



## CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

12855 E. Adam Aircraft Cir.

November 23, 2015

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### Minutes

- I. Call to Order: President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
- II. Attendance: (17 members constitute a quorum)
  - **Highlight in minutes below are items for neighborhood newsletters.**
  - Attendance (17 members constitutes a quorum): We had a quorum.
  - Members: Algonquin Acres                      Chapparral                      Cherry Knolls  
Fairways @ South Suburban              FoxRidge                      Hanover Place (2)  
Heritage Place                      Highlands @ Piney Creek              Highline Meadows  
Homestead Farm (2)                      Hunters Hill Condos              Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S.  
Palos Verdes                      Ridgeview Hills N.                      Smoky Hill  
Tiffany                      Walnut Hills                      Willow Creek 2
  - Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library District, Arapahoe Parks & Rec. Dist., Centennial (Mayor Noon, C.J. Whelan, incoming Carrie Penaloza), Centennial Open Space Board (OSAB), Centennial Youth Commission, South Metro Fire/Rescue District, South Suburban Parks & Rec. District
- III. Guest Comments
  - A. [Arapahoe County Sheriff](#), Lt. Ken McKlem, Patrol Special Ops
    - **Capt. Thompson wanted Lt. McClem to report on a scam making the rounds: a call impersonating law enforcement, says the answerer missed jury duty and you have to pay a fine by sending prepaid cards. Call the Sheriff if you get the call.**
    - Neighborhood Watch now has a terrorism component, **"See something, say something" Call the Sheriff!!**
    - There was an armed robbery at 15795 E Arap Rd. They got away but with very little money
    - Burglary at the pro shop at the SSPRD golf course. He damaged a safe & got \$1500 and escaped.
    - At the Ramada Inn by airport, armed men robbed a jewelry store representative and \$625K in cash & jewelry. It appeared he knew about the jewelry rep.
    - On 11/19, there was a SWAT job in Sheridan. Some men robbed a bank in Lakewood, stole a car, dropped that car & stole another car, and shot 2 people. Sprinkled the money stolen around the Sheridan Rec Ctr. Caught 1 guy and he's talking to the police.
    - Later. on 11/19, there was a fatal accident on University (2am), a young woman in a car versus a semi truck. It was her fault but ACSO doesn't have info on just what happened.
  - B. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Daisy Grice, Manager of Community Libraries
    - Grice thanked us (those who voted for it) for supporting and passing ALD's mill levy increase ballot question.
    - **ALD has an upcoming author event with *New York Times* best-selling author Jamie Ford (*Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*) scheduled for Dec. 8 at Koelbel Library at 7pm. He'll present on how forgotten history fuels his stories. The book he's currently writing is on is about a boy who was raffled off at the 1909 World's Fair in Seattle. A book signing will follow his talk and The Tattered Cover will have some for sale. For more information visit: <http://arapahoelibraries.org/author-jamie-ford>**

