



25 March, 2024
Trails Recreation Center, 16799 E. Lake Ave., Centennial, 80016

Minutes

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

Algonquin Acres	Arapahoe Highlands	Chappaaral
Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge	Hanover Place
Heritage Greens	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill
Mill Creek	Mira Vista	Monterey
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Palos Verdes (2)	Saddle Rock Ranches (2)
Smoky Hill	Southwind	Tiffany
Village @ Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial	Walnut Hills
	Willow Creek 2	

- Guests: 18th Judicial District, Arapahoe County Commissioner, Arapahoe Libraries, Centennial City Council, Centennial Staff, South Metro Fire Rescue, Trails Park & Rec. District
- Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
- CenCON will not be able to meet in the Library Admin. building after 1 Jan. due to renovation

2. **CenCON Business**

A. President's Report, [C.J.Whelan](#)

- The Executive Board is meeting regularly. We have a major focus on building membership, if you just give us a name, we'll take it from there.
- We want to further CenCON's engagement with the City.
- We are very sorry that we forgot to acknowledge Cathy Noon. This organization is one of her legacies; she created CenCON.
- A motion was made and seconded to send a donation to Nourish in her name for \$100 and passed unanimously. (Meakins/Middleton) Cathy was a member of their Board. As a previous Nourish Board member, Cummins thanks us.
- We'll have an open forum after our facility tour.
- Also, a reminder that our April 22 meeting will be at the Centennial Center for Generations in the Streets at SouthGlenn. Also the May meeting will be one week earlier because of Memorial Day, May20.
- Also, a reminder of our Project Cure collection of medical equipment and July field trip.

B. Vice President, Membership: [Andrew Spaulding](#)

- I'm working on a postcard sort of piece to introduce CenCON to other neighborhood organizations.

- C. Vice President, Plans: [Rhonda Livingston](#).
 - There will be a conditional use hearing for a wireless tower.
 - There are some commercial uses coming up for Council ratification.
 - Please, check the City website at "Have Your Say" to see plans.
- D. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
 - Heritage Place was present at the February meeting.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected. (Cummins/Hamilton)
- E. Treasurer & Web admin, [Jill Meakins](#)
 - Please, see the attached Treasurer's Report. CenCON's operating deficit is \$349.
 - We'll be putting "Have Your Say" on the website.
 - Please, check out the website

3. **7:15pm, Centennial Government and Special Districts** (We asked our special district guests to limit their comments to 7 minutes.)

- A. [18th Judicial District, Aurora Ogg](#)
 - On 4/15, we'll be holding a town hall by our Economic Crime unit on financial crimes against businesses, 11-noon with the ACSO.
 - The Senior Senior Law & Safety Summit, will be 7/13. There'll be a lot more information in a little while.
- B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), John Curtis, Deputy Chief of Emergency Services
 - Our calls are steadily rising. He distributed a 2023 response sheet which is too large to attach to our email.
 - 65% of the calls revolve around emergency medical needs.
 - We are going for a response time of less than 6 min.
 - Moore: What is public assist? Curtis: We are called to help to pick someone up from the floor or if you lock yourself out of your car/home.
 - Middleton: What about house fires? Curtis: There's lots going on besides fire, e.g., smoke. Houses don't last as well as they used to.
 - Whelan: What is the fire risk vs wildlands fire? Curtis: *Long complicated answer*
 - Station 15: The opening is pushed ahead to Sept, a stormwater issue was found.
 - Some stations have plows on F250s in various parts of the district for huge snow-storms.
 - 4/14-20 is National Emergency Communicators week.
 - We're having a recruit academy of 20 recruits.
 - Cardiac health is the number 1 killer of fire personnel; we're working on cardiac health. We're doing a pilot program for checking cardiac health.
- C. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan, Manager of Community Relations & Strategic Events
 - We had the fantastic Phantom Circus event that was very well attend, despite having to move the event due to snow.
 - **Teen art show**
 - Who: Ages 12-18
 - Applications open: May 1-July 1
 - Arapahoe Libraries will host its annual teen art show this fall at the Eloise May Lib.
 - The art show is a great opportunity for teens to showcase their talents.
 - To learn more, visit arapahoelibraries.org/teen-art.

