



June 24, 6:45 pm

Trails Rec. Center, 16799 E. Lake Ave., Centennial, 80016

Minutes

1. Call to order: President C.J. Whelan called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres	Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge
Greenwood South	Heritage Greens	Heritage Place
Hunters Hill RA	Monterey	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Palos Verdes	Smoky Hill	Tiffany
Village at Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial	Walnut Hills
Willow Creek 2		
 - Arapahoe County Commissioner, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council, Centennial Staff (3), South Suburban Parks & Rec. District
 - **Highlighted areas** below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
 - **Next month's meeting will be at Project CURE, 10377 E Geddes Ave** (north across the street from Centennial Center Park)
2. CenCON Business
 - A. President's Report, [C.J.Whelan](#)
 - As of this meeting, only 13 people have signed up for the Field trip! The deadline was 25 June!
 - Whelan asked if we want to switch back to meeting in only 1 location or do one location east & one west? The library admin. building will likely not be available to use until at least next summer. The consensus seemed to be one east & one west.
 - The Mission/Vision committee has been meeting and is in the process of preparing a questionnaire for our members and others. Colleen Cullen has prepared a memo for the group as she is not present at the moment. **Please, see the documents attached to this email.**
 - B. Vice President, Plans: [Rhonda Livingston](#). Rhonda was not feeling well but, all prep. for the field trip is in place.
 - C. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
 - Rosser asked for a clarification on the May minutes. On page 4, in the High Line Conservancy report, a number is missing for when the Highline project is expected to be completed. The answer is 2030.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the May 2024 minutes with the appropriate clarification. (Hamilton/Cummins)
 - D. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
 - CenCON, as of this report, has 20 paid members. Members, please, get your 2024-2025 dues paid! **Remember that the membership form MUST accompany the payment.**

- CenCON has \$2,310.99 in our bank account. Please, see the Treasurer's Report linked with these minutes.

3. Centennial Government and Special Districts

A. Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners, Carrie Warren-Gully, Commissioner District 1.

- The splitting of the 18th Judicial District will be completed by 1 Jan. 2025. Arapahoe County will continue with the 18th Judicial District designation and Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln counties will become the 23rd Judicial District.
- The Dove Valley playing fields are being updated. The playground and dog park are finished but still cordoned off. There will be more work in a 2nd phase.
- Denver Water has transferred ownership of 45 miles of the Highline Canal to Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas counties. Some good news, the Open Space sales tax can be used for maintenance of the Canal..
- 7/25-29, the County Fair & Rodeo will take place at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds..
- Hamilton: Is Arapahoe County going to honor the watering contracts that were in place? Warren-Gully: No
- GOCO has given the Canal a grant to help create some pocket parks on the northern section of the Canal where there is not much tree canopy.

B. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office](#), Bureau Chief Ken McKlem was in for Capt. Burson.

- A few new traffic cops have been authorized for crash investigations.
- Traffic tickets are up 1,000 more per month.
- ACSO is now using a crash-based reporting system and crashes are down even with increased population, more traffic.
- Calls for service are up about 5% but, crime is down about 5%.
- ACSO will be doing security for Broncos camp & the County Fair.
- In Aug., deputies will be taking school children for back-to-school shopping.
- 8/6, ACSO will be taking part in National Night Out around the County.
- Hamilton: I had heard there was a large fentanyl bust. McKlem: Yes, the biggest bust ever for ACSO.
- Sweetland: I wanted to thank the ACSO for keeping Cherry Knolls Park safe.

C. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District](#), [Michelle Kitchens](#)

- Please, see the SSPRD event flyer attached with these minutes. Suhaka won't list all activities here.
- The Board of Directors has chosen Cathie Frazzini to complete the unexpired term of Susn Pye after she stepped down.
- Cherry Knolls Park is being updated.

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

- **Self-defense for women**
 - 8/7, 6-8:30p, Smoky Hill Lib., 5430 S. Biscay Cir.
 - 8/15, 6-8:30p, Koelbel Lib., 5955 S. Holly St.
 - *Who:* women ages 18 & up
 - Attendees will learn lifelong skills to help them avoid an attack & defend themselves. The classes are fun and interactive.
 - They are led by "Gunny" Jeff Norman, author of *Going Badger: A Woman's Guide to the Fine Art of Going Honey Badger on a Bad Guy.*

