



Cencon.net

May 20, 6:45 pm

City of Centennial's Public Works Facility
7272 S. Eagle St. 80112

Minutes

1. Call to order: President Whelan called the meeting to order at 6:49pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres	Cherry Knolls	Chapparal
Hanover Place	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill RA
Monterey	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Palos Verdes (2)
Smoky Hill	Southwind	Tiffany
Village at Centennial	Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2
 - 18th Judicial District, Arapahoe Library Dist., Centennial City Council, Centennial Staff, Highline Canal Consvrancy, SEMSWA
 - **Highlighted areas** below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
 - CenCON will not be able to meet in the Library Admin. building this year due to renovations. **Next month's meeting will be at the Trails Rec. Center (16799 E. Lake Ave., Centennial, 80016)**
2. CenCON Business
 - A. President's Report, [C.J.Whelan](#)
 - Whelan, with some prodding from a member, has decided it's time CenCON had a Mission (what do we do, why are we here) and Vision (where are we going).
 - Whelan called for some members to be on a committee to design these. Colleen Cullen, Sue Rosser, and Gerry Cummins volunteered to work on them.
 - B. Vice President, Membership: [Andrew Spaulding](#)
 - Spaulding announced that he is stepping down from the Executive Board. He'll remain as the Southwind Representative.
 - C. Vice President, Plans: [Rhonda Livingston](#)
 - Jim Noon is aware of our donations to Nourish and he asked me to express his sincere thank you for the donations.
 - Mike Sutherland took the time to let me know that the city received information from the State Capitol regarding the number of people from Centennial that responded to the call to action to oppose the State House bills that would negatively impact our Home Rule status. The City could see that CenCON members and other residents of Centennial took the time to write their state elected officials and our efforts are appreciated..
 - Vanessa Gates, Homelessness Coordinator, is still encouraging us to meet with her.
 - You'll need to sign up for our field trip by **June 25**. You'll need to sign up for each part separately: the supper: cencon@cjwhelan.org, & the service project: <https://vhub.at/CenCON>. Don't forget to do both! The flyer with current information on field trip is also attached, please, make sure to read/download it again!

- Contact Rhonda with questions
- D. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the April 2024 minutes as emailed. (Moore/Hamilton)
- E. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
- We have \$1,747.99 in our bank account. We've made the \$100 donation to [Nourish Meals on Wheels](#) and the Exec. Board members gave another \$400.
 - Nourish told me that they have a desperate need for more volunteer drivers, even for one day a week.
 - Nourish has a food pantry that gets low in the summer. There is a list on the kinds of items they need on the [cencon.net](#) website
3. Centennial Government and Special Districts (We asked our special district guests to limit their comments to 7 minutes.)
- A. [18th Judicial District, Aurora Ogg](#)
- In January 2025 the 18th Judicial District will be split. Arapahoe County will continue as the 18th Judicial District and Douglas, Elbert, & Lincoln Counties will become the 23 Judicial District.
 - The Senior Law and Safety Summit, will take place on 7/13, 8:30am-3pm, at the Schwab campus in Douglas County at I-25 & Lincoln. The cost is \$10, which includes a continental breakfast and a lunch. There is a limit on the number of people who can attend. [www.coda18.gov](#)
 - The final 18th Judicial District Citizens' Academy will begin in last Sept.
- B. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office](#), Bureau Chief Lt. Adam [Burson](#)
- Crime is down from 2023, not down are drug related crimes.
 - Watch out for fraud phone calls; they're a huge problem, especially for older folks.
 - Lock your cars, take your keys and valuables inside. Kids are out of school & summer is car break-in time.
 - Elections: there will be officers at the in-person election sites.
 - Hamilton: Can you give us information on the Mexican cartels, are we bad? Burson: They buy plots of land to store their stuff, more so in rural areas. Marijuana disguises other drugs. So far they're not in Centennial.
 - Moore: What about Arapahoe County cuts to ACSO? Burson: There could potentially be cuts; Centennial has a contract for certain services from the ACSO.
- C. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District, Michelle Kitchens](#)
- Michelle Kitchens wasn't able to attend but, she sent an update to us. It's attached with the other CenCON documents.
- D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly, Manager of the Events team
- **Remnder: Summer Reading**
 - *Who*: ages 0-18
 - *When*: June 1-August 3
 - Summer Reading kicks off at Arapahoe Libraries on Sat, June 1, with a theme of "Reading: Your Passport to Adventure." Patrons age 0-18 can visit any Arapahoe library to choose a free book, while supplies last.
 - The libraries will also host events and activities for all ages, all summer long.
 - To learn more, visit [arapahoelibraries.org/summer-reading](#).
 - **Unconventional Women of the West**
 - *Who*: adultsvand teens

- *When:* July 11, 2-3pm
- *Where:* Smoky Hill Lib., 5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial
- 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).

