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August 26, 2024

Mintes

1. Call to order:

- Attendance (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres	Arapahoe Highlands	Cherry Knolls
FoxRidge (2)	Hanover Place	Hunters Hill RA
Mill Creek	Monterey	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Palos Verdes	Smoky Hill	Tiffany
Village at Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial	Walnut Hills
Willow Creek 2		
- 18th Judicial Dist., Arapahoe County Commissioners' Office, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (2) (ACSO), Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council, Centennial Staff, Trails Park & Rec. Dist., Guest HOA Jackson Farm (2)
- **Highlighted areas** below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.

2. CenCON Business

A. President's Report, [C.J. Whelan](#)

- Whelan congratulated and thanked to Livingston for our successful field trip at Project CURE. There's a good picture on our website.
- There's no report from Mission & Vision committee.
- **Next month's meeting will at Public Works on Eagle St.** We will have Reps. Clifford & Hamrick. Livingston is surprised that she's gotten so few questions for them. Contact [her](#)!
- CenCON does not allow campaigning at our meetings.

B. Vice President, Plans: [Rhonda Livingston](#)

- Livingston thanked those who participated in the field triip and also those who donated medical supplies.
- You can still send her questions for our Centennial State House Representatives. But, please, do so very quickly!

C. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)

- With no corrections or additions, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the June, 2024, minutes as emailed. (Hamilton/Hotovy)

D. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)

- Meakins reported that we have a total of \$2460.99 in our bank account.
- Please, see the Finance Report attached with these minutes.
- **Meakins would like to propose a further service project for our members for Nourish Meals on Wheels: 12 Days of Giving. Every year Nourish collect small little gifties, equivalent to small stocking stuffers, for their seniors, to be distributed with the meals for 12 days in Dec. For some folks without families, these are the only holiday gifts they receive. We will not use CenCON funds.**

- Meakins moved to do a CenCON service project for Nourish for their 12 Days of Giving. (*I missed the second.*) The vote was unanimous.
- There is a suggested gift list attached with these minutes. A box to drop the items will be at the Center of Generations in Southglenn and on Livingston's front porch (6555 S JORDAN RD, CENTENNIAL 80111) We are also looking for some other places to put a box. Wrapping supplies are also needed.

3. Centennial Government and Special Districts

A. [18th Judicial District, Aurora Ogg](#)

- The 18th JD will be holding it last JD Citizens' Academy as a one day event on 9/28, 8:30am-4pm. Fill out an application [here](#).
- On 1 Jan., the 18th JD breaks into 2 Judicial Districts. Arapahoe County will be the 18th and Douglas, Elbert, & Lincoln Counties will become the 23rd.
- Please find the most recent JD newsletter in my Dropbox, if you're interested: www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/cur8r6j1u8x3kwa7py7yu/18thJudcialDistNewsletter.pdf?rlkey=j41sp991byt0xa0qlq5ejvj66&dl=0 . It's too large for our email provider.

B. [South Metro Fire Rescue, Kristin Eckmann](#): Could not attend, she's at the State House to testify.

C. [Trails Park & Rec.](#), [Chantelle Ericksen](#), Marketing & Communications Manager

- Please see the flyer for Sept., Oct., & Nov. attached with these minutes.
- Special attention to: 11/9, 3-7pm, celebrate the Trails 20th Anniverary.

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan, Manager of Community Relations & Strategic Events

- **Call for Artists**

- When: Sept. 15-Oct. 31
- Who: adults
- Interested in displaying your art at Arapahoe Libraries? We invite you to answer our 2025 call for artists.
- Whether you're an emerging artist or an established professional, this is a chance to showcase your talent and creativity.
- The application is open Sept. 15 through Oct. 31.
- To learn more, visit arapahoelibraries.org/art-galleries.

- **Meet author Raina Telgemeier**

- When: Wed., Oct. 9, 6-8 pm
- Where: Embassy Suites DTC, 10250 E. Costilla Ave., Centennial
- Who: tweens, teens & adults
- Meet bestselling author & illustrator Raina Telgemeier, author of the beloved graphic novels *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, and *Guts*, all #1 *New York Times* best-sellers.
- Hear about her books and creative process, then get your favorite book signed by the author.
- There will be free refreshments and books available for purchase.

