



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Arapahoe Library Services bldg.

12855 E Adam Aircraft Cir., Englewood, 80112

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October 25, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to order: President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.) Members:

Chapparral	Cherry Knolls	The Fairways
Greenwood South	Heritage Greens	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Orchard Valley	Palos Verdes (2)	Ridgeview Hills North
Tiffany	Village at Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial
Walnut Hills		
 - Guests: 18th Judicial District (2); Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Park & Rec. Dist., Centennial City Council member Dist. 4 Don Sheehan, Centennial staff, South Metro Fire Rescue, Rhonda & Gary Livingston
 - **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**
2. **CenCON Business**
 - A. President's Report, Gerry Cummins
 - Please, get your ballots in.
 - B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve September's minutes. (Stone/Groth)
 - C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins
 - Balance Forward: \$3,168.04
 - Deposits: 0.00
 - Expenses: (CAI membership) (125.00)
 - Interest Income: 0.00
 - **Ending Balance: \$3,043.04**
3. **Regular Guest Presentations**
 - A. 18th Judicial District, Vicki Klingensmith, Jamie Sorrells
 - Vicki Klingensmith:
 - The 18th Judicial District celebrated the grand opening of their new diversion office in Aurora, for teen and adult offenders. They hope it keeps folks out of the judicial system.
 - The District Attorney will have a Town Hall on 12/14, 6-7pm on the issue of human trafficking. He has quarterly town halls, contact her with any topic of interest to the community (vklingensmith@da18.state.co.us).
 - Question: What about the serious fetanyl problem we keep hearing about? VK: Our Organized Crime Unit works on the larger problem, working with local law enforcement agencies. We had a drug overdose death in the jail from one pill.
 - Q: There's a lot of crime in neighborhoods: stealing packages, catalytic converters. What's being done on that front? VK: Protect yourself: lock you car, take the keys, windows up, no valuables in site. You have to be responsible.

- Jamie Sorrells:
 - Amazon scams are out there: customer service with Amazon calling or Amazon security. They may spell Amazon with a zero. Be careful with the holiday season approaching. Contact Amazon if you have a question about a call.
 - Medicare/Insurance open enrollment is now: calls coming in from rogue medical care companies. They create fake websites to snare you. Medicare lost \$40B last year, genetic testing (calls saying you can get something if you take the test, faster processing), Legally, Medicare cannot discuss medical products unless you ask.
 - Federal & local agencies won't threaten you; there won't be any time limit or benefits if you do what they want.
 - Hover over an email address or website URL with your mouse and see where it's actually coming from. Gift cards are for gifts not for any kind of payment.
 - He will do consumer fraud/travel scams presentation to any group; email him, jsorrells@da18.state.co.us.
 - There are efforts at the national level to work on limiting scams.
- B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#) (SMFR), Kristin Eckmann, PIO
 - She distributed the Centennial Quarterly Update handout.
 - There have been 6,209 calls in Centennial in Q3. The majority were for EMS (4,111); 83 fires. Our average response time has risen a bit to 7 min.
 - We recently had a line of duty death from cancer, Tony Palotto. Fire personnel are always in the presence of carcinogens with burning structures. SMFR is taking steps to protect them; they need to get rid of their fire clothing as soon as their fire call is over and shower well, as soon as possible.
 - For election day, May, 2022, we have 3 seats up for election: Dist. 2, 6, 7. You may self-nominate in Jan. For more info check the website. Stipend is \$100 per meeting.
 - Oct. was fire prevention month. Check out the website for tips on safety.
 - SMFR will hold 2 recruit academies next year (spring & fall).
 - Jerry Rhodes is fine and he's moved to FL. SMFR had a formal farewell for him this past the summer.
- C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec. District](#), Delos Searle
 - There are 2 APRD websites: the one above and trailsrecreationcenter.org/.
 - APRD is no longer printing the activities brochure. It's [posted](#) on the website.
 - They will be replacing the Trails Rec. Center sign on Buckley.
 - APRD is still recovering from Covid, a lot of classes are still limiting participant numbers. Call ahead.
 - The 2022 budget process has started, for Dec. 14 approval.
 - They have received some Arapahoe County Open Space Grants for trail updates, a park upgrade.
 - APRD has also gotten a grant for Pioneer Park to upgrade the playground equipment & ball field.
 - APRD has a ballot measure, 6A, to repurpose the previously approved bond/mill levy. Don Sheehan urged a vote yes!
- D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Assigned Staff, Nicole Wilhelms (castlewood, SG, &
 - **Meet Author Angeline Bouley**
 - Teens and adults are invited to spend an evening (at home) with enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Native Americans and

New York Times bestselling author of *Firekeeper's Daughter*, Angeline Boulley on Fri., 12 Nov., 6 pm via Zoom.

