



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS
Arapahoe Library Services bldg.
12855 E Adam Aircraft Cir., Englewood, 80112
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November 27, 2023, 6:45pm

Minutes

1. Call to order: Vice Chair Andrew Spaulding called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.) 4 members attended by Zoom. We had another banner attendance meeting!

Algonquin Acres	Arapahoe Highlands	Chapparral
Cherry Knolls (2)	Fairways@SS	FoxRidge
Greenwood South	Hanover Place	Heritage Place
Homestead Farm II	Hunters Hill	Mira Vista
Monterey	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Ridgeview Hills North
Palos Verdes	Smoky Hill	Southwind
Tiffany	Village @ Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2	
 - Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (2), Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council (2), South Metro Fire Rescue (2)
 - Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
2. CenCON Business
 - A. President's Report, [C.J.Whelan](#). Whelan was out of state but attended via Zoom. Vice President Andrew Spaulding chaired the meeting.
 - There will be no meeting in December. The library building where we meet will be under-going renovations and we will have new venues in the new year.
 - January: YMCA Center of Generations in the Streets at SouthGlenn, 6972 S. Vine St., #366, Centennial, 80121
 - February: Centennial's Public Works building, 7272 S. Eagle St
 - March: Trails Recreation Center, 16799 E Lake Ave, off of S. Buckley Rd
 - B. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
 - Sue Rosser had a corrections to the minutes of Oct. The speaker for South Metro Fire was Jens Pietrzak, EMS Division Chief. Centennial had a 10% increase in emergency calls.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected. (Doyle/Hamilton)
 - C. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
 - There we no income or expenses for the last month. We have \$2,177.99 in our bank account.
 - The Finance Report is at the bottom of the email.
 - D. VP of Membership, [Andrew Spaulding](#): no report
 - E. VP of Plans, [Rhonda Livingston](#)
 - Livingston reiterated to go onto the City's website to see what's active: www.centennialco.gov/haveyoursay

3. Special District Updates

A. [18th Judicial District](#), [Aurora Ogg](#): not present

B. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office](#) (ACSO), Bureau Chief Ken McKlem

- McKlem has been promoted and introduced his replacement, Capt. Adam Burson.
- During this holiday season, the Sheriff's Office will partner with County Youth Services and do outreach to families and youth in need. Slammers will also participate. Shop with a Cop is coming up for these children.
- Dec. 17 will be the final Coffee with a Cop at 21900 E. Quincy, E of Picadilly.
- Puffing (leaving your car running with no one in it) is illegal. Don't leave your car running to warm up while you're not in it. Cars are stolen.
- In the front window, presents under Christmas trees are too inviting, close the curtains.
- Meakins: Who donates the gift cards to buy the children's presents? McKlem replied, individuals and organizations.
- McKlem will be present at the District 1 meeting tomorrow (11/28) night.
- Car thefts are a bigger problem in the County than in the City, for now.
- With all the holiday shopping, there are thefts from cars with visible packages. Make sure to put your purchases in the trunk.

C. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District](#) (SSPRD), [Michelle Kitchens](#)

- See flyer at the bottom of the email.
- Some construction projects have been completed: Littleton Golf & Tennis Center, Abbott, & Little Dry Creek Parks. You can always check on SSPR projects on the website site- /gameplan.
- There will be a sale on passes, pilates, etc. 12/1/23-1/3/24.
- There are 2 holiday light shows at Hudson Gardens: Hudson Holidays, 11/24-12/31 and Light Up the New Year 1/2-28.
- There will be holiday nature walks at South Platte Park through Dec., including on 12/25.
- The old ice rink is a tennis/pickle ball center for now.
- Pickle ball courts are coming at 470 & Broadway (NW corner).
- There will be Holiday on Ice programs Dec. 15-17 at the rinks in the new rec. center.
- It was asked when the pickle ball courts will be built? The timeline has yet to be established.
- Another question was are there plans for the old ice rink? Not at this time.

