

CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

April 23, 2012 – 6:45 pm
12855 E. Adam Aircraft Dr.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- Gerry Cummins, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
- Attendance (members, quorum = 13)

Arapahoe Highlands	Hunters Hill Condos
Fox Hill #4	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
FoxRidge	Smoky Hill
Hanover Place	The Knolls
Heritage Place	Tiffany
Heritage Greens	Walnut Hills (2)
Homestead Farm	Willow Creek 1
Homestead Farm II	Willow Creek 2
Hunters Hill	
- Guest & special presenters
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office; Arapahoe Library Dist.; Arapahoe Park & Rec. Dist.; Centennial City Council: Mayor Cathy Noon, Council member Ron Weidmann; Community Associations Institute (CAI); South Metro Fire; South Suburban Park & Rec. Dist.; two city residents; Wal-Mart (2); Xcel Energy (3)

II. Guest Comments

A. Arapahoe County Sheriff: Chief Bruce Williamson

- www.arapahoesherriff.org
- Reminders: Prescription Take-Back Day, 4/28, SouthGlenn, 10am-2pm; Shred-a-Thon, 5/19, ACSO HQ, 7am-noon
- On 4/11, at Havana & Arapahoe there was a pedestrian/auto accident. A pedestrian chasing a car was run over by that car. Driver fled the scene and a friend convinced the driver to turn himself in. He faces quite a few charges.
- On 4/17, in the 6200 block of S. Krameria St., thefts from motor vehicle arrests were made. A caller's description got them stopped; 1 admitted to entering the vehicles and his friend drove him around. They'll be charged with a felony.
- On 4/18, after an investigator noticed a lot of pawned & stolen goods in reports, deputies identified a suspect and did a knock & talk. He admitted items to stealing from several homes in Centennial.
- There just was a bomb threat at Newton MS. A 13-yr-old threatened some schoolmates & threatened to blow up the school. One called the sheriff. Bomb components were found in his locker & later at his home.
- Today, there was a Subway robbery at Smoky Hill & Himalaya just when the store was opening. Suspect made off with \$1600 and there was no surveillance video.

B. Arapahoe Library District: Eloise May, Executive Director

- www.arapahoelibraries.org/
- Summer Reading Program registration begins 5/19
 - Officially kicks-off June 2.
 - Summer Reading serves more than 20,000 babies, toddlers, children & teens throughout the community with programs designed to promote literacy during the summer.
- Meet Katherine Coulter, *New York Times* best selling author of suspense thrillers.
 - She'll conduct a writing workshop 5/3 @ Koelbel

- She'll sign and discuss her books, 5/4 @ Denver Marriott Tech Center.
 - Harry Potter has arrived on eBooks. All 7 digital books are available in Kindle, EPUB, and MP3 format. See the website to reserve.
- C. Arapahoe Park & Rec. District: DeLos Searle, Assistant District Manager
- www.aprd.org
 - Lookout Pool, at Liverpool & Quincy, will be opening at the end of May.
 - The Trails Summer Pass will be back again this summer, available 5/19. It's good for 3 months from the date of purchase, available for in and out of district users.
 - 5/23, Trails Rec. Center blood drive, 1 – 6:30 pm. Contact Michelle McGhee, 303-269-8404 or michellemcg@the-trails.org.
 - There are several coupons available on line.
 - 20% off Adult Swim Club registration for June, Lookout Pool.
 - 10% off art & pottery supplies, expires 30 April 2012.
 - 5/12, Spring art & pottery sale, 9 am – 4 pm, at Trails Rec. Center.
 - Join the Arapahoe Hurricanes Swim Team for ages 6 – 18. Practices are by age group, register online.
 - There's an April fitness special until the end of the month for 10% off on any fitness class.
- D. Fire Districts: Becky O'Guinn
- www.cfpd.org, www.littletongov.org/fire, www.southmetro.org
 - Cunningham Fire Dist.
 - They have a Board election on 5/8. See the website for details.
 - They've started remodeling Station 63.
 - There will be an Emergency Medical Services Open House on 5/26. See the website for details or last month's minutes.
 - Wellness Summit at Grandview HS went very well.
 - Littleton
 - 5 new firefighters are on line, 2 of them won awards at the Aurora Fire Academy.
 - On 5/12 there will be a service at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial located near Alameda & Wadsworth. Check any fire district website for specifics.
- E. Cherry Creek Schools: not present
- <http://cherrycreekschools.org>
- F. South Suburban Park & Rec. District: Teresa Cope
- www.SSPR.org
 - We're all invited to the 5th Annual Centennial Spring Fling, May 12 at deKoevend Park, next to Goodson Rec. Center, 10 am – 2 pm.
 - There's a new Try Golf program: for \$10 you get one 30-min. group lesson, hit some range balls and get to play one hole at either SSPRD golf course.
 - 5/19, National Women's Health Day, 9 am – noon, at Buck Rec. Center. They'll have a sampling of fitness classes, mini self-defense class, nutrition class, and much more. Free!
 - Also on 5/19 at the Family Sports Dome, we'll have a Touch-A-Truck event, 10 am – 1 pm. Free, see the variety of trucks SSPRD has, zamboni, too.
 - On 5/28, Mary Schreiner will host the monthly Nutritional Chat, healthy eating habits and nutrition tips. This is 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at Goodson Rec. Center, free, no pre-reg. For monthly Nutrition Chat schedule see the website.
 - On 6/8, children ages 8-14 can make their own garden stepping stones. \$23 in-district/\$26 out-of-district cost. You can get more info and/or signup on the website.
 - Vote May 8 for SSPRD Board of Directors. See the website for the information.