- **'Unconventional Women of the West'**
 - When: Thurs,, May 16, 2-3 pm,
 - Where: Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St.
 - Join us to meet "Unconventional Women of the West."
 - Legendary Ladies of Colorado will present stories from fascinating women in first-person living history.
 - See how they overcame different personal hardships and how their lives became part of Western lore.
 - To save your spot, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).
- **Older adults resource fair**
 - When: Friday, May 17, 10 am-1pm
 - Where: Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St.
 - Stop by to learn about different health resources, programs to help you age in place and more.
 - You can chat with representatives from local nonprofits and meet with our older adult services librarians to learn about social and educational opportunities at the library.
 - Light refreshments will be provided.
- **Community Conversation: 'Individual Freedom & Public Protection'**
 - When: Thursday, May 30, 6-7:30 pm,
 - Where: Southglenn Library, 6972 S Vine St.
 - The library continues its Community Conversation series on Thursday, May 30, at Southglenn Library.
 - This conversation will be on the topic of "Individual Freedom and Public Protection."
 - 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).
- Arapahoe Libraries events are free and open to the community. All events are posted on the library website during the month prior. To save your spot or for more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

D. Jeff Baker

- The Commissioners need people for Boards & Committees in the County.
- We are working on 6 strategic focus areas: good governance, increase revenue, sustainable development, housing, economic mobility & development, and workforce.
- The Arapahoe County Fair will be 7/25-28.
- County approved ADUs in the unincorporated area: lot sizes must be 5K sf or larger, in agricultural & most residential districts; require owner occupancy, off street parking; maximum of 2 bedrooms.

- Hamilton: What about the bills at the State? Baker: We're actively watching that. We're meeting with legislators to get ahead of legislation.
- Spaulding: Why would they remove authority from municipalities? Baker: Because of the housing crisis; everyone has different rules. HB106, the construction defects legislation is opposed by the BoCC.

E. [City of Centennial](#), Council member District 1 Mike Sutherland

- On ADUs, the preemption of local control by the State Legislature – we're looking at owner occupancy and waiting to see what the state passes re HB24-1152.
- HB24-1304 would prohibit off street parking requirements!
- Doyle: Are other cities opposing? Sutherland: Yes, many of them.
- HB24-1313, Transit Oriented Communities - density along transit routes. We'd have to rezone commercial property along the corridors into residential or the State would take away Highway User Tax Funds. Centennial gets about \$4M in HUTF.
- Centennial has sent a letter to the State saying partnership not preemption.
- The State Legislature passed a resolution honoring Cathy Noon on 3/15.
- City Council attended the National League of Cities in D.C.: local preemption is being fought all over the US.
- Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority: Working on Urban Drool, sediment that builds up in gutters and washes into the sewers. Please, don't overwater lawns, washes fertilizer chemicals into the gutters.
- Hamilton: Migrants pushed into the suburbs, has Denver said anything to Centennial? Sutherland: There's been no formal approach asking us to help out.
- Tammy Maurer is the new Mayor Pro Tem.
- Klutho: Why all the brain damage over ADUs? Sutherland: We don't know how many would be built, we wouldn't have any negotiating power. Ryan Thompson, Centennial: It's on par with short term rentals, less that 1/2 of 1% have AirBnBs.
- *Suhaka projects that there might be 100 ADUs built in the City.*
- He thanked the City for tree limb mulching.
- Cummins: The [CAI](#) is hosting a webinar on legislation affecting HOAs.

4. [Trails Park & Recreation District](#), [Delos Searle](#), Exec. Director, [Ryan Bailey](#)

- We took a wonderful tour of the Trails Recreation Center.
- TPRD received \$80K from Broncos' sale.
- Doyle: Are you looking at some HOAs joining the district Bailey: No, not on purpose.

5. Open Forum

- We did talk about 8' fences, currently being inside neighborhoods. Right now it's in a variance situation. Right now 8' is allowed on properties that back on arterials.
 - Biniek: 8' is a little high, in general.
 - It sounded like there's some concern.

6. Plans, [Rhonda Livingston](#), 2nd Vice President

- ***Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them.*** You can also check www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial to see what's happening.

7. Adjourn: Whelan adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

**Next Meeting: April 22, A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL
At the Centennial Center for Generations, Streets at South Glenn**