- **Polynesian Dance Performance**

- *When:* Fri., July 19, 2-3 pm
- *Where:* Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial
- *Who:* adults and families
- Join us for a special performance from the Kalama Polynesian Dancers who will bring the aloha spirit to Koelbel Library and take us on a journey through the islands of Hawai'i, Tahiti, Samoa, & New Zealand.
- Don't miss this warm and captivating performance.
- To save your spot, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

- **Graphic Arts Book Club**

- *Who:* ages 9-12
- *Where:* Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial
- *When:* Tues., July 16, 5-6 pm (monthly on third Tuesdays)
- *Where:* Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial
- *When:* Thurs., July 18, 5-6 pm (monthly on third Thursdays)
- Tweens ages 9-12 are invited to join the Graphic Arts Book Club.
- The club meets each month at Koelbel & Smoky Hill libraries to discuss a graphic novel and draw together.
- This is a great way to connect with other graphic novel lovers and to draw with a friendly community. Supplies and refreshments are provided.
- To learn more, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

- **Meet Christian Heidicker, author of 'Scary Stories for Young Foxes'**

- *Where:* online
- *When:* Thursday, July 18, 2-3 pm
- *Who:* ages 9-12
- Tweens are invited to a virtual author visit with Christian Heidicker, author of the Newbery Honor Book *Scary Stories for Young Foxes*. He'll join us live on Zoom to talk about his books and the reasons why we tell scary stories.
- To learn more, 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 to learn more, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

- **About Arapahoe Libraries**

- Arapahoe Libraries includes eight community libraries, a jail library and a Library on Wheels in Arapahoe County, Colorado. For more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org.

E. [City of Centennial](#), Council member Dist. 1 Amy Tharp

- City Council has done service at Project CURE. It's a very meaningful project.

- The Senior Commission, which meets at the Center of Generations, met with National and International YMCA folks.
- The Center is having it's One Year Anniversary, Fri., 6/7, 1-3, open house. See the flyer attached with these minutes.
- On 5/7 City Council approved the City's ADU ordinance. It will take effect on 6/15. The State's ADU bill. Ignores HOA covenants & allows ADUs on virtually any lot. Letters written by members of the community helped to write amendments to the State's land use bills.
- District [Summer Socials](#), like was done last year.
 - On 5/29, 6-8 pm, Dist 4 will have ist Summer Celebration at Piney Creek Hollow Park, 6140 S. Tower Rd.
 - On 6/5, it'll be Dist.3's turn at Linksvie Park, 6-8 pm, 4200 E. Links Pky.
 - Then will be District 2 on 6/6, 6-8 pm, at Heritage Village Park, 5000 E. Fair Dr.
 - Finally, Dist. 1, 6/12, Arapaho Park, 6/8 pm, 7800 S. Adams St.
- The City did their first biannual budget 2 years ago so, now it's time for the 2025/26 budget.
- The City is moving forward to purchase all streetlights (not traffic signals) from Xcel in the western part of the City. They'll be changing out bulbs to LEDs. The east has a different electric provider.
- The City will start the Countyline Rd widening in the third quarter. We'll be working with Douglas County & Littleton for the road west of University. There will also be a traffic signal at Clarkson.
- The City will be striping Clarkson, south of Dry Creek Rd.
- We're also working on the Ssdewalk gaps on Arapahoe Rd.
- There will be a pedestrian beacon on Holly south of Easter Ave.
- The Araahoe Rd underpass for Lone Tree Creek Trail will begin this year to reach Centennial Center Park and Cherry Creek Reservoir from the south side of Arapahoe.
- The Council will begin talking about land banking as an affordable housing technique.

4. Planned Program

A. James Linden, Senior Environmentalist, SEMSWA

- Biniek: Have you spoken to the lawn care companies about this no phosphorus fertilizers? Linden: Sounds like something I should do.
- Linden: Lawns need higher nitrogen fertilizers; higher phosorus is for vegetables & flowers.
- Scotts makes a zero phosphorus fertilizer.

B. Josh Phillips, Director of Planning & Implementation, High Line Canal Conservancy

- The Conservancy manages over 860 acres. The property sees over 1M people per year
- The canal has outlived irrigation delivery, 60-80% is lost to seepage, evaporation.
- There are lots of invasive trees. Healthy ash are getting shots against the ash borer.
- We're planting new xeric trees: hackberry, Kentucky coffee, catalpa, locust
- We'll have 2 canal volunteer tree plantings: 6/1 (by our office off of Orchard) & 6/8 (by Highline Meadows on Broadway), all morning. Sign up on our [website](#).
- Transitioning from Denver water to City Stormwater Managers & SEMSWA, with a push to remove dead & dying ash, all russian olives.
- The timeline for whole the whole canal project is to be done by 203.
- Better signage on the canal will be coming over the summer.

- The Conservancy has one fund raiser: Dine for the High Line, on 9/20.

5. 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.

6. 8:30 pm, Adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

24 June meeting:
Trails Rec. Center
16799 E. Lake Ave. 80015