



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Virtual Meeting

March 22, 2021

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Minutes

1. Call to order: President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.), Members:

Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge	Greenwood South
Hanover Place	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill Condos
Mill Creek	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Orchard Valley
Palos Verdes	Ridgeview Hills North	Walnut Hills
	Village @ Centennial	
 - Guests: 18th Judicial District (3); Arapahoe Library District; Centennial Mayor Plko); Centennial City Staff, DRCOG Long Range Planner, Rhonda Livingston
 - Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters. CenCON Business
2. CenCON Business
 - A. President, Gerry Cummins
 - CenCON received a request from Alex Grimsman, Centennial Planner, to write a letter of support for a grant of \$500,000 from the Arapahoe County Open Space fund for building the next phase of Centennial Center Park. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for CenCON to write the letter. (Meakins/Seymour)
 - B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the 2/22/21 minutes as emailed. (Doerr/O'Shea)
 - C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins
 - Balance Forward: \$2,004.97
 - Deposits: 160.00
 - Expenses: (0.00)
 - Interest Income: 0.00
 - Ending Balance: \$2,164.97
 - Notes:
 - 2020-21, 37 paid members
 - 2021-22, 4 paid members
 - Submitted by: Jill MeakinsThe bank is Wells Fargo
2. Special Districts
 - A. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office](#) (ACSO), Capt. Ken McKlem
 - Capt. McKlem was on duty to help the Boulder PD. He sent an email with his update.
 - Drug Take Back Day 4/24/2021 Multiple locations, TBD
 - Shred-a-Thon 5/15/2021 SO Parking lot
 - County Fair 7/23-25/2021
 - Back to School shop w/a cop 7/31/2021
 - B. [Arapahoe Park & Rec. District](#), Delos Searle, Asst. Director, Trails Rec. Center: Absent

C. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Talia Abdullah, Manager of Koelbel

1. Community Conversation about Race and Ethnicity

- Wed., 4/7, 6pm, via Zoom: A conversation about race, ethnicity, and our current social climate
- This conversation, held in partnership with Colorado Humanities, will invite participants to share their perspectives in guided, small-group discussions facilitated by Dr. Elizabeth Parks, the dialogue and diversity specialist for the Center for Public Deliberation and assistant professor of communication studies at CSU.
- Dr. Parks will present topics from her book *The Ethics of Listening: Creating Space for Sustainable Dialogue*.
- For adults. [Register](#)

2. Explore the Louvre Museum

- Sat., 4/17, 11am, via Zoom: Learn all about the Louvre's most famous art pieces with a licensed, local guide in photos, videos, polls, and an interactive chat
- Enjoy this rich, cultural experience presented by the Tour Guy from the comfort of your home as you learn more about the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo and many other priceless works.
- A live question and answer session with the host will be held at the end of the presentation, as well.
- For teens and adults. [Register](#).

3. Meet Author Erin Entrada Kelly

- Fri., 4/23, 5:30pm, via Zoom: Spend an hour with Erin Entrada Kelly, a *New York Times* bestselling author who creates relatable and diverse characters for young readers
- Kelly received a Newbery Honor in 2021 for *We Dream of Space* and was the Newbery Medal recipient in 2018 for *Hello, Universe*. Her book *You Go First* is being adapted for the stage, and *Hello, Universe* is being adapted for Netflix.
- Kelly will chat with us about her work, writing process and the importance of representation in books.
- The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.
- Copies of the book are available for purchase from BookBar and will include an author-signed bookplate.
- For ages 12-adult. [Register](#)

4. Prescription Drug Take Back Day

- 4/24, 9am-2pm, Smoky Hill Lib.: It's time to spring clean your medicine cabinet! Drop off unneeded prescription or over-the-counter medications
- This event is sponsored by the Arapahoe County Sherriff's office.
- The event cannot accept the following: needles and other sharps; mercury (thermometers); oxygen containers; chemotherapy drugs or radioactive substances; pressurized canisters; and illicit drugs.
- [More information](#).
- The libraries are in Phase 4 of returning to normal. Hours will expand to 10-5:30. Phase 5 when we can opens the meeting rooms & cafés.

D. [Ting](#) Update, Mark Gotto, City Manager

- We'll sponsor Town Halls for the neighborhoods:
 - 3/31, Parkview
 - Early May, KingsPoint/Bellaire, Arapahoe Estates,
 - 5/5, Tiffany 5-6pm

- 6/8, Dreamhouse Acres
- 6/14, Parkview Highlands
- 6/22, Forest Park
- 21 neighborhoods already have service
- Business community is on tap
- Doerr: How about Hunters Hill Condo Mark: HHC is a private area and their HOA has said, no. You'll have to interact with your HOA.
- Kirrane: Heritage Place? Gotto: The square mile has to be done at onc. They should be lit up on 4/15.
- Goodhard: Orchard Valley? Gotto: We hit the sprinkler system and we'll have to re-build our cabinet that's been destroyed. It should be lit up on 3/31.
- Suhaka: I'm seeing coils of wire on Arapahoe Rd., does that mean Southwind is getting Ting? Gotto: Those are mainline wires, those nearby neighborhoods are down the road a bit.