- Do some holiday book shopping at the Better Book Bonanza, sponsored by the Friends of Arapahoe Libraries. The sale will be at Koelbel Lib. on 12/5 & 6, taking place during Library hours. This sale features rare and collectible books, new fiction titles, current best sellers, and children's books all in best condition.
  - The Friends' fund raising is allocated to Arapahoe Libraries in the form of grants, supporting programs and projects, such as the annual Summer Reading program, author events, special purchases for the libraries and more. So far in 2015, the Friends Board has granted Arapahoe Libraries \$100,000.
  - Maurer: Are you on NextDoor? Grice: No, we didn't think it was valuable. (Several members said its very useful in their neighborhoods.)
- C. [Arapahoe Parks & Rec. District](#), Delos Searle, Asst. District Manager
- *Andrea: I'm sorry I was out of town from the day after CenCON and was not able to get the minutes written to include Nov. events.*
  - Over the holiday break, APRD will have some day camps, some Lego camps.
  - A basketball co-ed league will be starting soon, deadline for registering is 12/11, for children 5-7 and 8-10. (See the APRD flyers below the link to these minutes.)
  - APRD is dealing with graffiti in Pioneer Park.
- D. Fire Districts, South Metro Fire, Chief Officer Doug Bloomquist
- [Cunningham Fire](#), [Littleton Fire](#), [South Metro Fire](#)
  - As winter weather takes hold of Denver, be very careful about slipping & falling on ice and putting up holiday lights. These are their predominant calls.
  - Station 31 in being rebuilt and should open this spring.
  - Sta. 32 at Orchard & Quebec is up next. It will start rebuilding when #31 is done.
  - Littleton Fire is recruiting for a Chief Financial Officer & Operations Chief due to retirements.
  - Littleton has 14 recruits in a fire academy.
  - On 1/16 South Metro will hold Winter Driving Skills course. Information can be found at [www.southmetrofoundation.org](http://www.southmetrofoundation.org).
  - Suhaka: Will the new Sta. 32 take both lots? Bloomquist: Yes.
  - Carolynne Green: What is the average age of the new recruits? Bloomquist: They must have 5 years driving experience, so, generally, 21-26. We get lots of applications (400-1,000) but, only 12-14 are accepted. The fire districts didn't hire during recession and now they're all short handed.
  - Tinkey: What is the salary range for CFO? Bloomquist: I'm not sure, over \$125K. Whelan (on the Cunningham Board): \$130-135K.
- E. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District](#), Teresa Cope, Communications Director
- Pickle ball is one of fastest growing sports in US. There are 6 new courts at Cornerstone Park. No reservations needed for these outdoor courts. SSPRD will have a series of equipment orientations every month, free. See the website.
  - Sales:
  - Holiday pass sale now through 1/3/16, 10% off all passes, personal trainers, Pilates reformer, facials, and massages. For info call 3/347-5999.
  - 29<sup>th</sup> annual Arts & Craft Fair, 12/5, 9am-3pm, at Goodson Rec. Center.
  - Breakfast & Skate with Santa at Buck Rec. Center. Registration required. See linked SSPRD event sheet.
  - Free holiday ice shows, 12/11, 12/12 at Ice Arena and 12/13 at Family Sports Center. See linked SSPRD event sheet.
  - Skate with Santa, 12/11 at Ice Arena, 12/12 at Family Sports Center. See linked SSPRD event sheet.

- Christmas tree recycling (12/26-1/11, Willow Spring Service Center, sunrise to sunset). Free mulch available from 12/30. Call 3/721-8478 for more info.
- New Year's Eve, ring in the 70s at Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, \$70 per person (can stay the night)
- \$40 for basic blood screenings in January at Lone Tree, Goodson, Buck, Family Sports. See website for the specifics.
- Much more can be found on the linked events sheet.
- Suhaka: When will the Goodson pool reopen? Cope: It should tentatively reopen on 12/28.
- Ryan: Do the school districts have agreements with SSPRD. Cope: SSPRD requests that groups make reservations for the pool. The public can call a customer service representative at Lone Tree Rec. Center to find out if any groups are scheduled on that day. This process is consistent with all of our aquatics areas across the District.
- Suhaka: Will APRD recycle Xmas trees, too? Searle: Probably, but not set, yet. Email from Cathy Noon: APRD will recycle trees at Lookout Park and Piney Creek Hollow Park. The specifics are in the current edition of the *Centennial Connections*. (Check here: [www.centennialco.gov/uploads/files/CentennialConnection\\_Nov2015.pdf](http://www.centennialco.gov/uploads/files/CentennialConnection_Nov2015.pdf))
- Cummins: What is the SSPRD budget? Cope: It's around \$59M.

