



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order: President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm
 - Attendance: (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres (2)	Arapahoe Highlands (2)	Chapparal
Cherry Knolls	Fox Hill #4	FoxRidge
Heritage Place	Highlands @ Piney Creek	Mill Creek
Nob Hill Ridgeview Hills S.	Palos Verdes	Southglenn (2)
Tiffany	Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2
 - Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library Dist., City of Centennial (2), South Suburban Parks & Rec. Dist.
 - Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
- II. [Arapahoe County Sheriff](#), Capt. Chris George
 - 3/13, there was an armed robbery at the ATM at 9445 E County Line Rd, \$600+. There's been no luck finding the robber.
 - 3/16, in the 15300 block of ??, Collision Specialists, the manager & his girl friend were found both ODeD on fentanyl. Both lived.
 - Drug Take-Back Day, on 4/29 check website, at 3 locations in Centennial: Kaiser Arapahoe, Centennial Medical Plaza, and Smoky Hill Library
 - 3/20, at 6590 S Olathe. This was an empty house that the realtors knew someone was robbing. They hired 2 security guards and caught the main boy who turned in the second one. Charged with 2nd degree burglary.
 - 3/21, in the 6600 block of S High St, there was an aggravated auto theft. A man stopped at house to pick up his kids from day care and left care running. Someone stole it but was caught. **Do not leave a car running anywhere!**
 - 3/21, there was a homicide at EDG Electronics on Jordan Rd. Cops came from everywhere. All police put out a BOLO. At first they were chasing the wrong car. Quickly found the right car and caught the shooter. He was high on methamphetamine. Meth is an amphetamine, an upper, can keep you awake for long periods.
 - Black: Germany experimented with meth during WWII.
 - Binek: I was a victim of the card skimmer you talked about last month. George: Be hyper-vigilant about skimmers, especially at gas stations.
- B. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan, Manager of several Libraries
 - For 4 year olds: **One Book 4 Colorado**: goal of this program is to put a book in every 4 year olds hands to promote literacy. It's a statewide initiative aiming to support family reading at home and instill a love of learning in Colorado youngsters.
 - Families with young children can stop by any of our libraries from 4/17 - 5/1 to pick up a copy of the book in either English or Spanish while supplies last. The title of the book will be announced in April, and more than 4,000 books will be distributed at our libraries this year.
 - Over the last 5 years, more than 350,000 books have been distributed to Colorado's young children.

- Children's ages don't have to be proven. If they look the right age, they'll get a book. For more info, visit our website.
- **Meet author Laini Taylor.**
 - She's a Young Adult fantasy author and will be talking about her new book, *Strange the Dreamer* during a special presentation on Sat., 4/22, 4 pm, at Embassy Suites DTC.
 - Laini's books will be available for purchase from Tattered Cover at the event, and she will be available to sign her books after the presentation.
 - For more information or to register, see our website.
- Friday, 4/14, **Senior Resource Fair**, 10-noon, at Koelbel.
 - From 9-10:30a in The Forum, a panel will share valuable insight and resources available to you for living independently and safely as you age. Learn the steps you can take now to empower your future lifestyle choices and decisions.
 - This is co-sponsored by the Centennial Senior Commission.
 - For more info see the website.
- Arapahoe County is having open houses for their Master Plan amendment, bike & pedestrian notice.
- C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec District](#), Delos Searle, Asst. District Manager (not present but submitted a written report.)
 - The pavilions at Piney Creek Hollow Park and Spring Creek Park will be opening for the summer season the week of 3 April 3.
 - Irrigation systems have been activated, so if someone sees a concern on APRD property, please, notify us ASAP so that we can attend to the issue.
 - Native mowing will begin towards the end of April/beginning of May, depending on growth.
 - Lookout Pool is getting a new pool heater this year and the pool will open for the season on Memorial Weekend.
 - Trail improvements at Mesa Open Space, just north of Dakota Valley Elementary School, are wrapping up and the project is a much needed improvement. We hope to start the area further north this fall.
 - APRD is looking into adding 4 to 5 benches along the trail at Foxhill Park. This request came from a resident and we believe it is a valid and viable request.
- D. Fire Districts, Cunningham Fire: no one was present
 - [Cunningham Fire](#), [Littleton Fire](#), [South Metro Fire](#)
- E. [South Suburban Park & Rec District](#), Teresa Cope, Communications Director
 - A new summer day camp guide is available.
 - Active at Any Age is a catalog of activities for older adults (50+)
 - The new Master Plan for SSPRD is in the final phase of development. You may find a draft copy of the Plan on the website. SSPR is still taking comments through 4/14 and then the Plan goes to the Board on 4/26, for adoption.
 - SSPR will have its annual spring event, the Egg Scramble, at the Family Sports Center, in the sports dome, on 4/15. Different ages will be spaced for their start time. There will be outside vendors, the Easter Bunny, and a golden egg, for a grand prize. Bring your own basket for the goodies.
 - Blood screenings will be coming up in April. Check the website for which facility will be hosting one on which date. The time will be 7:30-9:30 am, 4/18-21. You must do a 12 hour fast.
 - On 5/5, Buck Rec. Center in Littleton will host a Senior Resource Fair, 1-4pm.

