use their imagination to design an original bookmark.
- Visit your favorite library for an entry form that will detail how to enter the contest for a chance to win art supplies, gift cards, and printed copies of your original bookmark artwork.
- Multiple winners will be chosen from each library location & announced by 17 March. For more information, visit [here](#).

E. [City of Centennial](#), Don Sheehan, Dist 4 Councilman

- [Applications](#) for all Boards/Commissions are on the website. That process is beginning now.
- On 2/6, at 7pm, Dist 2 will have a District meeting at Koelbel Lib.
- The weekend of 2/24-26, City Council will have Strategic Planning session off-site.
- Sheehan then presented a PowerPoint on snow removal in Centennial: for public safety, trying to be cost effective, and minimizing the impact to the local economy.
- [Snow removal & Centennial](#)
- Special attention is given to chronic icing at hills, curves, or intersections.
- Plows have GPS to optimize where they are
- Binek complimented Centennial on response to calls
- To call about anything regarding Centennial use 303-325-8000.

4. **[New Arapahoe County Public Health Dept.](#)**

- Nancy Sharpe, Health Dept. Board member & past Arapahoe County Commissioner, and Heather Baumgartner, Dir. of Partnerships, Planning, & Community Health Promotion ([HBaumgartner@arapahoegov.com](mailto:HBaumgartner@arapahoegov.com))
- The County created a foundational board to put the public health dept. together.
- The Board of County Commissioners appoints the Board of Health.
- The Board of Health has 5 members (2 commissioners for the first year).
- The Public Health Director is hired by the Board of Health; s/he is not required to be a physician.

- They presented a great PowerPoint all about the Public Health Dept. They are available to present this to groups. Contact: 303-795-4584, Twitter: @healthyarapahoe
  - Rosser asked how we can find restaurant statistics? There was no answer.
  - Check out [Arapahoe County Public Health Dept.](#) to give input to the department.
5. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, 2nd Vice President
- Peakview Place Filing No. 4, SW corner of E. Caley Ave & S. Greenwood Plaza Blvd.: a major amendment is proposed to permit multifamily residential uses on Planning Area 1.
    - **Jan. 24, 6 pm** – Planning & Zoning, Public Hearing
    - **March 21, 7 pm** – City Council, Public Hearing
  - **Community Meetings**
    - Workhub Denver Centennial, Site Plan, 7165 S Tucson Wy: proposal is for 8 new commercial warehousing & logistics buildings, cumulatively totaling 60,000 sf, on approximately 4.84 acres. **Comments due: Jan. 24, 2023**
    - Dry Creek Corporate Center Hotel, Site Plan, 7150 S Havana, SE corner of Havana & E. Easter Ave, proposed 4-story, extended stay hotel with 125 rooms on 2.43 acres, currently this is a vacant lot. **Comments due: Jan. 27, 2023**
  - **Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them. Her email is [we4liv@aol.com](mailto:we4liv@aol.com).** You can also check [www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial](http://www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial) to see what's happening.
  - In this meeting, Livingston discussed another plan for Woodspring Suites Hotel at Potomac/Briarwood.
  - The property at Easter/Lima is planning to subdivide into lots.
  - On vacant land near the Justice Center, the County is planning improvements to kitchen & laundry of jail.
  - There is a setback change for fire station 15.
  - ADUs in Arapahoe County are being studied.
6. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

**Next Meeting: 27 February 2022**

See the next page for some answers to questions asked in the meeting!

1. Snow removal on residential streets
2. Public Health

**Don Sheehan:**

Last night, the gentleman sitting next to Frank asked about **additional snow removal on residential streets**. I didn't know the answer but speculated that we would let the sun "finish" the work. I was wrong. Here is what we will do, from the City Manager's office:

Following the completion of P3 plowing, a review of GPS data is completed to ensure all streets have been addressed. We also have staff out on the road performing spot checks for quality control. There are multiple factors that may lead to snow and ice buildup on residential streets and the best way for us to monitor and/or address these areas is for residents to submit a work order (call 303.325.8000). We will investigate the location and determine what the best approach should be, including, letting mother nature's sun do the work. In applicable locations and conditions, we will schedule a site for clean-up or ice-cutting.

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**Arapahoe County Public Health Now Serving Centennial**

After 44 years of sharing public health resources with its neighbors, Arapahoe County has its own, single-county Public Health department.

Services vary by location and include:

- Birth and Death Certificates
- Disease Control
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Environmental Health Services
- Family Planning, Birth Control
- HIV, STI, Hepatitis Testing and Counseling
- Immunizations for Children and Adults
- Nutrition Services, Registered Dietitians
- Prenatal and Parenting Case Management
- WIC Nutrition Services

Full information on services, locations, and contacts is available at [arapahoegov.com/health](http://arapahoegov.com/health). You can also follow @healthyarapahoe on Twitter and Facebook. Centennial residents can also find Arapahoe County Public Health on NextDoor.