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CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

August 23, 2010

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: 6:50
- II. Attendance:
 - Arapahoe Highlands, Chapparral, Cherry Knolls, Greenwood South, Hanover Place, Heritage Greens, Heritage Place, Homestead Farm II, Homestead Village II/Sturbridge, Hunters Hill, Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South, Otero Ridge, Parkview Highlands, Piney Creek, Southglenn, Smoky Hill, The Knolls, Walnut Hills, Willow Creek II
 - Special Districts Represented: Arapahoe Library, Arapahoe Park & Rec., Cherry Creek Schools, Cunningham Fire, Littleton Fire, South Metro Fire, South Suburban
 - City Representatives: Cathy Noon (Mayor), Keith Gardner (District 2), Ron Weidmann (District 4), Sherry Patten (Manager of Community Relations), Tom Pitchford (Chief Building Inspector)
- III. Guest Comments
 - A. Arapahoe County Sheriff, not present
 - <http://www.arapahoesherriff.org>
 - B. Arapahoe Library District, Nicolle Davies, Deputy Director
 - <http://www.arapahoelibraries.org>/Eloise on vacation
 - The library district's huge used book sale will be held the weekend after Labor Day @ Koelbel Library
 - The last Board meeting took the first look at 2010 budget/2011 budget. They will look at a 20% decrease in budget for 2012 and 4% reduction going into 2011.
 - The Board is currently working on a strategic plan to identify community needs.
 - C. Arapahoe Park & Rec. District, DeLos Searle
 - <http://www.aprd.org>
 - Summer programs are winding down.
 - He brought copies of their new trail guide that just came out.
 - D. Fire Districts, Bob Mullin, Littleton Fire Chief
 - <http://www.cfpd.org>, <http://www.littletongov.org/fire>, <http://www.southmetro.org>
 - Property assessment rates are dropping in the districts. They are primarily funded by property assessments.
 - Programs will be curtailed and some cut completely.
 - South Metro is working on re-accreditation.
 - A good news story: Along the Platte River Trail, a 52-year-old man fell on his bike. It turned out he had passed out very briefly. The paramedics hooked him to an EKG. After 8 min., another EKG, showed that he had a serious heart problem and the emergency room confirmed a completely closed artery. Quick emergency response saved this man's life.
 - We had a quiet 4th of July because of rain. Littleton had 1 fireworks-related fire.
 - E. Cherry Creek Schools, Wendy DeBell, Partnership Coordinator; Tustin Amole, Communications
 - <http://cherrycreekschools.org>
 - Today was the first official day of the traditional school year.
 - CCSD has 51,000 students (The district is the size of Grand Junction.)

- The new Pine Ridge elementary opened in the Wheatlands subdivision with 500 students. It's a very energy efficient design.
- The bond issue passed in 2008 remodeled/renovated 19 more schools, on time & on budget for the most part
- The district has had \$17.8M in reductions this year with no teacher lay-offs. All non-instructional salaries were frozen. Transportation took a hit to keep cuts out of the classroom
- The Cherry Creek high schools were rated best high schools in the nation (all 6).
- First American State Bank Fitness Festival will be held on 9/11

F. South Suburban Park & Rec. District, Jean Ray, Communications

- <http://www.SSPR.org>
- Fall in Fun with Cheap Skates: South Suburban Ice Arena offers Buck-A-Roo Skating (\$1 skating & \$1 rental) on 9/25 and 10/24; Family Sports Center will have \$2 Tuesdays (\$2 skating & \$2 rental) on 9/14 and 10/12.
- Youth NFL competition, Punt Pass & Kick for 6 - 15 yr-olds, Lorenz Park, 18 Sept, 9 - 11am
- 9/11, Holly Pool Puppy Paddle, \$5/pup
- Tighten Your Tummy time, Pack Your Punch Card = sale on punch cards in Sept.
- Q: do any pools have kayak time? A: No