- For Public Works Week, SSPR will have a Touch-a-Truck event at the Family Sports Center on 5/6, 9a-noon.
- SSPR reduced their electricity use by 19% over the past 3 years, \$342,000 was saved with their solar energy project.
- Cummins: Do you expect to go beyond the 19%? Cope: That would be the goal.
- Nixon: What are the results of the matching gifts applications? Cope: They will be announced on 4/12.

F. City of Centennial

- Noon:
 - The City Manager application period has closed. There were 86 applicants which the headhunter will vet first and present the top 3 - 5 to City Council.
 - The State of the City event on 4/13 is sold out. This will be the Mayor's final event as the mayor. There may be some individual tickets available.
 - Centennial Center Park is getting new bathrooms, some shade structures & benches; all is in progress.
 - Centennial NEXT (the City's new comprehensive plan) and Parks & Trails Master plans are heading into public meetings. Comments can always be left on the City's website. www.centennialco.gov/CentennialNEXT and www.centennialco.gov/trailsandrecplan
 - Applications are available for spaces on the Planning & Zoning Commission.
 - There will be no special election on the Arapahoe Rd petition. Ordinance that was at the center of the petition was repealed and 3 new ordinances addressing issues that couldn't be left unaddressed were passed.
 - The number of building permits went through the roof last year but, sales tax was relatively flat.
 - The 2017 street rehab program was approved last week. There will be a lot of mill & overlay. Denver Water has to do the mill & overlay where they've replaced pipes; that should start shortly. www.centennialco.gov/Public-Works/default.aspx
 - City Council will shortly start to working on the budget for 2018.
 - Black: When will Arapahoe Rd. from University to Broadway get some kind of treatment? NOON: That will not be this year, there are areas that are even worse. Whelan: The "ghostbusters" truck creates pavement ratings, then Council decided we won't have any really poor roads and those will all be worked on. NOON: There's an asphalt recycle process that will be done on Yosemite, between County Line and Dry Creek. All in one long train, it picks up the asphalt, grinds it up, melts it, and lays it down on the roadbed again.
 - As national and international codes change in the outside world, we have to change ours but, tweak to suit us.
- Whelan:
 - Here's some more on the City's fiber project. The Centennial FiberWorks Committee has 3 Council members on it now and they will add 2 citizen appointees. We're putting together the application for those to go out in late April. We'll be looking for knowledgeable residents.
 - Arapahoe County is working on a parks & trails master plan that will incorporate all of the cities' plans and the unincorporated area. www.arapahoegov.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=722

- Ting was in town last week and held an informational meeting at Smoky Hill lib. The room was packed. It's very important to get your \$9 vote in if you want your neighborhood to be considered for the new fiber connections. www.Ting.com/Centennial.
- Tri County Health presented to Council last week. They serve as the Centennial health dept. for Arapahoe, Adams and Douglas Counties.
- Tinkey: There was a median study a while ago. What happened to that?
Whelan: An upkeep program is in place now for medians and roadsides owned by the City. We're not planning on redoing any.
- Cummins: What about private medians? Whelan: Because those are private property, they can be cited if weeds are too tall but, there are no guidelines in place.
- Whelan and Stephanie Piko are both running for mayor and would love to attend any association meetings. Just let one or both of them know.
- GLivingston: Which road belongs to CDOT? NOON: Arapahoe from Parker to I-25
- GLivingston: What about sidewalks? NOON: new development is required to build sidewalks, but we don't force businesses already in place to install one. That would be a City project.

