



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – June 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon, President, at 6:10 pm with 17 members present and adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesherriff.org Capt. Mark Fisher

- In anticipation of the 4th of July, the Sheriff's Department is visiting neighborhoods that have past incidents of high fireworks violations. Current law is being explained. Numerous fires and personal injuries are caused by fireworks. All fireworks are illegal in Centennial.
- The Sheriff's website under 'Topics of Interest/Helpful Resources' contains information on services available.
- The Department is assisting with DNC related issues. Protecting Arapahoe County will come first but the Sheriff's Department will be assisting the City of Denver along with law enforcement from other jurisdictions. Protection plans are in place including at Centennial Airport and the two host hotels located in the County.
- With the arrival of summer, there has been some increase in criminal activities.
- There was an attempted homicide at 250 E. Orchard with notification of the incident coming from the hospital where the victim sought medical assistance. Suspect was caught a few hours later.
- A seven-foot tall Indian artifact has been recovered and returned to Nebraska.
- A recent juvenile arson incident lighted a tree and a fence on fire. Juveniles were arrested.
- A robbery occurred at 6998 S. University at knife point. The suspect is now in custody.
- Timberline Elementary School had a recent break-in. Suspects were arrested.

Arapahoe Library District www.arapahoelibraries.org Laurie Christiansen

- 2007 Annual Report was distributed with the 303-LIBRARY highlighted. That phone number has logged 100,000 calls since its installation.
- Summer Reading programs are underway.
- The Library District is heavily involved in designing the library at Southglenn. It will open in May 2009.

Arapahoe Park and Rec www.aprd.org Rebecca Nash, Board Member

- A map of the Arapahoe Park & Rec District was available. The District is located east of Parker Road.
- June 27, Friday, Trails Rec Center, Movie Night with festivities beginning at 6:30 – Surf's Up.

- The trail into Cherry Creek State Park with a portion along Piney Creek Hollow Park has been completed. Eventually it will extend to E-470. The trail map is on the website.
- The District is working on 3 more horse crossings which will allow access to Cherry Creek State Park.
- Spring Creek Park is 95% complete. Turf is being established and the park will be ready for use in 2009.
- On Bike to Work Day (Wednesday, June 25), a refreshment station will be available by Piney Creek.

Fire Districts Chief Dan Qualman, Parker/South Metro Fire Authority

- **Cunningham** – two recent Academy firefighters are now employed; a new fire truck is being readied for service which includes a new medic unit. Radio & electronic equipment is being installed on the fire truck. Cunningham is working on a future plan.
- The **Parker-South Metro Fire Authority** became effective on May 1 per the IGA (Inter-Governmental Agreement). It is the intent is to operate as a fire authority while working toward a merger of the two districts. Board Members from each district serve on the board. Parker Board Members: Ken Molcsan , chair, Linda Ganz & Gary Culig. South Metro Board Members: Pete Webb, Laura Simon & Hank Eng. Pat Mulhern has been appointed as the 7th member of the board. The board is working on mutual aid agreements and on planning for the DNC.
- Appointments for management positions in the Authority are almost complete. There are over 800 different tasks to complete by January 2009.
- Fireworks: information was available on what is/is not legal in the various jurisdictions. All fireworks in Centennial are illegal. Anything that leaves the ground or leaves a report is illegal under state statute.
- Construction on the new building on Arapahoe Rd. will begin in March 2009.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org
www.southmetro.org

South Suburban Park & Rec www.sspr.org Jean Flynn, Community Relations

- The 2009 budget process is starting. On August 13, the Board will hear public comment. On October 8, there will be a hearing on fees & charges in the new budget.
- The Woofie Walk was a successful dog event at Wineka Pond Park off-leash area last weekend. Wineka Pond has an off-leash area as well as a loop trail. It is a natural open space area.
- Renovations at Clarkson Park have been completed.
- The District is working with Southglenn Civic Association for its Fun Fest event.
- Puppy Paddle events: bring dogs to Holly Pool on Saturday after Labor Day, September 6, 2:00-4:00; and at Harlow Pool on Sunday, August 17, 3:00-5:00. Registration on website for an early bird discount.

Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer

- SEMSWA has put together a protocol to follow when a project is located on private property & the property has storm water issues.

- ACWWA (Arapahoe County Water & Wastewater Authority) is about to bring the new water treatment plant online. It has expanded capacity and the output into Cottonwood Creek will be exceptionally clean.
- The Judicial Complex is under renovation and the District Attorney is moving into another building. The Justice Center will include new court houses and offices and be completed by the end of 2009 costing \$17M. Funds are from existing financial resources.
- Centennial Airport is thriving and doing well but experiencing a bit of a downturn due to fuel costs.
- Arapahoe County has adopted a fireworks rule which does not allow the sale of fireworks in an area unless it has a fire district.
- Martha Karnopp, candidate for County Commissioner in District 3, which includes a portion of Centennial spoke briefly.

