



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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Minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:48pm.

- Attendance (A quorum was present.) Members:

Algoquin Acres	Chapparral	Cherry Knolls
Fairways@South Suburban	FoxRidge	Greenwood South
Heritage Place	The Knolls	Knolls TH
Mill Creek	Mira Vista	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Orchard Valley	Palos Verdes	Smoky Hill
Tiffany	Village@Centennial	Village Coop of Centennial
Walnut Hills		
- Guests: 18th Judicial Dist., Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Park & Rec. District (2), Centennial Council member, Centennial Staff, Guests: Southglenn, Valley Club Acres
- **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**

2. **CenCON Business**

A. President's Report, Gerry Cummins

- Cummins said that 8 CenCON members attended the tour of County Election facility. A good time was had by all.
- Southglenn lawsuit again CenCON: Attorney's fees are still to be decided, the challenge dismissed.

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka:

- 2 Motions were made: (1) A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. (Hamilton/Stone); (2) A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the addendum to the minutes. (Manning/Hamilton).

C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins

- CenCON currently has 16 paid members. **Members: Please, get your dues paid!**
- Balance Forward: \$2,639.28
 - Deposits: 200.00
 - Expenses: (0.00)
 - Interest Income: 0.00
- **Ending Balance: \$2,839.28**

- The bank is Wells Fargo.

D. Election of Officers: The election was held as we were doing the above business. Here I'll report the results.

- President: Gerry Cummins 15
Akiva Uriel 4
- First Vice President (Membership) Doyle Tinkey 18

- Second Vice President (Plans) Rhonda Livingston 18
- Secretary Andrea Suhaka 15
Linda Nixon 4
- Treasurer Jill Meakins 18

3. Special Districts

A. [18th Judicial District](#), Vicki Klingensmith, Senior Chief Deputy DA

- The District had a very successful Senior Law & Safety Forum on Sat.
- The first “fentanyl resulting in death” trial took place. The person was convicted of extreme indifference, reckless manslaughter, sex assault on a child but not 1st degree murder, which the new law allowed.
- The District will have their next Quarterly Town Hall on 6/30, 6pm. The topic is TBD. You can check the website in a while to find that out.

B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), Chief Mike Dell’Orfano

- D’ellOrfano distributed sheets of the quarterly statistics for the district. They had about 400 more calls than the same month last year.
- The response times for the district are at the 90th percental, just over 7 min. on average.
- Some of the older stations don’t meet the health & safety standards of the newer ones. The station on Dry Creek, east of University, will either be remodeled or rebuilt.
- The district added 2 names to the Colorado Fallen Firefighters Memorial, in a recent ceremony
- We are providing medics to the sheriffs’ SWAT teams. These are fire personnel assigned to ACSO & DougCo teams.
- We have some new technology, using ultrasound to diagnose heart problems & pneumonia, to get ahead of the ER.
- SMFR has received an award for EMS Excellence.

C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec.](#), Delos Searle, Executive Director

- Searle has been chosen as the new Executive Director for APRD! Congratulations, Delos!!
- Searle introduced Ryan Bailey who will begin attending our meetings and will take his position at Trails Rec Center.
- Their Board election was cancelled because there were no contests for Board positions. The incumbents have been sworn in.
- It will take about 3 more weeks to finish the pool liner in Trails; there’ve been a few bumps. Basically, it’ll be a brand new pool.
- The terracing project at Lookout Pool should be done the end of next week. It should increase site visits.
- APRD is partnering with Centennial for their Movies in the Park summer program.
- We’re looking at some safety issues with the Piney Creek Trail. The City will put up wayfinding signage

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan (Smoky Hill, Jail, Kelter, & Davies)

- **Coming Soon: Summer Reading at Arapahoe Libraries**
 - Starting Wed., June 1, adventure seekers ages 0-18 years are invited to join Arapahoe Libraries to navigate to different worlds through reading this summer.
 - An activities map can be picked up at your library to chart a summer of adventure. The map is available in English, Spanish, Russian, & Arabic.
 - Everyone ages 0-18 is also invited to visit one of our libraries this summer to pickup a free book and a decal sticker while supplies last.

- Visit your favorite library often this summer to explore a variety of activities and in-person & virtual events.
- Summer Reading will continue at Arapahoe Libraries through Sun, July 31.
- A special thank you to the Friends of Arapahoe Libraries for sponsoring Summer Reading.
- For more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org/summer-reading or call 303-LIBRARY.

- **New Assistive Technology Improves Library Experience**

To promote equity, innovation and enhanced library services, ALD recently introduced two new assistive technologies that are available for library visitors.