III. Dialogue on City Issues: Dead trees on private property, residential parking standards, stockpiling and inoperable vehicles to include side and rear yards, vacant/abandoned dangerous buildings: Noon & Whelan

- There have been a number of complaints about ***rats in our neighborhoods***. First of all, Tri County Health will not deal with rats. See the sheet attached below the minutes. Do not poison them because other animals will eat them, please, trap instead.
- ***Dead trees***
 - Wilson & Blum: Our HOA covenants cover dead trees and the HOA orders them to be taken down or there will be a fine. Noon: The City doesn't deal with HOA covenants; your covenants may be stricter than City ordinances, but they can't be more lenient.
 - Noon: Right now, the City responds to dead trees in the medians we own.
 - Noon: The City need to be prepared for the wave of the emerald ash borer. A dead tree has to be a danger to homes or property around it or infested to be ordered taken out by the City. There is no enforcement if it's just ugly.
 - Noon: Referrals for tree removal companies could be posted on Nextdoor.
 - Whelan: Code Compliance always works with a homeowner; they're looking for voluntary compliance.
 - Bain: Will you help the expense? Whelan: Once Council gets some statistics, the ordinance will address a fund next year. Non: We've sponsored tree chipping days, already. Bain: Maybe plan a tree cutting down day?
 - CenCON seemed to be in consensus on the need to remove dangerous/infested dead trees from private property. This potential ordinance is still being discussed by Council.
- ***Stockpiling***
 - Whelan: The City has an ordinance on stockpiling but, only if seen from the right-of-way. We would now like to address problems in backyards. The Call Center has received many, many calls & complaints about this issue.
 - Noon: Please, take this issue back to your communities and give Suhaka their responses.

- Noon: The Council has had a few study session discussions on this and an ordinance is in preparation. It will be voted on in 2 or 3 months, after a public hearing.
- Tinkey: Will there be any help for covenant controlled communities. Noon: All homes are covered by the ordinances but, it's completely complaint driven.
- Black: Our association just cleans it up, rather than suing a homeowner.
- Binek: This is very subjective, controversial. I have mixed feelings.
- Hellman: Neighbors could be fighting over something one neighbor doesn't want to see. Who pays for it? Noon: Does it involve an ordinance? Code Compliance can be called and the offending homeowner must clean it up.
- Livingston: We have a home in our neighborhood with a full-sized train car in their backyard. I think it's collecting their trash.
- Bain: I like the idea of being reactive. One could invite the code compliance officer on their property. The officer can't climb on someone's roof to see next property. If a person is selling the junk, they'd need a business license.
- **Parking on City streets/Inoperable cars:**
 - Whelan: This is another issue that brings complaints. People are angry when they can't park in front of their own homes. One question is, how long can cars be parked on the street? Another issue is vehicles parked on private property, not on a parking surface.
 - We ran out of time to discuss this issue.

III. CenCON Business

A. President's report, Gerry Cummins

- Cummins attended the District 2 meeting last week.
- She passed around some plan information that had just come into her mailbox today.

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as emailed, but couldn't be voted on due to lack of a quorum. (Black/Hellman) Voting will be held until next month.

C. Treasurer's report, Henry Blum

- We received dues from one member who was in arrears from last year. They paid for both last year and this year.
- Checking Account at Wells Fargo Bank, Smoky Hill Branch:
- Balance forward from 2/27/17 report \$2,599.64
- Income: Dues deposited* 60.00
- Expenses: None -
- Account balance, 3/27/17 \$2,659.64
- Bella Vista Villa (2016-17 and 2017-18)