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Nicole Wilhems

- On 1/5; meet Zuma the Avalanche hockey team's dog at Koebel Lib., 10am and at Smoky Hill Lib. at 1pm.
- On Jan. 16, by Zoom, there will be che gong (?) classes at 3:30, 6:30, & 7:30. Register on the website.
- On Jan. 19, 1-3pm, a technology class will be held at Koelbel Lib. covering available tech in the libraries for use by patrons at home. The lib. also offers computer classes.
- Book sales at all libraries

E. City of Centennial, Dist. 2 Council members Tammy Maurer & Christing Sweetland

- The 2024 buget has been passed. It's available on the website. Council increased the budget line for law enforcement by \$1 million.
- ADUs are still under discussion. The proposed ordinance is at 75% draft status. It includes several parameters for lot size minimums, occupancy requirements, etc.

- Ryan Thompson, Neighborhood Liaison, will host a training workshop for the Neighborhood Grant process. The Feb. date will be on the website. Last year there were 135 grant applications and 128 approvals. There were 23 applications for the Community Improvement grants (up to \$10,000) and 8 were approved.
- Short-term rentals: There are 137 registered with the City. The City monitors short-term rental websites.
- Barb Setterlind, City Clerk, retired 12/1.
- At the Dist. 1 town meeting, Candace Moon was honored.
- 12/3 was the City's Holiday Celebration.
- The "new" Council will be sworn in on 1/4 in the Council chambers.
- Clayton Moore asked about the City's Neighborhood Mediation Service? Yes, we do have that.
- Mayor Stephanie Piko & Council Member Tammy Maurer attended the National League of Cities Conference. The Western States had a meeting there and discussed common concerns regarding legislative attempts to overrule cities on some issues.

4a. Lithium batteries in vehicles and electronics: how safe are they, what to do if they catch fire, how to be prepared? South Metro Fire: Deputy Chief of Emergency Services John Curtis & Kristin Eckmann

- Chief Curtis reported that South Metro is not seeing EV (electric vehicle) fires like they're seeing in large metro areas. EV batteries have 600-800 volts of charge. Toxic acids from these batteries are of the most concern outside of fires. When dealing with a lithium battery fire in a garage, call 911. If possible, get the EV out of the garage!
- A problem that fire fighters with is that there are no guidelines, yet, on how to deal with these fires. Even when it appears that the fire is out, a thermal runaway can occur hours or even days later.
- Prevention: Charge your batteries during the day so you can observe any unusual heat or smoke coming from your devices, e.g. phones and other devices.
- Myth: *It is not true that batteries can be submerged in water to put out a fire. It doesn't work. It is not true that lithium batteries in devices are only dangerous when in use.*
- Questions:
 - Battery certification? – Look for the manufacturer certification.
 - Is it OK to leave batteries on chargers? Chargers are designed to shut down when the charge is complete.
 - Where can batteries be recycled? Check with the County for disposal. Ace Hardware takes small batteries.
 - What about a small battery fire? The best practice is to get it outside, if possible, and use a fire extinguisher..
 - Do fire blankets work? Yes.
 - Do EV manufacturers/dealerships provide training for battery fires? No.
- A discussion on battery alternatives and the development of new types of batteries followed.

4b. Homeowner Assoc./Civic Assoc. Open Forum

- Council member Maurer noted that a responsive board is key to a successful HOA/civic assoc. Strong leadership is needed.
- Establish priorities for the year.
- Property management is also key to make certain that boards are following state law.

- A property management company needs to work with boards. Communication is a 2-way street.
- One HOA has had success with a property manager in dealing with & focusing on updating documents such as covenants, bylaws and other pertinent papers.
- Are meetings held in-person or on zoom? A mix of both was in the room.
- Reserve accounts should be considered.
- Willow Creek 2 reported that they spend \$2,000-\$3,000/year on legal expenses.
- A question was asked about an HOA Task Force being formed. The task force was established by legislation. To date, one organizational meeting has been held.

5. Adjourn: Vice President Spaulding adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka with the help of Gerry Cummins.

Nov. is our final meeting at the Library Admin. building for at least 3 months

Jan. 22, 2024 : Centennial YMCA Center of Generations

Feb. 26 : Centennial's Public Works facility

March 26 : Trails Recreation Center

These locations are final.

Next meeting is 22 Jan. 2024, at YMCA Center of Generations