



## CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Arapahoe Library Services Building

12855 E. Adam Aircraft Cir.

February 24, 2020

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### Agenda

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

Algonquin Acres (2)	Cherry Knolls	Fairways @ South Suburban
FoxRidge	Greenwood South	Hanover Place (3)
Heritage Place (2)	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills N.	Palos Verdes
Ridgeview Hills North	Smoky Ridge	Tiffany (2)
Valley Club Acres	Village@Centennial	Walnut Hills
Willow Creek 2		
  - Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), Arapahoe Libraries, City of Centennial (Council members from Districts 2 & 4), South Metro Fire Rescue, South Suburban Parks & Rec. District
  - **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**
2. **CenCON Business**
  - A. President's report, Gerry Cummins: no report
  - B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
    - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Jan. 2020 minutes as emailed. (KSeymour/GLivingston)
  - C. Treasurers' report, Submitted by Debbie Razor (in Wells Fargo Bank)

• Balance Forward	\$1466.70
• Deposits: Glenn Oaks dues	30.00
• Expenses	0.0
• <u>Interest Income:</u>	<u>0.0</u>
• Ending Balance:	<b>\$1496.70</b>

    - There are 40 paid members for 2019-2020. Last year there were 42 paid members. The following associations paid last year but not this year: Chenango, Highlands 460
1. Budget discussion
  - After a long discussion that covered the same points several times from different perspectives, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to raise the dues \$10 to \$40 and suggest a donation of \$10 for members who attend the field trips. (Maurer/Bell)
  - Other items discussed, beyond the dues question, were the need to recruit members, possibly by being at City events with a booth and to create a more powerful recruitment brochure.
  - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to revise our recruitment brochure to be more powerful with a budget of up to \$300 for printing new ones. (Allen/Maurer)

### 3. Guest Comments

- A. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), Asst. Chief Jerry Rhodes, Community Services
- Kristen Eckmann from South Metro Fire Rescue reported for Chief Rhodes.
  - SMFR has finalized its 2019 statistics on calls for service. In Centennial, there were 8,200 calls of which 125 fires. Most calls were for medical services. The data sheet is linked in the email.
  - The average response time is 7 min., 20 sec.
  - A new recruit academy has started with 33 members. The hiring process is open for the spring academy until 3/16. Check the website for info.
  - An SMFR Citizens' academy is open for registration. It will take place April-May, with once a week meetings. This one is full, watch for the next one on the website.
  - SMFR will have a Board election on 5/5. The Board is going down from 12 members to 7 members. There 4 seats to fill (in the Centennial area). There's a button on the home page button to self-nominate.
  - Special event fees for (tents, fireworks) have decreased, 150 people and under is free and it stairsteps up for fees. The website has been updated.
  - SMFR has a good Social Media following. They're #1 in fire organizations on YouTube. The Challenge Accepted YouTube site had done an episode on SMFR's recruit academy.
- B. [South Suburban Parks & Recreation Dist.](#), Jamie DeBartolemeis
- The Facilities & Trails map has been reprinted.
  - There are several spring break camps, for kids not in school, listed in the events flyer linked in the email.
  - On 2/25 there was a mini job fair for SSPR, full & part time, summer & year 'round jobs.
  - Two more Job fairs:
    - On 3/3, 2-6pm at Buck Rec. Center
    - On 3/9, 2-6pm at Lone Tree Rec. Center
  - SSPRD will have a spring punch sale, 3/13-27.
  - For the new recreational complex, the groundwork for the ice (3 sheets) is being installed. Work on 2 gyms includes roof & exterior walls in late March/early April. There will be a restaurant & administrative offices. SSPR will keep Ice Arena property but, it will be repurposed. There's a web cam on the new complex.
  - The SSPR Board has approved \$15,000 for the annual Matching Gifts program. Associations can apply and the deadline is 3/6. The application is on the website at [/matching-gifts-program](#).
  - SSPR will have a Board election on 5/5. There is 1 term limited opening. Self-nominations closed on 2/28. One incumbent will run. Absentee ballots must be requested by 4/28. Ballot drop-off is at Goodson in Centennial.
  - Maurer: What about the dog park? It went to deKoevend but, is it staying? DeBartolemeis: There needs to be a public process to make it a permanent park.
- C. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Talia Abdullah
- **Authors in March:**
    - Join *New York Times* best-selling author Susan Orlean in the quest to crack the unsolved mystery of the largest library fire in the history of the United States. Orlean will introduce you to her award-winning novel *The Library Book*, which details the devastating 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library on **Sun., March 8, 2 pm at Hilton Denver Inverness.**

- Local award-winning author and lawyer Stephanie Kane can't wait to share her latest suspense fiction novel, *A Perfect Eye*, with readers on **Mon., March 9, 7 pm at Koebel Lib**. Kane combines her talents as a writer and criminal defense lawyer into captivating mysteries that have gained national recognition.
- Join *USA Today* bestselling suspense author Carter Wilson as he shares about his writing journey and his latest psychological page-turner *The Dead Girl in 2A* on **Sun., March 15, 2 pm at Southglenn Lib**. This fast-paced plot details the lives of two individuals who meet by chance on a flight to Denver. From Erie, CO, Wilson is the bestselling author of 6 critically acclaimed psychological thrillers and is a 3-time winner of the Colorado Book Award.
- Finally, author Kali Fajardo-Anstine, originally from Denver, will bring to life a collection of captivating stories about Latina women of indigenous ancestry on **Sat., March 28, 1 pm at Smoky Hill Lib**. In her book *Sabrina & Corina*, the American West takes center stage and celebrates friendship, mothers, daughters and the deep roots of our homelands. *Sabrina & Corina* was selected as a finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction and was the campus "One Read" at the University of Colorado and Regis University.
- You can register for any Arapahoe Libraries programs at the website.
- Castlewood Library's Grand Opening is planned for 5/17. Save the date!
- For the Census ALD is making computers available to do the online form.