G. Open Space Advisory Board, Mark Gotto

- The Board is meeting with APRD & SSPRD for their funding requests for 2012 & 2013 goals
- They have already heard from APRD. 2012: Trails Rec. Center needs new spin bikes, \$25K; Piney Creek Hollow playing fields, easier way for parents to view games, paved trails in & out of park, handicap accessibility, \$80K; rebuild shelters along Piney Creek Trail (\$25K). Requests for 2013: Indian Ridge Ele. is surrounded by Piney Creek Trail, asking city to annex school, add an amphitheater; splash park at Trails. SSPRD requests are tomorrow. We'll tour all sites this weekend.

H. CAI, Chris Crigler

- 5/15, a Lunch & Learn at Maggiano's, 11:30 am. The program is titled "Water, Water No Where and Not a Drop to Drink" and will discuss water and your HOA, from low-flow to landscaping. Cost is \$35 for members (CenCON is a member) and \$45 for non-members.

I. City of Centennial

- www.centennialcolorado.com
- Ron Weidmann, District 4
 - Centennial Center Park will have a soft opening on 4/27, 4 – 5 pm.
 - There is a project at the Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space. It will add an amphitheater, trails, and other amenities. It's located just north of the Eco Park. (You would park at the trailhead by Tagawa's and walk north.)
 - Our new City Manager will start 5/1.
 - The summer street rehabilitation program will start shortly. City Council put an additional \$2M into it from the reserves. Street rehab is a priority for City Council. Generally, the City's road system is at 70% good/excellent.
 - City Council will have a budget workshop on 4/30, starting at 5:30 pm in the City office.
 - Regarding the Arapahoe Rd. widening from Waco St. to Himalaya, Aurora will have a ballot issue on helping to fund this project on the Nov. ballot.
 - Work on the bridge over Cherry Creek will start in Feb., 2013. The project will raise the bridge out of flood plain, up about 17', to make room for trails under the bridge.
 - At the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Gala, Cathy Noon was named Woman of the Year.
- Mayor Cathy Noon joined us at 7:30, from the Dist. 1 meeting.
 - The Transportation Master Plan will have one more open house on 4/26 at the South Metro Chamber of Commerce in SouthGlenn, 4 – 7 pm.
 - There will be a Dist. 4 meeting at Smoky Hill Lib. on 4/26 at 7:30 pm.

(Then we had a change in the announced agenda.)

J. Wal-Mart Neighborhood Markets: Gil Villas and Steve Kramer

- This is Wal-Mart's version of a neighborhood supermarket, meant for quick run in and out for a couple of items.
- They're using vacant stores for now. There will be one in Centennial at Smoky Hill & Buckley and one in Arapahoe County at Parker & Florida, plus others.
- 50 stores slated through next 4 years.
- They tend to go into strip malls and want to benefit those malls.
- 3 stores will have grand openings on 6/20, 7:30 am (Centennial, Arapahoe County and Littleton); 3 more on 7/4 (Montbello, Chamber & I70, Coal Mine).
- They tend to be about 45,000 sq.ft. in comparison to a super Wal-Mart at 230,000 sq.ft.

