

# CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

November 26, 2012

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order:

- President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm. She asked everyone to introduce him/herself.
- Attendance:

**Members** (18 members constitute a quorum, only 15 members were present)

Bristol Cover II (2)	Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge
Homestead Farm 1	Homestead in Willows	Hunters Hill Condos
The Knolls	Mira Vista	Palos Verdes
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S	Saddle Rock Ranches	Smoky Hill
Tiffany	Walnut Hills (2)	Willow Creek 1

**Guests:** Arapahoe County Library Dist.; Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office; City of Centennial: Mayor, staff (4); Littleton Fire Rescue; South Suburban Park & Rec. Dist.; Algonquin Acres

### II. Guest Comments

#### A. Arapahoe County Sheriff: Lt. Glenn Thompson

- <http://www.arapahoesherriff.org>
- There has been an arrest by the internet crimes against children team in sexual exploitation of children. He told us about this case last month.
- The ACSO has a DVD (that can be checked out) for protecting kids: topics include bullies, strangers, internet safety, and other items and is good for kids through middle school ages. Call 720-874-3892.
- Many had heard about the SouthGlenn structure fire.
- On 10/30, a man with a gun was in the middle of the street in the 7500 block of E. Peakview Ave. He was suicidal but a deputy talked him into surrendering.
- Here is a reminder that "puffers" (cars left running in the street or driveway) are illegal.

#### B. Arapahoe Library District: Daisy Grice

- <http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/>

ALD is testing new formats. Beginning in mid-December, the Library District will be piloting a program to allow patrons to checkout Nooks and iPads, preloaded with eBooks and other content for adults, children and teens to enjoy. Several hundred new Playaway Views will hit the shelves during the month of Dec.; Playaway Views are portable video players preloaded with content and are extremely popular among children and adults alike.

If you plan to shop Amazon or other online book retailers this holiday season, go through a link on our website to help the library WIN (Click on Downloads and Download eBooks for the link). A portion of your purchases will be credited back to the library for eBook purchases. (You won't be charged for the ebook you click to get there.)

- ALD is now offering a new ConsumerReports database on the website. The database is very user-friendly. To access ConsumerReports, click on Research & Databases link from the website and go to alphabetical list.

Explore Colorado's Wineries – Author Visit and Wine Tasting

Learn about Colorado's expanding wine industry with expert Paula Mitchell, author of *Exploring Colorado Wineries*. Discover wineries past and present. Discuss the how-tos of tasting wine and pairing it with food. Then, sample red and white wines. For adults only.

- Smoky Hill Library – Mon., Dec. 3, 7-8 pm
- Koelbel Library – Mon., Dec. 17, 7-8 pm

C. Arapahoe Park & Rec District: DeLos Searle was not present

- <http://www.aprd.org>

D. Fire Districts: Jim Hofstra, Littleton Fire Marshall

- <http://www.cfpd.org>, <http://www.littletongov.org/fire>, <http://www.southmetro.org>
- The Littleton and Englewood shared services study in final stage. It will be presented to a joint City Council meeting on 12/10.
- On 11/8: There was a SouthGlenn fire in the store in back of Whole Foods. Whole Foods sustained some damage, but is back up and running.
- In South Metro area a candle was left unattended and led to a structure fire. 13 new firefighters graduate on 12/20.
- The new Cherry Hills joint city and fire building will be ready in Jan.
- Our Metcom Dispatch Center has received an national award for joint services.
- Hofstra had no Cunningham information but Whelan (on the Cunningham Board of Directors) filled us in. Cunningham has just passed their budget. Station 3, by Eaglecrest HS, will be closing any day now for its renovations.

E. South Suburban Park & Rec District: Teresa Cope

- <http://www.SSPR.org>
- SSPRD is having its annual 10% off pass sale until end of year at all rec. centers.
- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* Holiday Escape event: 12/9, 1-4 pm, at Family Sports Center, for children 6-12. It will include movie, ice skating, laser tag, etc.
- Skate with Santa at SSPR Ice Arena, 12/21, 7-7:45 pm; 12/22, 2:15-3 pm. For info call 303-798-7881. Same on 12/12/22, 1-1:45, and 12/23, 3:15-4 at Family Sports Center. For info call 303-708-9500.
- Free holiday ice shows at SSPR Arena on 12/21, 6 pm and 12/22, 3:15 pm.
- A New Year's Eve extravaganza for ages 8-14, 7p – 1a, at the Family Sports Ctr.: PG movie, sparkling cider, dinner. Contact Michelle Collette, 303-708-9500 x217 or [michellec@sspr.org](mailto:michellec@sspr.org).
- January blood screenings are coming. By the Univ. of CO Med. Ctr., 7-9:30am at:
  - Lone Tree Rec. Ctr., 1/15
  - Goodson, 1/16
  - Buck, 1/17
  - Family Sports Ctr., 1/18
  - No appointment necessary, fast 12 hours, \$40.
- Doerr: Did the budget include a community garden? Cope: I'll check on that.
- Cummins: How big is the budget? Cope: It's around \$50M.

F. Centennial Open Space Advisory Board, Mark Gotto: absent

G. City of Centennial

- [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com)
- Laura Hoepfner, Community & Government Affairs liaison
  - The Debrucing Ballot measure passed.
  - The City won the Starburst award for a project enhancing the community's environment with our Civic Center Park.
  - On 2/20/13, the I-25 Corridor Subarea Plan will unveil a draft plan. You can go to [www.placentennial.com](http://www.placentennial.com) to register to receive emails.