D. [City of Centennial](#), Tammy Maurer, District 2; Don Sheehan, District 4

- Maurer & Sheehan tag-teamed on these points.
- **Boards/Commission Applications**
  - Centennial is still accepting applications for eight of its boards and commissions. This includes the Senior Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, Open Space Advisory Board, and Budget Committee, just to name a few. You can find the application on our website at [centennialco.gov](http://centennialco.gov). The deadline to apply has passed.
- **Census 2020**
  - The 2020 Census is upon us. Centennial has been contributing to outreach and education efforts for the 2020 U.S. Census since fall of 2019. Information about the Census has been shared through the City's website, social media channels, the digital billboard outside of the Civic Center, the digital billboard off of Arapahoe Rd. & Clinton St., the Centennial Connection newsletter, and the Civic Center lobby.
  - City Staff procured 2 grants from the State of Colorado's Dept of Local Affairs totaling nearly \$7,000 for marketing & outreach efforts.
  - In addition to the pop-up booths, the City is partnering with Arapahoe Libraries on a series of presentations about the 2020 Census at 3 Centennial libraries in March. Go to our webpage at [/Census](#) for details. We have flyers to share about these upcoming presentation, as well.
  - Beginning in March, a kiosk will be available in the Civic Center lobby for visitors to take the Census online. Every library in the city will also have iPads available for residents to use to complete the Census. Census data is kept private for 72 years.

- **University Sidewalk**
  - This project consists of the construction of several missing or inadequate width sections of sidewalk along S. University Blvd. between County Line Rd. and Orchard Rd.
  - To enhance safety and encourage pedestrian use through the corridor, this project will install concrete sidewalk to an ADA acceptable 5' width and will ensure that improvements remain within available right-of-way.
  - Funding is partially funded by CDOT FASTER.
- **New Traffic Signals**
  - The City is adding new traffic signals throughout Centennial. There are currently 83 traffic signals in the City.
  - The first ones will be installed at Holly/Otero and Yosemite/Mineral. They're expected to be delivered and installed in March 2020.
  - You will see more of these traffic signals installed at Colorado/Easter/Nobles and Gibraltar/Himalaya by fall 2020
- **Colorado Blvd. Corridor Study**
  - In Nov. 2019, the City launched a comprehensive multimodal corridor study of Colorado Blvd. between Orchard Rd. & County Line Rd.
  - This study will identify and prioritize a list of potential projects along the corridor, but is not intended to provide final design or construction documents.
  - The study is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2020. The intended outcome of this study will be to improve the transportation system within the corridor by providing expanded mobility options and greater connectivity.
- **Arapahoe & Yosemite Development Study**
  - The City has contracted with a consultant to gather data, review existing plans and facilitate public outreach to develop a Regulating Plan for the southeast corner of Arapahoe Rd. and Yosemite St., where FirstBank, Finn McCool's, etc. is located.
  - The Regulating plan will provide options to allow for cohesive development within the short & long term in this area. This development is highly visible when exiting SB I-25 and has the opportunity to become an identifiable place within Centennial.
  - We will be creating a project webpage for this project in the next week.
- **16<sup>th</sup> Annual State of Our City**
  - The 16th Annual State of Our City event is taking place April 15, 11am-1pm at the Embassy Suites DTC. Please go to our website at [/stateofourcity](#) for more information or to purchase tickets.
- **Centennial Active Seniors**
  - We have a new schedule of Centennial Active Senior events posted on our website for March. Go to our website at [/activeseniors](#) for more information or to register. See the link in the CenCON email.
- GLivingston: When will they build the sidewalks in front of the Civic Center?  
Maurer: I keep pushing for that.

#### 4. **History of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Capt. Ken McKlem**

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's office was founded in 1858 with the appointment of the first sheriff, E.W. Wynkoop. Capt. McKlem researches the history of the office during his spare time and presented a fascinating look at that history.

5. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, 2nd VP

Previous Meetings (both on Feb. 12):

- Community Meeting for Garage Condos on SW corner of Racine Cir & E. Peakview Ave.. Small Business Solutions Site Plan proposes to construct 4 buildings for office, light industry & wholesale, and commercial warehousing & logistics. Planning & Zoning hearing scheduled for 3/11.
- Planning & Zoning Commission heard a request for a variance at 8036 E. Fremont Ave.in Walnut Hills. The applicant a 1.6' variance from the 12' minimum access (from the side of the house to the property line) in order to construct a detached garage in the rear yard. The pro-posed variance was for a 10.4' access. Case was heard on 2/12 and failed.

6. **Adjourn:** Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

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 GenCON Representative or Association President/Chair.

**Next meeting – March 23, 2020**