- Boulley's debut novel, *Firekeeper's Daughter*, is about a young adult thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community.
- Boulley, a former director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Dept. of Education, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
- The author will talk about her debut novel, her road to writing this book and the importance of Native people telling their own stories.
- Books can be purchased from the BookBar and will include a signed bookplate while supplies last.
- For more information, call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279) or visit [here](#).
- **Parenting Strategies: Life Skills for the Pre-K Crowd**
 - Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 are invited to join to learn more about social-emotional and executive function skills during a parenting strategies event focusing on life skills for pre-kindergartners on Tues., 16 Nov. at 4 pm.
 - Free online event presented through Zoom. To register, visit [here](#).
- **Telehealth at Sheridan Library**
 - The University of Colorado Family Health Clinic, Sheridan Campus, received a grant to work with Arapahoe Libraries to offer telehealth services and thereby improve community health and promote digital literacy.
 - Telehealth launched at Sheridan Library in Sept. with the potential to be offered at other library locations.
 - Community health advocates from Community, Research, Education + Awareness (CREA) Community, Research, Education + Awareness will be on hand at the library to facilitate the virtual appointments.
 - Telehealth will be offered to the community on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-5 pm, and adults 18 years or older are eligible for appointments.
 - Patients don't have to reside in Sheridan.
- **Geek Out is Back for Teens!**
 - Teens aged 11-18 are invited to share their geekiness and submit their favorite fandom creations during November's Geek Out contest.
 - Teens are invited to submit entries at their favorite library or electronically, starting 1-30 Nov.
 - Looking for ideas? Previous entries submitted fan-fiction, poetry, song lyrics, videos, cosplay, fan art and more.
 - On 20 Nov., there will be a Geek out Cosplay Catwalk, 2-4pm, at Smoky Hill Lib. for you to show off your latest costume creation for a chance to win great prizes.
 - Check [here](#) for more info.
- Gary Livingston: At Castlewood book lockers, you can't see the screen to get into them because of sun glare. NW: We're already checking into that to see what we can do.
- We are now accepting book donations.
- Question: I had heard about homeless in the libraries elsewhere; is that happening in Arapahoe libraries? NW: The libraries are open to all so, we don't track that

issue. We have 2 social workers that can be called to help the homeless, if it's wanted.

E. [City of Centennial](#), Council Member District 4 Don Sheehan

- There will be contested elections for City Council in Districts 1 & 4. The elections in Districts 2, 3, and mayor are uncontested.
- The Whiskey Warmer event on 23 Oct. was sold out.
- On 12/4, at the City, an Artisans Market will be held.
- The next City Council meeting will be 11/1. A Study Session will be 6-7pm; the Council meeting starts at 7pm or shortly after the Study Session ends.
- There will be a Meet the Mayor, 10 am, on 11/2.
- **Energy Performance Contract / Solar Power Purchase Agreement**
 - The City has continued working with CEG Solutions to implement energy conservation upgrades at the Civic Center and Public Works buildings. They're installing solar panels at the Civic Center and window film to combat insolation, expected to be complete later this month. Rooftop HVAC unit replacement and solar panel installation are scheduled to begin in Nov.
 - The energy conservation measures will reduce the City's energy usage intensity (EUI is expressed as energy per square foot per year) **by 64%** and, with the addition of solar panels, the City will eliminate the **emissions of 155 metric tons of CO2 per year**, which is equivalent to the energy consumed by **19 US homes**.
- Branding update
 - The City's branding consultant, Guide Studios, recently completed phone interviews with stakeholders who were unable to attend the in-person Discovery workshop in Aug. Guide Studios is currently preparing key findings of what they heard during stakeholder interviews along with an initial draft of an implementation plan. Key findings from analysis of the information and data collected during the Discovery process include:
 - ✓ Perceptions, opportunities and challenges uncovered
 - ✓ Target audience personas- (who are we trying to reach and what is important to them)
 - ✓ Distinct advantage- (what Centennial offers compared to other cities)
 - ✓ Definition of the end benefits (why Centennial?)
 - These key findings will influence how the City positions itself amongst stakeholders, visitors, & peers; this includes a cohesive statement as well as identification and articulation of target audiences, distinct advantages, services, and end benefits.
 - Additionally, they are creating a Style/Mood/Character board where they will use example imagery and design precedence to begin to interpret and establish the look and feel of the City brand. The goal of this board is to include all the inspiration in one place so the City can reference it if/when we move forward.
 - Once complete, Staff anticipates sharing these key findings and recommended next steps with Council after the first of the year.
- **Splash Pad repair**: repairs to the splash pad continue, with portions of the concrete having been removed in order to allow access to pipe breaks under the pad. The identified breaks are believed to be caused by general wear and high usage of the system for the last 10 years. Staff anticipates the repairs being completed in the next few weeks.