E. [City of Centennial](#), Mayor Stephanie Piko

- American Rescue Plan has given direct funding to municipalities - \$65B total. We could end up with \$25-34M. The feds haven't written the rules, yet, on how to use it. We'll only get half this year & the other half in 2 years, if we can prove we need it.
- Public Works updates: We have Neighborhood Traffic Management Programs plans in process.
- Because we cut back on road rehab in 2020, we did all concrete work. Street rehab and mill & overlay will be done this year. We can start earlier because the concrete curbs & gutters have been done. We'll do next year's concrete work this year and the road rehab next year. If you see concrete work, that means your road will be done in some manner next year.
- The City Council has had a Study Session on the Colorado Blvd. Multimodal Study; There's no final decision on the treatment, yet. We're slo studying the Smoky Hill corridor, as well.
- The Orchard Rd. widening and the Arapahoe Rd. bridge project (over Big Dry Creek near Southglenn) will start shortly.
- We've redone our Eagle Street facility to allow for a hybrid meeting. We've added ceiling microphones so inperson and on Zoom will be able to hear better.
- Kirrane: Why didn't you plow cul-de-sacs in the heavy snow? Piko: They were supposed to be done. In some cul-de-sacs there are problems with where to put all the snow.
- Cummins: How was the plowing? Piko: There were many problems because it was a deep, heavy snow.

F. [18th Judicial District](#)

1) **John Kellner**, District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District

- The Denver Auto Theft Task Force have the DA numbers for our area: Arapahoe County is up 86% over 2019, Adams County is up 83%, and Denver is up over 80%. We believe thefts and auto break-ins are increasing partly because of covid. Perpetrators know they won't be taken to jail. They're getting released on personal recognizance bonds and usually getting probation first time, second, and even third time with minor amounts of jail time for 2nd & 3rd times.
- The DA is planning a Community Conversation, 3/30, 7pm. You may register [here](#).

- On 4/13, the DA will begin its next virtual Citizens' Academy. (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7pm, through 5/27. Register [here](#).
- April is Sexual Assault Month, for information about the Thurs. noon programs and their specific topics, please, see the flyer that was part of the Minutes email.
- O'Shea: What is the Citizens' Academy about? Kellner: It's an indepth look under the hood of the District Attorney's organization.

2) **Jamie Sorrells**, Fraud Unit, Scams, Attorney Jamie Sorrells

- Unemployment scams are still rife. If you've been sent a credit card for unemployment, for which you didn't apply, destroy it; report it to the ACSO. If you receive a 1099, it's ID theft. Report it to the ACSO, FTC.gov, the credit bureaus, put a freeze on your credit report.
- Government imposter solicitations: These could be from Social Security, the CDC, the Small Business Admin., or any large organization, e.g., Xcel, Amazon; these could be an email or a phone call that says your account has been frozen or you have an outstanding fine. This has ramped up tremendously. IRS, SSA, ACSO will **not** call you. Hang up and call them on their normal phone number. **No one will ever ask for gift cards as payment.**
- Gift cards are for gifts, they're not for payments. The DA is teaching businesses that sell gift cards in Arapco how to deal with purchases of large gift cards.
- Kirrane: My wife and I had our ID's stolen; we did the all that listed above. We were told we'd hear back from them and we never have. Sorrells: The government depts. are overwhelmed and things are very slow. Make sure all your purchases match up and are really yours. Kirrane: Just a note: It could be easy to follow a mail truck after dark and rifle through the mailboxes.
- Burford: I filed a police report for receiving too many unemployment checks. I received another should I amend the police report or file new report? Sorrells: Your ID has been compromised, talk to the ACSO about it.

3. Guest Presentation: [DRCOG'S 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan](#) (MVRTP)

- Jacob Riger, DRCOG Long Range Planner
- Denver has the 2nd largest Bike to Work Day in the US.
- The metro area will add a million people over next 30 years.
- This plan will be fiscally constrained. It contains a multimodal vision; it plans for future TIP (transportation improvement project) funding; it's updated every 4 years. It includes all the metro partners, e.g., RTD, CDOT and is federally required. After DR-COG approves in April, then it must be approved by the federal government.
- It's planned to spend \$132 billion over 30 years.
- It contains 6 themes: safety, air quality, regional transit, active transportation (bike, pedestrian, car), freight, and multimodal mobility.
- We should also pay attention to HB21-1261, the Colorado Climate Action Plan, begins to pick up some of this plan.
- Manning: What's the difference between bus rapid transit and corridor transit planning. Riger: RTD did a regional bus rapid transit study (current plans). Plans that aren't as well planned as that (future plans).
- Cummins: Does this plan cover whole region? Riger: Yes, with the help of the county transportation forums, we're looking for equity for all areas.
- Doerr: Are automated cars included? Riger: Yes, mobility & technology have been included.
- Suhaka: Are electric vehicles (EVs) included in the air quality section? Riger: Yes.

4. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, Vice President

- Livingston sent an email with a long list of new developments being planned. Please, check out those plans. I'll attach a PDF of that email in the email with these minutes. Comment even if it's not near your neighborhood. If you don't want to comment online, please, send comments to me (WE3LIV@aol.com) so that I can comment for CenCON.
- Suhaka commented that the Joliet live-work project is right alongside of a runway. It's in a location where no housing should be built.
- Morningstar Senior Living Site Plan, NW corner of Arapahoe Rd & Holly St.
 - Edgemark Development & Perception Design Group, Applicants, on behalf of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado, are proposing a Site Plan for a 4-story assisted living and congregate care facility on approximately 3.71 acres.
 - Planning & Zoning: Wed., March 24, 6 pm – Virtual Public Hearing
 - City Council: Mon., April 5, 7 pm, - Virtual Public Hearing
 - What does DRCOG do for the metro area and how does that assist the citizens.
- Application materials will be available 2 weeks prior to the Community Meeting on the city website [here](#).
- Comments may be submitted in advance at the same site.
- **Note:** Planning & Zoning decides the site plan and the City Council has the authority to approve or deny the Site Plan.

5. Other business from anyone:

- Suhaka reported that Mira Vista is in touch with Heritage Place on their association monuments.
- There is a District 2 meeting tomorrow evening at 7pm.

6. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

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

Next Meeting, April 26, 2021 Virtual