



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

ZOOM Meeting

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January 24, 2022, 6:45pm

Minutes

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

Arapahoe Highlands	Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge
Glenn Oaks	Hanover Place	Heritage Place
Heritage Greens (2)	Knolls TH	Mill Creek
Monterey	Orchard Valley	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Palos Verdes (2)	Smoky Hill	Southglenn (2)
Tiffany	Village@Centennial	Village Cooperative
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 1	
 - Guests: 18th Judicial Dist. (2), Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Park & Rec. Dist., Centennial City Council member Dist. 1, South Metro Fire Rescue (2), 1 Guest
 - **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**
2. **CenCON Business**
 - A. President's Report, Gerry Cummins
 - Cummins briefly outlined several programs we hope to present in 2022: a transportation forum (bike, ped, vehicle), Ryan Thompson on the Community Grant Programs, field trip to the new South Suburban facility (July).
 - B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
 - A motion was made, seconded and passed, with 1 abstention, to approve the minutes of the 22 Nov. meeting. (Manning/ Meakins [Ogden, abstain])
 - C. Treasurer, Jill Meakins

• Balance Forward:	\$3,043.04
• Deposits:	0.00
• Expenses*:	(883.76)
• Interest Income:	<u>0.00</u>
• Ending Balance:	\$2,159.28

 - * Expenses:
 - Constant Contact yearly renewal \$224.00
 - Go Daddy website yearly renewal \$359.76
 - Donation to Arapahoe Library District \$300
 - Notes:
 - 2020 37 paid members
 - 2021 40 paid members
 - Submitted by: Jill Meakins
 - The bank is Wells Fargo
 - 40 members
3. **Special District Presentations**
 - A. [18th Judicial District](#), Vicki Klingensmith

- VK mentioned the Data Dashboard that DA John Kellner has established containing all statistics for the Judicial District. DA John Kellner is the first DA to publish a [Data Dashboard](#) in an effort to be open and transparent. It's one of the DA's CORE values. This tool will make more information available to the public about what we do on an ongoing basis in an interactive manner.
 - Update on the Fentanyl problem: The Better Call Sal program, completed with the Sheriff, DEA, and other police agencies, recovered: fentanyl pills (93K), heroine, meth, and weapons. 9 defendants were indicted.
 - Cummins asked what was the source of those drugs: VK: We're trying to find that out.
 - Rahn asked if these were part of a cartel group? VK: Yes, most likely.
 - DA Kellner's major drug ring indictment See video [here](#).
 - *Suhaka note: I've taken the notes that were put in the Zoom Chat and copied them here.*
- B. [South Metro Fire Rescue \(SMFR\)](#), [Kristin Eckmann](#)
- Because of a large spike in COVID, SMFR is scrambling to keep service levels staffed. It's starting to go down.
 - SMFR has suspended community room use in the fire houses that have them.
 - Stay off the ice!!!
 - SMFR is hiring fire fighters & paramedics. Pass the word along.
 - Self-nominations for the SMFR Board are open until Feb. 5. Districts 2, 6, & 7 have openings. Only people living in those dist. will receive ballots (mail in only) in May. See: www.southmetro.org/649/SMFR-Board-of-Director-Election-Information
 - In light of the Marshall fires, SMFR is sending out members to schools & neighborhoods to talk about risk mitigation and, also about: Car crashes, residential fires, older adults (falls)
 - SMFR sent 7 apparatus & crews to the Marshall Fire on its first day and 5 apparatus the 2nd day. Contact Kristin if you'd like a presentation.
 - Lambert asked if risk areas for fires are mapped? KE: Yes
 - Seymour asked how can we find out about our neighborhood's risk level? KE: Email me.
 - Biniek asked if we are automatically enrolled in reverse 911 in event of an emergency? KE: No, Kim Spuhler will talk about reverse 911 and other great resources shortly :) *Andrea: This was a Zoom Chat item.*
- C. [Arapahoe Park & Rec. District \(APRD\)](#), Delos Searle, Asst Dist. Manager
- APRD will begin their native mowing program in spring; we watch those areas closely.
 - The APRD ballot measure last Nov., passed. The bonds for the Trails Rec. Center will be paid in Dec. We asked to change it to a mill levy to put the money into our operations. The Board is discussing how to use that money.
 - 3 APRD Board positions are open. Trails will be a polling place in May. Check on the web-site. They are 3-year terms.
 - Projects are continuing with help from Centennial Open Space Grants: Look Out Park will start in Feb., to be done by pool opening. (5455 S. Riviera)
 - The Master Plan for Fox Hill Park is not a huge project but improvements. We're going to ask for an ArapCo Open Space grant.
 - There will be upgrades to the Trails Rec. Center pool. The pool will be shut down pool in March, for 2 months, to replace the pool liner.