G. City of Centennial

- <http://www.centennialcolorado.com>
- Patten: The City is working on its Transportation Master plan. CenCON should be a stakeholder group. How does CenCON want to do this: come to regular meeting or have a special meeting?
- Noon: The budget will be presented to City Council on 9/13; right now the City's in pretty good shape. Council agreed to take \$1M out of reserves for more road work (take advantage of lower prices). Founder's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held Sept. 12, 9 - 11 am in the City parking lot. SouthGlenn will have its 1 year anniversary on 8/28; they'll have a cake decorating contest. There will be a District 1 meeting on 8/30, 6 pm, at Southglenn library. The Best of Centennial dinner will be held 10/21. The Open Space Advisory Board will soon be advertising for members. Remember, you can listen to City Council meetings now live streaming, or listen later, the links are on the website. The next Budget Committee meeting is 8/25.
- Gardner: There will be District 2 meeting on Thurs., 7 pm, Koebel Library. On 10/20, there will be a combined Districts 1 & 2 meeting at the South Metro Chamber building.
- Weidmann: On 9/22 there will be a District 4 meeting on the budget.
- Cummins: The Election Commission is beginning to look at new boundaries for Council member districts. They will be bringing 3 scenarios to the public (coming to CenCON next month).

IV. Update on Building Codes, Tom Pitchford, City of Centennial Chief Building Inspector

- Right now the City is on the 2006 IBC. Most of the cities around us are on 2009 (not GWV)
- The new Code includes a requirement for energy efficiency in new commercial building, 15% more efficient than 2006 Code.
- The 2009 Code requires residential fire suppression. All new SFD must be suppressed (residential grade sprinkler systems). Colorado is not currently ready for this. The big issue is water taps, a new home would require a 1" (stead of a ¾" tap).
- New commercial construction cost more up front for the increased efficiency, but will

be paid back in decreased energy charges.

- He hopes to present this to a Sept Council meeting with an effective date 1 Jan., minus the fire suppression requirement.
- Q: What is the cost estimate for house/building? A: \$5-7K per building; as everyone has to do this, costs will decrease
- Q: Have other areas had this in place? A: yes, minus the fire suppression in Colorado, Parker.
- Q: Are the systems sound? A: There has not been a problem.
- Q: I've heard there was a problem with foreclosures, keeping homes up to a proper temp. for water lines not to freeze. A: Yes, that can be a problem.

V. Amendments 60, 61, and Proposition 101

- Because of the excruciating detail of this discussion and the difficulty I had in keeping up with the huge list of deep cuts all our districts will have to undergo, I am not including the transcript of this.
- A resolution was made, seconded and passed unanimously for CenCON to oppose these ballot issues in light of the presentations we received. (Schauer/Wells)
- Matt James, Coloradans for Responsible Reform; provided a resolution to take to HOAs. He is asking that HOAs compose a letter to their residents to oppose these items. There will have yard signs.
- COtaxreforms.com is a pro website for these issues
- The City has a link to all the websites out there on these issues.
- All of our districts have links to their resolutions in opposition to these three ballot issues.

VI. CenCON Business

- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as emailed. (Leader/Schauer)
- We did not have time in the meeting to go over the CenCON Treasurer's report. Here is the information.

Previous <u>Checking Account</u> Balance	\$ 1773.74
Deposits: Dues*	\$ 60.00
Expenses: Admin Expense	<u>\$ 0.0</u>

Current Balance	\$ 1833.74
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Previous <u>Savings Account</u> Balance	\$ 2190.66
Income: Interest	<u>\$ 0.0</u>

Current Balance	\$ 2190.66
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Dues from: Orchard Valley HOA; Arapahoe Meadows HOA #2

- No other officer reports, out of time

VII. Plans TBD: none

VIII. Adjourn: 9:05

Next Scheduled Meeting - September 27, 2010

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Andrea Suhaka