



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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April 25, 2022

Arapahoe Library Services Bldg.
12855 E Adam Aircraft Cir.

Minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

- Attendance (A quorum was present.) Members:

Chapparral	Cherry Knolls	Fairways
Heritage Greens	Heritage Place	Knolls TH
Mill Creek	Mira Vista	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Orchard Valley	Palos Verdes	Southglenn (3)
Tiffany	Village@Centennial	Village Cooperative
Walnut Hills		

- Guests: 18th Judicial Dist., Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial Mayor, Centennial Staff (5), Dist. 3, Guests: Algonquin Acres, Homestead Farm, Valley Club Acres, Ruby Dickson running for HD 37
- Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.

2. **CenCON Business**

A. President's Report, Gerry Cummins

- Cummins reminded everyone about the South Suburban and South Metro Fire Rescue elections on May 3
- She passed a sign-up sheet for the Elections Facility tour this Friday.

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the March 2022 minutes as emailed. (Goodhart/Manning)

C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins

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| • Balance Forward: | \$2,159.28 |
| • Deposits: | 480.00 |
| • Expenses None: | (0.00) |
| • Interest Income: | 0.00 |
| • Ending Balance: | \$2,639.28 |

- Notes:
 - 11 paid members
 - Banking at Wells Fargo

D. Election of Officers: The election has been postponed until the May 23rd meeting.

- Cummins read a statement: Tonight's election of officers is being postponed due to an Order from the Court. After the agenda was sent to you, a lawsuit was filed against CenCON by the Southglenn Civic Assoc. Southglenn is planning to submit a slate of candidates for the election and has requested a list of the membership's contact information in order to campaign. In its 20 years, CenCON has always kept the membership list confidential to maintain the privacy of those on that list. However, Colorado Revised Statutes require that the membership list, along with other documents, must be open to inspection by the members.

As this is a court order, CenCON will comply with that order. We are handing over the membership roster to Mr. Akiva, the Southglenn Representative. The election

of CenCON officers will tentatively be held on May 23, 2022. Until that occurs, the current board members will continue in their roles.

- There followed a good deal of discussion to include: Anyone could have volunteered to run for an office at our regular meeting; ask for something to be corrected in a friendly manner.

3. Special District Presentations

A. [18th Judicial District, Jamie Sorrells](#), Dir. of Consumer Fraud

- In a report from the FBI: since 2021, 92,000 people have been the victims of fraud, to the tune of \$1.7B in losses.
 - Teens experience more losses than those over 65.
 - For ages 50-59, 74K people have been defrauded.
 - Seniors (over 60) get mostly tech support & romance scams.
 - In CO & WY, over \$237M has been lost, with over 200 victims.
 - CO came in 8th for scams of people over 60.
 - Online purchases are one of the highest areas of fraud.
- [Sign up](#) for the DA's newsletter; it contains a wealth of information.
- Sorrell's listed some of the speakers and workshops that will be part of the [Senior Law & Safety Summit](#) on 5/21. See link in the email.
- A fentanyl bill has passed in the State House.
- April is Victims' Rights Month & Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
 - Services available can be found on the DA's website.
- Any group may ask Sorrells to present to them on fraud. See his name above for his email address.

B. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office \(ACSO\)](#), Capt. Ken McKlem was not present but, Andrea received an email from him.

- Drug Take Back Day was 4/30.
- On 5/14, the annual ACSO Shred-a-Thon will take place at the Sheriff's Office, 13101 E. Broncos Pky, Centennial, 7am-Noon
- Arapahoe Park & Rec. District's Summer Celebration, Trails Rec. Center, 16799 E Lake Ave, Centennial, 80016, 10am-1pm.

C. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District \(SSPRD\)](#)Lindsay Robinson, Communications Specialist

- She started with more info on the election.
- The 2022 Summer catalog is out; you can register for everything online.
- The outdoor pools open 28 May; Splash pass purchases are available on Mon.
- SSPRD is desperately looking to hire, careers@ssprd.org. SSPR is offering a \$1,000 hiring bonus.
- The day camps start when schools get out.

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Nicole Wilhelm, manages Castlewood, Southglenn, and Sheridan

- **Meet the Authors of *Denver Noir*** on 5/12 at the Embassy Suites, 10250 E. Costilla Ave. 80112, 6pm. Register [here](#).
 - *Denver Noir*, release date May 3, 2022, is an anthology of brand-new dark, morally ambiguous stories set in and around Denver, edited by Cynthia Swanson. During this live event, Swanson, local author of New York Times bestseller [The Bookseller](#), will interview several *Denver Noir* contributors.
- **Parenting Strategies** is a Zoom presentation that'll take place on 5/17, 4-5pm for parents of children 0-5 years. Register [here](#).

- The joy of parenthood sometimes includes a temper tantrum, an emphatic “no” or the infamous refusal to cooperate. Child development expert and family therapist Colleen Bredell will talk about how setting clear expectations and follow through can ease transitions and calm the waters...