- **Park Parking Lots got Sealcoated**
- **Centennial Center Park expansion** info can be found [here](#).
- **Centennial Link Trail**
 - Segment 3 of the Centennial Link Trail is complete and open to the public. This project included a 10' concrete multi-use path through the existing Centennial right-of-way, connecting E. Caley Ave to E. Orchard Rd. The project also included construction of a missing sidewalk connection along E. Orchard Rd. While this project is substantially complete, seeding, temporary stormwater measures and items noted during the final walk-through will need to be fixed prior to the final project closeout.
- The **Orchard Rd. widening project** covers widening of Orchard Rd. and sidewalk implementation from the High Line Canal west to S. Ogden Ct. It is a \$900,000 project funded out of the City's Street Fund. The design is 90% complete.
- Question on what's happening with the **Colorado Blvd. Multimodal Study?** Go [here](#) for info.
- **2021 Neighborhood Transportation Management Program (NTMP)**: The deadline for residents to submit NTMP applications for the 2022 program was 30 Sept. Traffic Engineering Services (TES) is working on prioritizing projects for the 2022 NTMP
- The City is finishing up **concrete rehab; street work** wrapped in Sept.
- The City is currently working on a **Smoky Hill Corridor Transportation Study** ([See the City's plans for this.](#))
- **Centennial Transportation Master Plan** (TMP) is in process. Updates to the TMP are underway following a variety of stakeholder outreach, education, & engagement. Next steps include listing and prioritizing the pieces of the project, fiscal planning, & draft reviews. Preliminary drafts of the plan will be provided for review this fall and finalized this winter. The update is expected to be completed and adopted in early 2022. The TMP web page will be updated regularly.
- **Arapahoe Road Bridge Replacement over Big Dry Creek** (east of Southglenn) 5 bids were submitted and are being evaluated for construction of the Arapahoe Rd. Bridge over Big Dry Creek. Once the contract is awarded this project is expected to take about 1- 1 1/2 years to complete. Staff is in the process of coordinating utility relocations with Xcel Energy, and awaiting the award of their undergrounding construction contract. The City's website will be updated regularly to reflect progress
- **S. Quebec Street Right Turn Lane at County Line Rd.** is complete.
- Question about traffic light timing. This is underway in the rest of the City where we control the roads. Gary Livingston said that Greenwood Village cops are saying S. Yosemite St. is running much more smoothly.

4. **City's new Ordinance: Short-Term Rentals, Airbnb, VRBO, etc.**

- **Ryan Thompson**, Neighborhood Services Manager
 - The City's intent is to manage them, not prohibit them.
 - They're creating a licensing program for them. A property owner cannot rent out the house and live in an RV in the backyard. Accessory dwelling units are not allowed in the City.
 - A property must have a 24/7 reachable representative whose contact info goes to the next door neighbors, as well as the renters and the City.

- Occupancy of a rental can be no more than 8 heads, 2 per bed, kids don't count.
- Gatherings/parties are limited.
- There must be adequate parking, 2 spaces off street. Parking cannot spill over into the street in front of the neighbors.
- Trash rules must be enumerated with a map of where cans go.
- There will be a notebook or whatever with all the info.
- There must be Insurance, inspections, and the units will pay sales tax
- There are enforcement provisions and a license can be revoked. A license number must be shown on their ads on VRBO, Airbnb, etc.
- [Here's](#) the City's info on this.
- The whole program goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2022.
- Right now the City has counted around 50 rentable units in Centennial with an average length of stay between 6 and 9 nights.
- Question: What about renting out tiny houses or RVs? RT: They're not allowed in Centennial.
- Meakins wanted a question on the application for a license: Does your HOA allow short term rentals? RT: No, not now, but it would be addressed later, if necessary.
- Question: How many complaints would revoke a license? RT: That will be on a case by case basis.

5. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, Vice President

- **Comments Due:**
 - **SITE 21-00021** Valescent Pharmaceuticals at 7482 S Tucson Way: vacant land developed for a non-retail packing facility (near Revere Pky) .
✓ Comments were due 29 Oct.
 - **SITE 21-00026** Quantum Loading Dock for B2B Hardware and Software at 10770 E Briarwood Avenue. They are proposing to add a loading dock to an existing building. (near Top Golf)
✓ Comments due 1 Nov. (Contact Livingston if you want to comment, we3Liv@aol.com.)
 - **Virtual Community meeting for proposed amendments to the Vermilion Creek PUD**, 7931 S. Parker Rd., 80016, south of Tagawa's: Proposed high density residential with a small commercial area; Consilium Design, on behalf of the property owner, Mountain Plains Investment Corp., proposes to amend the existing Preliminary Development Plan (PDP) which governs the 92.42 acre property directly west of S. Parker Rd., and north of 17 Mile House Farm Park.
✓ Comments were due 30 Oct.: [www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial/ Vermilion-Creek](http://www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial/Vermilion-Creek) but, you can view the plan.
- **From Arapahoe County.....**
 - **Broncos Pipeline Gathering System** (Nothing to do with the Broncos) This propo-sal for a Freshwater Pipeline is located on the Watkins Ranch near the town of Watkins. It seeks an amendment to install a freshwater pipeline (14" diameter) to facilitate fracking operations. With the construction of the pipeline, it is intended to protect the County's roadway infrastructure and residents from potential pavement degradation and increased vehicles on the roadway system that would otherwise be necessary to transport freshwater to oil & gas wells. In addition, it will provide enhanced roadway safety, reduced emissions, reduced noise and increased longevity along the County roadway system
- Public hearings related to the **Streets of South Glenn redevelopment**,
 - Planning & Zoning, 11/9 & 10
 - City Council, 12/6 & 7

- At the very last minute news came in about a plan for some commercial lots in **The (Jones) District**. Go [here](#) for more info.

6. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

Next meeting: 22 November