- No special attire is required, and the defensive responses taught do not depend on strength or athleticism.
- **Read aloud and meet the K-9 team**
 - When: Thurs., Aug. 8, 6-7p
 - Where: Smoky Hill Lib., 5430 S. Biscay Cir.
 - Who: all ages
 - Join the ACSO's K-9 team as they read their new children's book, *The Case of the Missing Cake*.
 - Attendees will have a chance to ask questions and meet the real-life therapy dogs.
- **Stories of Welcoming: panel discussion**
 - When: Wed., Aug. 14, 6-7:30p
 - Where: Koelbel Lib., 5955 S. Holly St.
 - Who: adults
 - Koelbel Lib. will host a panel discussion about what makes communities welcoming.
 - Hear from local subject matter experts on refugee resettlement & newcomer integration. The discussion will highlight examples of welcoming immigrants in our community and what support is still needed.
- **Stories of Welcoming: documentary screening & conversation**
 - When: Wed., Aug. 21, 6:30-8p
 - Where: Koelbel Lib., 5955 S. Holly St.
 - Who: adults
 - Join Arapahoe Libraries and 9News reporter Angeline McCall for a screening of *Una Vida Nueva, or A New Life*.
 - The documentary shows the challenges and successes experienced by our migrant community in Denver.
 - The screening will be followed by a discussion and McCall will share her experiences making the film.
- **Community Conversation: Democracy**
 - When: Thurs. Aug. 29, 6-7:30p
 - Where: Smoky Hill Lib., 5430 S. Biscay Cir.
 - The library continues its Community Conversation series with the topic of Democracy.
 - Community Conversations are guided by an expert facilitator and a diverse panel of experts.
 - They offer participants a unique opportunity to make connections and consider topics from different perspectives.
 - To save your spot, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).
- **Koelbel Library used book sale**
 - When: Sept. 11-15
 - Where: Koelbel Lib., 5955 S. Holly St.
 - Who: all ages
 - Find bargains at our biggest used book sale of the year.
 - Shop a wide variety of children's books, collectible books, paperbacks, hardcovers, media and more.
 - Sun., 9/15, is bag day. We provide the bag, and you fill it for just \$10.

- Through book sales, The Friends of Arapahoe Libraries raise funds to support library events and services.
- Arapahoe Libraries events are free and open to the community. Each event is posted on the library website at the start of the month prior. To save your spot, visit the website or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

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- Rosser asked about the fentanyl & libraries issue that was so big not very long ago? Whelan: We had no reports of any problems; we installed amazingly highly rated HVAC systems. We didn't want to get on the hysteria bandwagon
- One last note about our construction project – still waiting for the permitting

E. [City of Centennial](#), Council member District 2 [Christine Sweetland](#)

- Centennial will have a Bike to Work station at the Arapahoe Rd. Trailhead.
- Fireworks are strictly limited; they can't explode or leave the ground.
- The City is taking part in the South Metro Waste Study with Englewood, Sheridan, & Littleton. It's a 3 year study to study recycling, composting, to begin to eliminate so much trash.
- Housing: There are still some issues Council working on land banking, inclusionary zoning has been taken off the table. The Ordinance on ADUs has been passed.
- 8/10, [Centennial Under the Stars](#), 5-9p, at Centennial Center Park
- The City is adding more artwork on traffic signal boxes. Check it out.
- Biniek asked if the State was looking at statewide recycling? Sweetland: We don't have the data.
- Moore wanted to know if the City will be taking a position on County's budget issues? Sweetland: We need to discuss that in a meeting.
- Rosser asked if the City can override HOAs on ADUs? Sweetland: The City, no, the State legislature, yes, it would.

4. Centennial's Land Development process, Jenna Campbell, City of Centennial Planner

- Campbell gave us a wonderful primer on the City's land development approval process and about some changes the City may be making to the Land Development Code.
- She sent us a copy of the PowerPoint she used to describe the process. If anyone would like a copy of it, please, email standy@ecentral.com to request it.
- The challenge for developers is that more hearings mean more expense.
- The challenge for the public is how to get more community engagement.
 - More ways to reach people,
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 - More projects will have community meetings,
 - Improve Have Your Say page.
- Update to Site plan process (see first 2 above, renters/tenants)
 - Require hearing for proj closest to neighborhoods
 - All small proj to be approved by staff (shorten the process)
- The City wants more input earlier in the process and to decrease redundancies. Council needs to focus more on policy.
- Suhaka brought up the issue that the current process asks for input too early in the process and then the public doesn't know how a project has changed.

5. CenCON Forum: no time

6. Plans, Rhonda Livingston, 2nd Vice President

- Proposed 21,000 gross s.f. warehouse/office building with outdoor storage on 3.24 acres, on 2 parcels at 14158 E Easter Pl. & 14159 E Fremont Ave. between Potomac & Jordan Rds. Comments due to the city by July 8, 2024.
 - You can also check www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial to see what's happening.
7. Adjourn: Wheland adjourned the meeting at 8:39pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

22 July meeting - Field Trip
10377 E. Geddes Ave., 80122

26 August meeting:
Centennial Center of Generations