



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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March 28, 2022, 6:45pm

In Person: 12855 E Adam Aircraft Cir, Centennial, 80112

Minutes

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

Chapparral	FoxRidge	Greenwood South
Heritage Place	Knolls TH	Mira Vista
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Orchard Valley	Smoky Hill
Southglenn	Village@Centennial	Village Cooperative
Walnut Hills		
 - Guests: 18th Judicial Dist, Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council member Dist. 3, SEMSWA presenters (2), Guests (1)
 - Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
2. **CenCON Business**
 - A. President's Report, Gerry Cummins
 - Gov. Polis signed housing legislation that did 3 things: (1) technical assistance for small communities, (2) money for planning grants, (3) money available to build affordable housing. The City has created a Housing Working Group which met first time today. They'll be working with the City contractor on affordable housing. The question in to define affordable housing: median income of an area, differs from rental to ownership.
 - Meakins: If the City takes federal money, there must be some rezoning.
 - The Library had a visioning meeting last week: what were the needs of the community? The big answer was: meeting space.
 - Stone: What's changed? Whelan: Not as many people work in the building any more; they work from home or have offices in the library. We have a lot of square footage, we need to honor the tax payers. Frank Middleton: Why not sell it? Whelan: We still need space for library operations.
 - I spoke to the Arapahoe County (ArapCo) Elections Office. Would anyone be interested in a tour of Elections central? Contact: TSKelley@arapahoegov.com if you have a small group that might want to take a tour. Should I see if we can have a tour? The group generally said, yes. Please, see the invitation linked below these minutes.
 - Special District elections will be held 3 May: South Metro Fire Rescue & South Suburban Parks & Rec.
 - LWV is sponsoring a SSPRD candidate forum, 4/9, 1:30, South Suburban's new sports complex on County Line Rd.
 - CenCON elections are coming up next month and Cummins will not be running for president again.
 - B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the 2/28/22 CenCON meeting, (Stone/Middleton)
 - C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins: There have been no deposits or expenditures in the past month therefore, there has been no change to our bank account: \$2,159.29. We

ended the year with 41 paid members. An Annual Treasurer's Report can be found linked under these minutes in the email.

3. Special District Presentations

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

- She wanted us to know about the DA's Community Conversation on Fentanyl on 3/30. The bill that is in the State Legislature isn't strong enough to put a stop to what's happening,.
- On 5/21, the 18th Judicial District is sponsoring the 2022 Senior Law & Safety Summit, 8:30-2pm. **A flyer is linked in the email.** Please, get the word out to the seniors in your neighborhoods.

B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#) (SMFR), Kristin Eckmann, absent

- Eckmann sent an email with some information.
- South Metro has all the election details on our website: <https://www.southmetro.org/649/SMFR-Board-of-Director-Election-Information>
- The Districts that will have seats open include Districts 2, 6, & 7. Please note, that the mail in ballots will only be sent to citizens who live within the Director districts that have open seats. This will affect some Centennial citizens who live within District 2 specifically. (*Suhaka: As near as I can tell, none of the Districts have any Centennial residents.*)
- The interactive map here showcases the district boundaries as well: <https://southmetrofire.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1c5ff5e7d7b04a6ab4592afb98e222c7>
- Citizens will begin receiving ballots in April. They will be able to mail in their ballots and/or South Metro will have drop boxes throughout the District (which will be posted on our website shortly).

C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec. District](#), Delos Searle, Interim Exec. Dir.

- The Executive Director position is vacant. It's posted on the website is posed until mid-May.
- Our ballot question passed in Nov. to keep the bonds expiring soon ongoing for operating funds: staffing positions, maintenance, larger projects. If you're in APRD and have an idea for spending it, contact Delos.
- We're currently remodeling Trails Rec. Center. The pool needs a new rubber liner (2 months to do); there'll be new play features at pool, too. It should be done the middle of May.
- We're cancelling our Board elections, this year. Only the incumbents submitted nomination forms.
- Project update: Pioneer Park (It's the 1st park created in the district.) on Picadilly: we're redoing the playground and redoing the sports field. We'll apply for some grant funding from ArapCo & Centennial.
- The Look Out Park ,5455 S Riviera Wy, terrace project is under construction: adding better access & some seating to finish the end of May.
- About 35% of APRD is in Centennial.