- In Piney Creek Hollow park, we're removing dead trees, other trees in the stream bed, and all Russian olives.
- Cummins asked Seale to describe where is APRD is? DS: It's on the east side of Parker Rd, north of Arapahoe, west of E470, south of Hampden/ Quincy/Smoky Hill.
- Suhaka asked if APRD was stepping up mowing because of the Marshall fire? DS: Once a month is standard. We do check to see if it's growing faster.

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#) (ALD), Holly Whelan

- Polis said masks will be available at libraries. At any given time, we may or may not have masks. We've gone through 10s of thousands. Call 303-LIBRARY to see about any given library.
- **Meet Julia Quinn: The 'Bridgerton' Book Series Author**
 - On Thurs., 27 Jan., 6-7 pm, spend an hour on Zoom with *New York Times* best selling author of the popular book series that inspired the period drama *Bridgerton*, Julia Quinn.
 - Quinn will share her journey as a writer, the making of the *Bridgerton* streaming series, and the popularity of the romance genre.
 - Her books can be purchased from BookBar and will include an autographed book-plate while supplies last.
 - For more information, visit [here](#).
- **Find Bargains on Books and Media at the Used Book Sale**
 - Shop a wide variety of children's book, hardbacks, paperbacks and "better" books at the Used Book Sale that starts Thurs., 27 Jan. through Sun., 30 Jan. at Smoky Hill Lib., 5430 Biscay Cir., Centennial.
 - On Thurs., the sale is 9am-8:30pm, Fri. is 9am-6:30pm, Sat. is 9am-4:30pm, Sun. is noon-4pm.
 - Sun. is bag day – we provide the bag and you fill it for only \$8.
 - Through book sales, the Friends of Arapahoe Libraries raise funds to support library events and services.
 - For more information, call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279) or visit [here](#).
- **Passionate Dishes for Your Valentine**
 - Food invites passion. Color, texture, & prep all play a part in a passionate meal. During this live demonstration on Tues., 1 Feb., 6 pm, Zoom, Chef Liz Barbour will create 2 of her favorite passion-inducing recipes.
 - Barbour is a cooking instructor, gardener, and author of *Beautifully Delicious: Cooking with Herbs & Edible Flowers*.
 - For adults. To register, visit [here](#).
- **Meet LGBT+ Author Bren Bataclan**
 - Bren Bataclan, an artist and the author of *Fe: A Traumatized Son's Graphic Memoir*, will speak about his memoir on Wed., 2 Feb., 7-8:30 pm, Zoom.
 - This memoir illustrates many volatile, often hilarious experiences between Bataclan and his mother and traces his family's immigration from the Philippines to the U.S.
 - The book tackles themes of mental health, immigration, & coming out, as Bataclan moves from coping to thriving. This event will include a Q&A session with the author.
 - For adults. To register, visit [here](#).
- **Mush! With Noggin the Sled Dog**