- **Active Minds presents: 2024 Colorado ballot choices**

- When: Thurs., Oct. 10, 6:30-7:30 pm at Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial
- **or**
- When: Tues., Oct. 15, 6-7 pm on Zoom
- Who: adults
- Join Active Minds for an objective look at the measures on the Colorado ballot this fall.

- We'll review each proposal and present the arguments on both sides.
- We'll also get a brief history of Colorado's referendum and initiative process and the legislation that's resulted from it.
- Learn about the issues that will shape our state!
- **Meet author Cynthia Swanson**
 - When: Fri., Oct. 18, 2-3:30 pm
 - Where: Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial
 - Who: adults
 - Meet *New York Times* bestselling author Cynthia Swanson. She is the Colorado writer known for novels *The Bookseller* & *The Glass Forest*.
 - Hear about her latest psychological suspense novel, *Anyone But Her*, which is out in Sept., set on S. Pearl St., Denver
 - The talk will be followed by a Q&A and book signing, with books available for purchase.
- **Meet librarian Mychal Threats**
 - When: Tues., Oct. 22, 6-7 pm
 - Where: live on Zoom
 - Who: tweens, teens & adults
 - Calling all library kids and library grown-ups!
 - Meet Mychal Threats, "PBS resident librarian" and viral TikTok sensation. He'll join us for this fun and uplifting talk.
 - Hear about his love of libraries, the importance of talking about mental health, and why he advocates for readers of all ages.
- Arapahoe Libraries events are free and open to everyone. Each event is posted on the library website at the start of the month prior. To save your spot, visit our website or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

E. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office](#)

- By chance, we had 2 ACSO Deputies present: [Dennis Meyer](#) and [Michael Knight](#).
- They are the Community Resource Specialists for Centennial. Their main job is crime prevention through environmental design. They spoke to us about a few safety programs in which the ACSO is involved.
- The new Neighborhood Watch program, [Dog Walker Watch](#), involves folks walking dogs
- ID theft is one of the biggest problems so far this year; property crimes are level.
- Home security survey: to schedule a home security walk-through, focused on neglected security matters, call 720-874-3750.
- The federal website to report online crimes is [ic3.gov](#).
- The ACSO has installed FLOCK license plate readers in 4 locations in Centennial to catch stolen cars. Every reported stolen car is in the system.

F. [Arapahoe County](#), Daniela Villareal, Management Analyst, Commissioners' Office

- The Board of County Commissioners voted to refer County deBrucing to the Nov. ballot.
- The final bit of County Line Rd. widening should start by the end of the year.

G. [City of Centennial](#), Council member District 4, [Don Sheehan](#)

- On 9/21, the ACSO will have an Open House & Pancake Breakfast, 8am-(*Sheehan didn't give the timing, neither does the Sheriff's website*).
- Vanessa Gates, who was the Homelessness Coordinator for the City & County, is working only for the city, now. Folks can do a ride along with her.

- Mapping technology is on the on the City's website, search for [Maps & Open Data](#). It shows zoning, street sweeping, snow plowing priorities, permits, special districts, HOAs, street rehab projects, Council Districts, development plans. (*Andrea: I just went to the website & was blown away by the amount of information!*)
 - Property taxes have an impact on city & special district revenues.
 - Gov.'s bill, HB1001, passed today. There will be press release as of 6:30 tonight.
 - DeKovend Park, Shakespeare in the Wild (*I couldn't find any information about this.*)
 - 9/14, Chalk Art Festival @ Streets at SouthGlenn, 10a-4p.
 - Walmart had a grand reopening on 8/30, 9a. It's almost like a new store.
 - Sept. is National Service Dog Month. They were honored by a proclamation at a City Council meeting.
 - On 9/6, Wings of Hope had a fund raising dinner for pancreatic cancer. It was held at Wings over the Rockies.
 - Centennial is now into budget season and will hold a budget study session on 9/10, 6-?, at the Public Works building, 7272 S. Eagle St., 80112.
 - The City is in the process of buying our street lights (not traffic signals, they're already ours) from Xcel. The largest part of the City is served by Xcel. There followed a brief discusson on this.
4. **Planned Program: Michael Gradis**, Centennial Planning Dept.
 - Michael Gradis had a great PowerPoint program on cell towers and the City's rules with examples of all.
 5. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, 2nd Vice President
 - ***Please check in with*** www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial to see what's currently happening in land planning.
 6. Adjourn: Whelan adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

Next Meeting: September 23, 2024
Centennial Public Works
7272 S. Eagle St., 80112