- **Coming Soon: Summer Reading 2022**

- The Summer Reading program’s theme is Get Lost at the Library. It runs 1 June – 31 July.
- This year will include a free book (while supplies last) & activities map at all ALD branches. There will be a variety of activities for younger children.

E. [City of Centennial](#), Mayor Piko

- The City Council just approved the annexation of the Dove Valley Regional Park & Cherry Creek Innovation Campus. Both are off of Broncos Pky. & Jordan.
- A Denver Biscuit Co. is opening where the Steak n’ Shake was at County Line & Quebec.
- Centennial Crossing is being built to offer affordable housing for seniors. It will be found on Lewiston Rd. by the View House.
- The Courthouse now has a support dog to calm children if they have to testify in a trial.
- The ACSO has opened a new canine training facility at their HQ on Broncos Pky.
- There’s a new canine SRO at Newton MS.
- The State of the City will be held on 5/12 and is sponsored by Rotary Club. It will be at the Blue Sky Pavilion on the south side of Centennial Airport. This is a fundraiser for the Rotary.
- On 6/3, Centennial will hold the [10th Anniversary of Centennial Center Park](#). It will be 3-6 pm. Obviously, it will be a birthday party-themed event!

4. 7:30, **Centennial Housing Study & Retail Corridors Policy Development**

- [Melanie Ward](#), Development, Foresight, & Infrastructure Readiness
- [Vanessa Zarate](#) & [Jenna Campbell](#), Community Development
- The City is just beginning its **Housing Needs Assessment**.
- They received a planning grant from the State for \$200K.
- The purpose is to promote affordable housing across the state; prepare a housing needs assessment. The City Council has devised 9 strategies for the work and will take it to the public to get down to 4 strategies.
- Affordability means different things in different parts of the State.
- They are collecting data now and will be doing a needs assessment with the population.
- If this topic interests you, sign up for the housing needs newsletter (<https://www.centennialco.gov/housing>)
- There will be a housing needs community [workshop](#) on 5/17, 5-7pm, at the City’s Eagle St. Public Works facility, 7272 S. Eagle St.
- Hamilton: Are you looking at where it could be built? What would this do to affordable housing finances? Ward: No one’s talking about the City building housing. This will be for developers.
- Mataich: When do you anticipate having the data? Ward: In about a month it will go to City Council and then up to 6 weeks later, to the public.
- Mataich: Can you ask developers to put it in their projects? Ward: The City can’t require a developer to add affordable housing to an already approved project. There hasn’t been any interest so far.

- Mataich: Is there a list of what municipalities in the Denver area are doing? Ward: No, I haven't seen an inventory like that.
 - Meakins: We should wonder how we got here. Insurance is a part of the problem. (builder liability)
 - **Retail Retail Prog**, Vanessa Zarate & Jenna Campbell
 - The City's retail spaces need to evolve.
 - Centennial aims to be a proactive partner; how to make retail spaces exciting.
 - What can we influence: Vision and the Land Development Code (LDC).
 - We can't force a business to come here; we can't force a business to upgrade.
 - It's a very lengthy process to start a business. Retailers don't care about City boundaries.
 - What to expect: when a specific project arises go to [Have Your Say](#) to see all about it.
 - Hamilton: What has inflation done to retail? Zarate: People want to see how things are going to shake out; smaller organizations (mom & pops) can work faster.
 - Online shopping is only at 20% of purchasing.
5. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, Vice President
- Public Hearing: 13872 E Arapahoe Rd & 13833, 13873 E Briarwood Ave. Proposal is to construct 3 Commercial Warehousing & Logistics buildings, cumulatively totaling approximately 85,537 s.f. on 4.66 acres. Submitted by VIP Blackhawk, LLC for Team Rahal.
 - **Hearing:** Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm, Wed., April 27, Council Chambers. Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone that requests them. Her email address is we4liv@aol.com
 - Project: 10150 E Easter Ave, a parking lot expansion
 - Project: 6961 S Quentin St, converting an existing industrial building to a data center, changing sidewalks
 - Project: on Lewiston, an oil change facility, due 5/20
6. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm.

Minutes submitted for your approval by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

Next Meeting: 23 May 2022

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Don't forget the visit to tour the Elections facility – May 6

Contact Gerry at 303-771-0150 or gerry.cummins@prodigy.net to sign up by 4/27!!!!

We have you scheduled for 9am on May 6, and are looking forward to it!

Please meet outside the warehouse by the main door (northeast corner of the building). We will let you in those doors, but for security purposes we must lock the doors as soon as everyone is in. Please remind your group to be punctual, we currently have another tour scheduled immediately after yours.

Here are a few details, but feel free to reply with any other questions, and please feel free to call me as well.

- The Elections Facility is located in Littleton at 5251 S Federal Blvd.
- Tours last about 45 minutes total.
- We limit tours to 20 people per group, please let us know how many to expect. An accurate headcount would be ideal, but not necessary. Please just give us an approximate head count so we can have enough materials ready.
- Due to security concerns, video or still photography is not permitted in the warehouse past the main lobby.
- Please make sure no one in your group is currently running for office in the Primary Election. Candidates will attend a separate, candidates-only tour.

Thank you, Tom