#### F. City of Centennial

- Mayor Noon:
- The Holiday Tree Lighting on 11/21 was a beautiful event.
- There are openings on the Centennial finance committees; applications due by 12/4.
- Districts 1 & 2 had a joint meeting on 11/30. They had a large crowd to say goodbye to term limited Councilmen Moon and Gardner.
- On 1/4, City Council will have a formal farewell for the departing Councilmen with a reception 5-6pm. At 6pm returning and new Council members will be sworn in.
- On the City website you can sign up for Districts' and Mayor's newsletters.
- There are some new businesses in the Streets at SouthGlenn: Big Daddy Burger Bar (near Macy's), Snobahn (skiing & snow-boarding venue). At other locations in the city there are a non-profit for families in crisis, Performance Cycle (motorcycles), Half Penny Brewing in the old Fox and Hound near the King Soopers on Arapahoe, Peakview Assisted Living at Liverpool & Smoky Hill, Inova Corp. Center, office building (a flex building) and 285 apartments, the Jones District is getting ready to start building (office & apartments), Panorama Corp Center is building a 218K sq.ft. office building and Comcast offices are moving into the Schwab building.
- FEMA certification has improved the City's ranking in flood insurance program. For those requiring flood insurance the discount is now 15%.
- A Bee Keeping Committee is looking into possibly creating some regulating on keeping bees. They will have an open house on 12/8 to get the public's opinions at the Public Works facility, 7272 S. Eagle St. (1/2 mile south on Potomac from Arapahoe Rd. on the west side of Potomac), 6-7 pm.
- C.J. Whelan, District 4 Councilman:
- District 4 will have a meeting on 1/14 at Smoky Hill Library, 7 pm.
- A 2-lane section of Quincy Ave, will be improved for safety. Centennial is working with Aurora.
- Whelan visited Teen Court 2 weeks ago and was very impressed with it.

- Noon: The traffic study that has been done on Kings Point will be reported to City Council at the 12/14 Council meeting.
  - Davis Livingston, Youth Commissioner:
  - Teen Court hears curfew and tobacco violations for any teen in Centennial that's gotten a ticket. There have been about 10 hearings so far.
  - In January the Youth Commission will volunteer at Project Cure.
- III. Centennial Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB), Tom Wood, OSAB Board Member
- We recommend to City Council how the City's GOCO and Arapahoe County Open Space Funds should be spent.
  - This year, we'll try a Community Grant Program and have set aside \$250K. Grant applications must be submitted to the City by March, 2016. For more info talk to Daniel Krzyzanowski, the City's Long Range Planner about the grant program. (303325-8000)
  - Bain: Is there something that marks where a trail crosses a street? Wood: There should be a crosswalk and on Holly, just north of Arapahoe, there's a demand light.
  - Wood: We're currently looking at Potomac Park and completing some trails. We're just starting a 5-year planning exercise.
  - Penalosa: Potomac Park? Wood: There's been a plan created and on the shelf. It needs partners to help pay for constructing the final plan.
  - We want everyone in the City to be within walking distance of a park or trail.
  - OSAB has open meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month, 7pm, at the City Service Center.
- IV. Preliminary Review of CenCON website. Sharon Kellog, CenCON Representative for Highline Meadows
- Kellog showed her preliminary updates to our aging website. There was a good deal of discussion
  - Kellog then discussed different hosting plans for the site.
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for Kellog to go forward with a 5-year hosting plan not to exceed \$400. (Allen/Ryan)
- V. CenCON Business
- A. President's report, Gerry Cummins
- She's been working on the website
  - We've forgotten to vote on the annual gift for Arapahoe Library. The room we use is not available to the general public and the library district allows us to use it at no charge. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to donate \$600 as a thank you to the library. (Doer/Ryan)
  - Bain: How much do we have how much left in the bank? Cummins: \$3500+.
- B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. (Wilson/Doerr)
- C. Treasurer's report, Henry Blum (not present): He sent his report to Cummins that there has been no change from last month, no new members.
- VI. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Plans, Ed Bain/Tammy Maurer
- At the time of writing this agenda, no plans have been received
  - Maurer briefly discussed a "treehouse" that has been built in Ridgeview Hills North. The homeowner had gone before the Planning & Zoning Commission for a waiver and the Commission voted not to grant it. The homeowner can appeal to City Council.

VI. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka, Secretary.

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 meeting – January 25, 2015**