- They will not be closing big boxes for this concept; in fact, they will be opening 4 more in CO.
 - Blum: The Buckley store will have 3.2 beer. That was just approved by City.
 - Dave Meyer: Will you have organics? Kramer: We do have some and Colorado-grown and produced items, as well.
 - Wal-Mart does a lot of recycling, even spoiled meat goes to a wildcat preserve.
 - Fulk: What is considered for siting a store? Kramer: Real estate, we want to use an eyesore building first.
 - We don't compete with the normal, big grocery stores; we're more about convenience, designed to get in and out quickly.
 - Whelan: What are the hours & will they have pharmacies? Kramer: 24-hours, yes, pharmacies
 - Meyer: Getting in and out of Smoky Hill is extremely difficult. Kramer: We're working on curbing and we may ask the City for a traffic signal.
 - The hiring center is at 2620 S. Parker Rd., #220, Aurora, 80014, 720-748-2384.
- K. Xcel Energy, Home Energy Demand Program: Steve Egan-Fowler, Andre Goin, Bruce Lester
- This project is meant for people already using the Saver Switch program. This is an in home device pilot program.
 - We hope to change behaviors and help the people save money.
 - When energy demand is high, Xcel will control your equipment to help reduce high demands.
 - The devices that are part of this project:
 - #1 installs in the fuse box
 - #2 tells the homeowner about their energy usage; this also allows for control of equipment away from home.
 - #3 is a digital thermostat.
 - #4 is a socket into which the homeowner plugs an appliance to monitor usage and it can turn off appliances.
 - A postcard was sent to available folks. If you want to do it, you'll call a call center.
 - Fulk: What happens after the pilot program? Egan-Fowler: The people will find if they save money, they can continue to use the devices. Xcel might offer rebates or discounts to savers. It does allow you to remotely control your systems.
 - Moore: What's in it for Xcel? E-F: If a significant number of people change their behavior, it's a lower draw on Xcel. It also helps Xcel to reach its conservation goals.
 - Cummins: Will there be more marketing? E-F: There has been a great response to the postcard. We will probably not market more extensively. We may call people to whom the card has been sent.
- IV. HOA Forum: Where CenCON members can share questions and problems: none
- V. CenCON Business
- A. President's report, Gerry Cummins:
- HB 1237, records storage requirements for HOAs: it's passed the House unanimously and has gone through its Senate committees. It still needs to go to the Senate floor for 2nd reading.
 - Cummins reminded the members that next month's meeting would be one week earlier, 5/21.

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- The minutes for the 26 March meeting were revised very slightly and resent out with the agenda for this meeting. Changes were 2 names.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as revised. (Leader/Doerr)

C. Treasurer's report, C.J. Whelan

- CJ passed around a sheet for members present to check sheet who's paid dues
- We have renewed our ConstantContact email program, \$204.
- Doerr: Are the finances audited? Cummins: our bylaws call for it, but we haven't been doing it. We haven't had a member who wanted to do it for us.
 - Roberta Allen volunteered to check the books.
- We currently have 35 paid members. Our membership year began 1 April.

▪ Previous Checking Account balance:	\$ 801.55
Deposits: Dues, 3/31 ¹	360.00
Deposits: Dues, 4/20 ²	330.00
Expenses: Andrea Suhaka, Q1 Admin. expense	- 75.00
Reimburse Whelan for ConstantContact renewal	- 204.00

Current Balance **\$ 1212.55**

▪ Previous Savings Account balance:	\$ 2192.94
Income: Interest	.27

Current Balance **\$ 2193.21**

- Note: The above accounts are located at First National Bank, 7777 E. Arapahoe Rd.

D. First Vice President, Membership, Andrea Suhaka

- I've been working on 3 more associations and finally got Saddle Ridge Condos after 2 years.

VI. 2nd Vice President, Plans, Ed Bain

- Denver Water Board Reservoir Replacement community meeting, NE corner of University & County Line Road
 - Community meeting: Denver Water will take out 2 tanks and put in new one. The land needs to be rezoned
 - If there's a community meeting close to you, ATTEND! The people who speak get heard.
- Dry Creek Center Re-Zone, Dry Creek Road & University Blvd. (SE corner)
- Antennae installation, Orchard Rd & Milwaukee Wy.
 - A proposed antenna would go on the corner of lot where houses have been scraped.
 - Couldn't they be put on a street light pole, instead?

VII. Adjourned: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

Please see next page for list of associations who have paid their dues.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting – May 21, 2012

¹ **Dues** (3/31)

Bristol Cove 2
Cherry Knolls
Fairways at South Suburban
Heritage Greens
Homestead Farm 2
Hunter Hill Condos
Hunters Hill RA
Monterey
Palos Verdes
Park View
Ridgeview Hills North
Southglenn

² **Dues** (4/20)

Fox Hill #4
Hanover Place
Highlands at Piney Creek
Jackson Farm 2
Parkview Highlands
Piney Creek
Saddle Ridge Condos
Smoky Hill
Smoky Ridge
Tiffany
Willow Creek 3