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan

- **Call for Artists to Display Original Works** (The deadline was 3/31)
- **Tues., 12 April: A Survivor's Story: A Personal Account of the Holocaust**
 - Meet author & Holocaust survivor Oscar Sladek on Tues., 12 April, 1pm at Koelbel Library.
 - His personal account of narrowly evading the Nazis while living in hiding with his family is one of hope and survival.

- Sladek, a respected leader of the Denver Jewish community and musician, will share his reflections on growing up as a young Jewish boy in Slovakia during Hitler's reign and learning to choose love over hate.

- Registration required, visit [Sladek](#).

▪ **Thurs., 14 April: Business & Career Series for Older Adults: Make Money at Home**

- Are you interested in making some extra money or pursuing your passion, but would rather not start a business or work for someone else?
- This event at Koelbel Library will touch on ways to earn money at home, from online sales to user-testing websites.
- Using quizzes and group activities, we'll explore which opportunities might match up with your interests and skills. Attend in person or virtually.
- To register, visit [Business&Career](#).

▪ **Mon., 18 April or 28 April: City of Trash: Puppet Performance and Workshop**

- Virtual
- This Earth Day, we need some puppet superheroes to help us finish our story and save the city.
- During the performance, 4-5pm, audience members are guided through a puppet-building workshop to build their own trash superheroes using household objects.
- These puppet heroes are then invited to swoop in and save the day in our virtual performance. For children ages 5-12. Free online event presented through Zoom.
- To register, visit [CityOfTrash](#).

▪ **Sat., 23 April: Earth Day Environmental Fair**

- 10-12 at Smoky Hill Library
- Stop by and chat with a variety of local experts about sustainability and recycling at this outdoor open-house style fair. Leave with a wealth of information on how to be earth-friendly and reduce your carbon footprint. Take a spin on an electric bike and see what all the organizations have to offer.
- For more info, visit [EnvironmentalFair](#).

E. [City of Centennial](#), District 3 Council Member Rik Holt

- The Centennial Transportation Master Plan, Draft 2040, is still looking for community input. Go [here](#). Input will be collected through 15 April.
- Housing Study, community input
- [Arapahoe Bridge](#) has begun.
- Centennial Center Park is undergoing a lot of [construction](#). There will also be a trail from the Park all the way down to the C470 trail.
- [Spark Centennial](#) is a pilot program to answer: how do we make Centennial retail friendly again. 30 business have registered.
- A new Sheriff's [Citizens' Academy](#) starts next Tues starts, 5 April.
- Holt is a member of the City's Fiber Commission. Right now they're working on what to do with all of our extra fiber: VR, AR, telemedicine, how to improve traffic
- Cummins: Have public institutions taken advantage of it? Rik: Cherry Creek Schools has a deal, no others.

4. **SEMSWA Operations in Centennial**, Dan Olsen, Deputy Dir. & Dir. of Field Operations

- This was an excellent, informative slide show on all the work that SEMSWA does for our City. There's really no way to put it all into words.

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

Community Meeting

- This is a new virtual community meeting with a preliminary plan to review. There will be no in-person meeting. The deadline for anyone to submit comments online is **March 30, 2022**. Public comment can be given at: <https://www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial/6252-S-Racine-Circle-Flex-Warehouse>.
- The **South Racine Flex Warehouse**, 6252 S Racine Cir.: is approx. 16,000 s.f. on a 1.63 ac. vacant lot. The building can be broken up into 8 office/warehouse commercial condominiums. The architecture would consist of metal cladding of varying colors along with glass storefronts and metal canopies. It will be located a bit east of the City building.
- Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone that requests them. Her email address is we4liv@aol.com
- **SITE 22-00003, Colorado Auto Care**, 6373 S. Racine Cir.: proposing a 16,500 s.f. building with 14 vehicle service bays. **Comments due 6 April.**
- **SITE 22-00004, Legacy Chapel**, 8140 S. Holly St.: Legacy Chapel is the new owner of this existing building. They're asking for an Administrative Amendment to change the occupancy of the building, interior renovations, add a preschool playground, fence, entry doors, and sidewalks. **Comments due 4 April**
- It's important for all neighborhoods to be registered with the City. Please, go [here](#) and check if you're on the list.

6. **Adjourn**: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm

Draft minutes prepared by Andrea Suhaka.

Next Meeting: 25 April 2022