- Smoky Hill Lib. now features EdgGuide, which is a mobile application that allows blind & visually impaired visitors the feeling of independence as it guides users through a safe step-by-step tour of the facility.
 - ALD partnered with the Blind Institute of Technology and CACI to introduce this enhanced technology experience that could impact more than 39% of the U.S. population who are blind or visually impaired.
 - With assistance from the EdgGuide device, library visitors can independently navigate the library through the augmented technology that uses a combination of audio descriptions and haptic sensors.
 - As the user navigates through the library, EdgGuide will be able to direct them to different points of interest. Users will be able to independently locate the children's section, the bathroom, and the various displays throughout the library.
- ALD received a donation from the Sertoma Club of DTC of 3 Portable InfoLoops. This mobile device assists those who are hard of hearing by transmitting sound directly to hearing aids. The loops can assist library patrons with or without hearing aids to better hear library staff or to use in one of several study rooms.
- For information about assistive devices available at ALD, visit [here](#).

- **Lost in a Fairytale**

- Get lost at the library with this fairytale-themed dance party on Sun., June 12, 10 am, at Smoky Hill Lib.
- There will be special appearances by storybook characters, magical treats & more. For children ages 5-12.
- For more information, visit [here](#).

- **Jurassic Adventure**

- Trek through a dinosaur-themed escape room, defend the infested library from velociraptors, voyage up a rock-climbing wall and view onsite replicas of the original Jeeps from the theme park on Fri., June 24, 6-8 pm, at Koelbel Lib.
- These are only a few of the many escapades to experience during this after-hours Jurassic adventure. Attendees must be 12 years of age or older to participate.
- For more information, visit [here](#).

E. [City of Centennial](#), Council Member Dist. 4, Don Sheehan

- On Fri., June 3, 3-6pm, the City will celebrate the 10th Birthday of Centennial Center Park. Check [here](#) for more information.
- The City of Centennial has earned the prestigious **2022 Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award** – continuing its consecutive streak as a 6-time winner and the only governmental entity ever recognized. Only 41 organizations receive this distinction world-wide.

- The City Council has just appointed folks to their Board & Commissions. But, if you're interested in possibly working on one of these you can fill out an application now to be considered next year. Go to [here](#)
- The next Council meeting will be 6/6 starting at 6pm with a Study Session
- **The Housing Working Group** met for the first time in late March for an introduction to the Dept. of Local Affairs Innovative Housing grant, the project scope and timeline, and the strategies under review. The 11-person Working Group is intended to represent a balance of technical & community-oriented interests. This Group will serve as a sounding board for City Staff and the project team. The project web-site (centennialco.gov/housing) will be regularly updated and is the best resource for any constituents seeking more information. You can also sign up there to receive email updates.
 - The next public Housing workshop will be held on 8/9, 5pm, at Newton MS, and will include supper.
 - Mataich: Do you know why Lone Tree has so much more multifamily, why have that info on the website? Sheehan: The City is just showing how we compare to neighboring cities.
 - Lambert: What about homeless & immigrants? Sheehan: That's a separate issue on which the City is working.
 - Middleton: How is the City trying to control our huge growth in multifamily? Sheehan: Come to the Housing Workshop in Aug. Personally, I prefer the commercial & sales tax
 - Spaulding: Can all the housing workshop materials: slides, papers; please, be posted online?
- **2022 Street & Concrete Rehabilitation Update**
 - Streets receiving a mill & overlay treatment will have the surface of the road milled for the entire width of the street. A new asphalt surface will be placed on the roadway approximately 10 days after the milling is complete. Access will be provided by flaggers working in the construction zone. Jacobs plans to begin work in May on the 2022 program. There've been significant price increases this year due to a number of economic issues in the construction industry.
 - Map of roadwork in the City: <https://centennial.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=9fb954f1502245c39255a0ac9e50e371>.
- **New traffic light Arapahoe & Clarkson**
 - The City plans to install a new traffic signal, including pedestrian signals, lighting and striped crosswalks at Arapahoe & Clarkson. The City will seek input from the adjacent neighborhood for traffic calming on Clarkson St. Construction is estimated to begin in the summer of 2022.
 - For current information go [here](#).
- You can find current information on the Arapahoe Bridge Project (on Arapahoe, east of University) [here](#).
- The ACSO has instituted a **Stage 2 Fire Ban**, no open fires or fireworks outdoors.
- The next [Centennial 101](#) class will be Thursdays, Aug 18 through Oct. 6., 5:30-9pm, and includes supper.
- I attended ACSO Citizens Academy.

4. Centennial Road Projects in Your Neighborhoods

- Craig Faessler, Public Works, Program Director

- This was an excellent PowerPoint presentation about how the Centennial road rehabilitation program works and where this year's projects will happen.
5. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, 2nd Vice President
- None at this time. Any plans received prior to the meeting will be presented at the meeting.
 - **Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them. Her email is we4liv@aol.com.** You can also check www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial to see what's happening.
 - A spec. warehouse type building, by Sawdust LLC, is planning to be build on Racine Cir. by the City office.
 - A carwash is going in near Celebrity Bowling Center on the northwest corner of Arapahoe & Parker.
6. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

Next Meeting: Special meeting, June 27, 2022
Will run long