IV. 2nd Vice President - Plans, Tammy Maurer (absent)

- There was no Plans discussion.
- B&M Construction Warehouse Site Plan, 14105 E Easter Ave (NE corner of Blackhawk & Easter): A new 10,000 sf warehouse and office building on 1.5 acres; rear of the building to contain about 10,000 sf of a gravel lot for accessory outdoor storage of construction materials (conduit, piping, etc.) to be screened by an opaque fence; parking lot & drives in asphalt paving.
- **Community Meeting:** Automotive Collision Repair Use & Automotive Parts Warehouse Site Plan, 9750 E Costilla Ave. Meeting location: AutoNation Toyota Arapahoe Dealership, 10531 E Arapahoe Rd, Tuesday, March 28, 6 – 7 pm

VI. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:59pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

Please inform Andrea Suhaka at 303-770-0058 or standy@ecentral.com of changes in your GenCON Representative or Association President/Chair.

Next meeting – April 24, 2017

City of Centennial April Fire Service Report

CFPD

Board of Directors

- Mark Lampert is the Board President.
- Marcy Smith and Kenneth Jensen have been appointed to the Board.

Accreditation

- Peer team review the week of April 17th.
- Accreditation documents on line including the 2016 Annual Report.
- Would Centennial like to have representation at peer review functions?

IAFC

- Represented Colorado at a Traffic Incident Workshop in Phoenix. Working with the National Highway Administration to improve safety.
- IAFC Board meeting on Division governance and the Wildland Urban Interface conference in Reno.

ISO

- Visit in June. Always looking to lower rates.

LFR

Academy

- LFR has a new recruit academy of 10.

SMFR

Academies

- SMFR will begin their Spring Recruit Academy on April 10th which will run 16 weeks. We are also actively recruiting for a second Fall academy at the moment.
- SMFR is also beginning their Citizen Academy on Wednesday, April 5th and will be held every Wednesday evening for 8 weeks.

Wildfires

- Earlier in the month of March, with abnormally high temperatures and wind, there were many brush fires in the District. SMFR had a total of 7 just in March just in its District. Although we've been receiving moisture in the last week, it's very important to ensure that we continue to be diligent and mindful of how our weather patterns can change here in Colorado very quickly.

Dispatch Centers:

- Metcom and Littleton Dispatch are currently in discussions for a merge/IGA– There is positive momentum on this. Littleton City Council is okay with seeing an IGA at the next Council meeting so that they can determine if they would like to move forward.

Station 32 Rebuild Project

- The plans have been submitted to the City of Centennial on March 22nd, for the rebuild of SMFR's Station 32, located at 5901 S. Quebec. Chief Turner is currently liaising with the City now to work through the process of approval to get going on this re-build. Approval timing is TBD, but hoping to get that as soon as possible.

Awards

- The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has just announced that Detective Daniel Brite, Corporal Brian Rademacher, Detective Joseph Pollack of the Douglas County (CO) Sheriff's Office, SWAT Medic Glen Maxson of the South Metro (CO) Fire Rescue, Detective Mark Galvan of the Castle Rock (CO) Police Department and Officer Ronnie Dorrell of the Parker (CO) Police Department have been named the NLEOMF Officers of the Month for April 2017. All of these individuals will be honored at a special ceremony during National Police Week 2018 in Washington, DC. This is a very incredible honor.
- SMFR officially received the Ready Set Go! (RSG) Award for Excellence this year. The award was presented by the International Association of Fire Chiefs to Einar Jensen and Chief Baker last week at the IAFC'S Wildland Urban Interface Conference in Reno, Nevada. Last summer, South Metro collaborated with the PineRidge Homeowners Association for the second year of the Ready, Set, Goat! campaign, a creative fuels reduction project. Over the course of 13 days, a herd of 300 goats grazed on seven acres of open land, efficiently removing ladder fuels. The media attention from the campaign allowed SMFR to educate residents on the importance of mitigation efforts to reduce wildland fire risk.

All Fire Agencies

Unification update

- Very good progress on this so far. Many of the data and analytics have been collected and we are hopeful that we will have a proposal put together in the next 30-45 days. LFR is also hiring a third party consultant to do an analysis of unification: Center for Public Safety Management.

Traffic Incident Management

- Working on responder safety through education.
- Enforcement and education with the Move Over law.
- Improving interagency coordination.

Operation Save a Life

- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are available through a Kidde grant.

Wildfire

- Burn ban in affect.
- Multiple deployments out of our area.