- A reminder that on 12/28 the City will hold Light the Lights to light a tree in the Park. The tree is a permanent tree that was planted and can be used every year.
- Doerr: What's going on with Lone Tree & County Line Rd.? (see Noon's comment)
- Cathy Noon, Mayor
  - Centennial & Lone Tree now have an IGA for maintenance of County Line. There was a long discussion of ownership of the traffic signals (which have been maintained by Cent.). They agreed that the middle of the road is the divider between Arapahoe County and Douglas County (Park Meadows) so the signals are now timed fairly for both shopping areas. Lone Tree will be improving the traffic signals to mast arms. (County Line Rd. does not run exactly on the county line.)
  - The C470 Coalition is in the middle of gathering more info. There will be more coming from them in Jan.
  - At the Lighting program several school choirs will be singing: Dry Creek, Creekside, Peabody, Newton, Homestead, and Peakview, The event is sponsored by Chase Bank, Tony's, Safeway, they're all donating food for the event.
  - Hollander: Denver water contacted people about lead in the water. Does the City have anything to do with this? Noon: The City not involved. Each special district does its own thing and that's Denver Water. Each individual house, not the system, is what is concerned, it depends on when the house was built.
  - Cummins: Is there more info about the water main break at Dry Creek & Adams. Noon deferred to Mike Connor and Monty Sedlak. Connor/Sedlak: a temporary fix was done to go around the break and they will be back in the spring for a more complete repair.
  - Corri Spiegel, Economic Development manager, had a baby boy a few weeks early.

### III. Centennial Census Data, Andy Firestine, Principal Planner

- Firestine reported that he's now officially a Centennial resident now in Smoky Hill.
- The City's 2010 Census population is 100,377 people and part of that is thanks to the residents of the County jail. They get counted as residents when they're in there.
- The number of seats in the House of Representatives has been the same since 1911, the Census reapportions those seats.
- The formal population number relates to federal monies into the urban areas (for Centennial, especially, over 100K people.)
- Income was first recorded in 1940.
- There is an Annual American Community Survey of a percentage of population to find info. between censuses. (censi?)
- Firestine is developing a profile for each City Council Districts. It should be completed in next 2 months and will be available to the public.
- Data now tracked includes: socio-economic, housing, school enrollment, veterans, educational attainment, moving, renter vs. owner occupied, rent/mortgage as percent of household income and more.
- We proceeded to look at several graphs of Centennial and the City seems to be missing the 20-49 demographic. Our area was compared to the Denver, state, US and it was very obvious. Also the City is not very diverse.
- On Jan. 14, there will be a combined Planning & Zoning Comm., Senior Comm. and City Council meeting on aging. Attend or listen in on the website to hear the information.

- Gregg: What are we doing to address the young part of the population? Noon: Centennial advocates for the services we need (e.g., RTD bus service).
- Bain: I filled out a Community Survey, isn't Centennial relatively affluent? Firestine: Relatively, yes.

IV. We took a moment here to give our annual donation to the Arapahoe Library District, to thank you for the use of this room. We gave a card and check for \$750 to Daisy Grice.

V. Snowplowing in Centennial, Mike Connor, Deputy Public Works Dir. and Monty Sedlak, Operations Manager

- The City and CH2MHill has received an international award from the International Assoc. of Transportation Engineers for our new and innovative snow plow plan: route optimization. Monty Sedlak did a presentation on how Centennial's system works and what it took to get there. The Dec. 5 City Council Study Session (6 pm) will discuss the upcoming Public Works contract with CH2MHill.
- Doerr: Do the same trucks plow & put down de-icer? Sedlak: Ye, they do.
- Middleton: There is more efficiency, but they're not plowing more streets? Sedlak: Right, but that might change. Monday's Study Session meeting is on snow plowing/ Public Works
- Bain: Do you consider school bus routes? Connor: No, we can't, they change constantly. Our routes are on the website and we ask the school districts to consider that in planning their routes.

VI. CenCON Business

A. President's report, Gerry Cummins:

- We had two motions on hold from our last meeting. The Bylaws stipulate that, in the event of a lack of quorum, the same motion can be readdressed in the next meeting, needing only 1/2 of the required quorum.
  - The minutes from Sept. were passed unanimously.
  - The motion to approve the \$750 donation to the ALD passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Don Doerr to approve the minutes of the 22 Oct. meeting. There being no quorum again, it's tabled for Jan.
- There is no December meeting. (24 Dec.)

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka: no report

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

- Whelan distributed some Finance Reports to those in attendance.
- There has been no change from last month except for the \$750 to the ALD.
- He tried to compare end of year 2012 to 2011: we seem to be down about \$200 from last year, but he only became Treasurer partway through the year.

* Previous <u>Checking Account Balance</u> (from Oct)	\$ 992.74
Deposits: <none>	\$0.
Expenses:	
Andrea Suhaka – 2012Q2 & Q3 Admin expense (1215)	(\$150.00)
Arapahoe Library Dist., 2012 donation (1216)	(\$750.00)
x Current Balance	\$ 92.74

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* Previous <u>Savings Account Balance</u> (from Oct)	\$ 2,418.80
Income: <none>	\$0.
x Current Balance	\$ 2,418.80

Note: The two above accounts are located at First National Bank, 7777 E. Arapahoe Rd

D. First Vice President, Membership, Andrea Suhaka

- Suhaka may have recruited a new member in Valley Club Acres is their dues payment comes through.

VII. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Plans, Ed Bain

- Lifetime Fitness, Rezoning Plan and Site Plan
- Community meeting

14 Nov., Arapahoe Corporate Park, 12503 E. Euclid Dr. & 6547 S. Racine Cir., rezone from MU-PUD to BP (Business Park) to allow medical offices

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

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 – 28 January 2013**