- Join competitive sled dog racer Karen Land and her dog Noggin to learn about competitive and recreational mushing on Tues., 22 Feb., 5-6 pm, Zoom.
- For children ages 5-12. To register, visit [here](#).
- **EdgGuide™ Technology at Smoky Hill**
 - Learn about EdgGuide™, which offers an augmented experience that enables blind, visually impaired, or audible learners to independently navigate the library. Relying on sensors and a custom app, EdgGuide™ provides an autonomous experience that allows true freedom of movement in indoor spaces. In partnership with the Blind Institute of Technology, Smoky Hill Library will showcase this exciting new technology at this launch event. All are welcome to attend.
 - Smoky Hill Library, Wed., 23, Feb., 1-2pm. Demos immediately following. Register [here](#).
- **Meet the Author of *Yellow Wife*: Sadeqa Johnson**
 - Award-winning author Sadeqa Johnson will chat with us about her latest novel *Yellow Wife* on Thurs., 24 Feb., 6-7 pm. Zoom.
 - Voted one the best books of 2021 by Goodreads and NPR, *Yellow Wife* follows Pheby Dolores, who was born on a plantation in Virginia and promised freedom when she turned 18 years old. Instead, she's thrust into the evils of slavery and must outwit her captor to survive.
 - A Q&A will follow the author's presentation. Copies of Johnson's titles are available to order from BookBar.
 - Register [here](#).
- **Telehealth Services Available at Sheridan Library**
 - The community is invited to access quality health services over the phone or via video chat at Sheridan Library, 3425 W. Oxford Ave., Denver.
 - Telehealth is provided through Sheridan Health Services (SHS), which is a community health center, operated by the University of Colorado. Care is provided to all patients regardless of the ability to pay.
 - To make a telehealth appointment, new patients can register at arap.li/SHS or you can call 303-315-6131. Visits are charged based on a sliding fee scale for those without insurance. Accepted insurance includes Medicaid, Colorado Access, CHP+, Medicare, some private insurance plans, and self-pay. For more information about insurance or self-payment options, call 303-315-6131.
 - Onsite technology assistance to access Telehealth is provided at Sheridan Library every Tuesday & Thursday, 1-5pm, and library rooms may be reserved for Telehealth appointments by calling 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279) or by visiting arapahoelibraries.org/SH.
 - Telehealth services offered by SHS include:
 - ~ Annual physical exams
 - ~ Counseling therapy and behavioral health
 - ~ Sick visits
 - ~ Medications
 - ~ Health and wellness screenings
 - ~ Referrals to specialists and more!
- Lambert asked which libraries have the EdgGuide sensors? HW: It's a pilot in Smoky Hill.
- Holly thanked CenCON for their contribution to the library district.

E. [City of Centennial](#), Council Member Candace Moon, District 1

- Work on the Arapoe Rd. bridge, just east of University, is starting this spring.
- [Neighborhood Engagement Grants](#) for neighborhood events of up to \$500, application open 1 April. First come, first served.
- [Large Community Grant](#) Program, up to \$10K, applications are already being received. There will be [grant training workshops](#) on Feb. 15 & 17, virtual & in-person.
- There have been improvements at City Park: garden spaces, more restroom facilities. This will continue throughout the year.
- Centennial has no affordable housing. The City is initiating a Housing Study to see what may be necessary.
- Lambert asked if there's a group meeting to discuss housing? CM: It's not scheduled currently but, the consultant is required to take community input. KL: I'm in the process of gathering info from other states, where should I send it? CM: Send to City Manager Matt Sturgeon (msturgeon@centennialco.gov)
- Manning had heard that Centennial would have a party bus for community events with rental equipment for neighborhoods. CM: No, the City found they wouldn't be able to maintain the equipment and has gone to just the \$500 allowance.

4. **Fire Protection for Neighborhood Associations**, [Kim Spuhler](#), Community Risk Reduction Specialist, South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR)

- She is currently earning a Masters degree in Disaster Management.
- SMFR has a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Keep a 10-12' mow strip around your perimeters, inside and outside fences
- Landscaping that reaches out and invites the open space weeds in, and junipers, are really bad, growth going over fences.
- Dry leaves/pine needles from trees in autumn end up at front/back doors, under trees. Police them.
- Take pictures inside your home, record everything for which you would seek reimbursement!
- Have copies of your important docs stored somewhere else.
- Evacuation: Check on those not so mobile, plan that now.
- Reverse 9-1-1: **you have to opt in** (<https://ace911.colorado.gov/arपालert>)
- Lambert asked if we can gather a few neighbors to have an assessment? KS: Yes, at no cost. We like to come out for that.
- Bridges told of a friend who lost his home in the Marshall Fire. The insurance co. asks lots of questions, when you bought what for how much. See above, record!
- Green asked if SMFR had looked at the property east of Comcast? KS: We can't mandate any mitigation.
- SMFR would support a community day or any meeting.
- Link for maps of danger fire areas: <https://co-pub.coloradoforestatlas.org/#!/>
- Cummins asked about possible evacuation routes? KS: With ACSO, we do table tops to plan. We have emergency routes.
- See documents linked below these minutes!!!

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

- None were received.
- Mataich commented that the Land Development Code would have to be updated to support a new vision on affordable housing. Would there be rezoning of shopping centers? This could change the value of the land. She would like to see a Housing subcommittee.

- Cummins formed a subcommittee of Mataich, Nixon, Rahn, Lambert, Bridges, Akiva. She charged them to give her an outline of goals and periodic updates at CenCON.

6. **Adjourn:** Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm

Draft minutes prepared by Andrea Suhaka.

Please, contact [Gerry Cummins](#) or [Andrea Suhaka](#) to suggest a program you'd like to see.

If you'd like to join the Housing subcommittee, please, contact Gerry or Andrea.

Next Meeting: 28 February