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com Sherry Patten, Director of Communications

- Movie Nights: June 27, Friday, behind Trails Rec Center & July 18 at deKoevend Park - entertainment starts at 6:30 pm.
- June 26 – Open House, 4:00-6:00 pm to meet the providers for Animal Control. Animal Control will catch & shelter animals & sell licenses. Domestic Animals only. DOW handles wildlife.
- A new phone number for all citizen concerns will go into effect on July 1. It is **303-325-8000** and will be a 24-hour/7-day a week call center. All information will be logged and all calls will receive a response. Email contact is also available. It is part of the contract with CH2MHill which begins on July 1 with a kickoff in various neighborhoods.
- The City has received complaints from neighborhoods surrounding Southglenn due to night work. Council Member Keith Gardner will meet with the Cherry Knolls neighborhood to address solutions on Wednesday, June 25.
- Centennial has been selected as 1 of 6 cities to be featured at the annual meeting of the International City-County Managers Association for 'best practices'. A video crew will be in the City soon to do some filming.
- Meghan Connor, Centennial Staff, said the Neighborhood Guide will be available soon.
- Council Member Gardner said he would meet with the Cherry Knolls neighborhood on concerns about the Sub Area Plan and the rumored use of Easter Ave as a thru traffic area. Wed., 6:00 pm at the Cherry Knolls pool.

GenCON Business

Cathy Noon, President

- Ron Weidmann and Cathy Noon attended a workshop at DRCOG and did a presentation on Livable Communities. It was a joint meeting with planners and developers. Centennial was well represented by staff including Wayne Reed, Director of Planning. Centennial is in the process of re-writing its Development Code.
- High cost of permits for decks, etc. was discussed. Council will be discussing permitting fees in July.

Rhonda Livingston, President Pro Tem

- Information was available about the County Fair and about Bike to Work Day with designated refreshment stations.

Ron Podboy, 1st Vice President

- There have been 13 membership renewals this month bringing the total to 49 members.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

- Don Doerr moved to approve the May 2008 minutes. C.J. Whelan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking	\$1304.82	Savings	\$2485.19
Previous Balance:		Previous Balance:	
Income:	360.00	Income (Interest):	0.00
Expenses:	150.00		
Closing Balance:	\$ 1514.82	Closing Balance:	\$ 2485.19

Election Process Recap Thom Reed, Hanover Place & Election Judge

- Thom Reed reported that the election process went very smoothly. He complimented the Deputy City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk for their preparation and oversight. Overtime was necessary for most judges due to the high turnout. Premier (the company providing the voting system) adjusted the tabulation machine after some initial minor problems. Individuals who were poll watchers shared their interest and experiences and stated that the election procedures were very thorough.

Plans Jim Levy, 2nd Vice President

- Review of developer plans by the City now takes 21 days.
- Jim Levy was contacted by the Planning Department to discuss ideas with the realtors about increasing property values and possible ways to improve neighborhoods in the City. The top realtors in the area will be surveyed for their ideas on this issue.
- **Southglenn Redevelopment Sub Area Plan Ron Phelps**

Ron Phelps, CenCON representative, distributed a report from the Southglenn Sub Area Plan Committee. He noted that zoning changes are needed with a focus on setbacks, height, etc., to deal with redevelopment.

- **Open Space, Trails and Recreation Advisory board**

submitted a written report. Castlewood Greenway proposal from South Suburban Park to create a trail along an unused existing power line along Caley Ave. Also an opportunity to work jointly with Arapahoe Park & Rec to extend Piney Creek trail. This would include a board walk over the wetland area.

- **Karen Hamilton's report from the CIP** (Capital Improvement Program) committee had been sent out electronically.

Plans Submitted:

- 7200 S. Potomac for a Hindu Temple, Cultural Center on 4.7 acres of land. A change of zoning is necessary.
- A plan for a Girl's Home on Arapahoe Road, east of Parker, (near Antelope) has been submitted.
- Fast Signs wants to move from Greenwood Village to Centennial to a location at Havana and Briarwood.
- Vectra Bank has submitted a plan for the SE corner of Arapahoe and Potomac.
- A new process for plan referrals to be sent out earlier is under discussion. However the Planning Department may make revisions after that publication that would minimize the comments from referral agencies. The plan that goes to the Council may be significantly different that what referral agencies see for their comments to be meaningful.

Planning & Zoning Commission

June 24, 2008 -Centennial Promenade PUD amendment will be heard by the Centennial Planning and Zoning Commission

July 9, 2008 – Peakview Heights proposal is on the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda.

August 4, 2008 – Peakview Heights proposal heard by Centennial City Council.

July 28 Meeting/Field Trip

Hard Hat Tour

Streets of Southglenn – 4:00 P.M.

RSVP & meet at development office on site.