



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – March 2009 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Noon at 6:50 pm with 20 members present & adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesherriff.org Captain Mark Fisher

- April 1-7 - Statewide 'Wear Your Seatbelt' campaign.
- Citizens Academy begins on April 9 - May 7. Openings are still available.
- Tip-A-Cop campaign will be at the Red Robin & Claim Jumper restaurants to benefit Special Olympics.
- The Neighborhood Watch newsletter is coming soon.
- The joint efforts of Arapahoe County & Englewood law enforcement resulted in the arrest of suspects for the theft of snakes from pet stores in Centennial & Englewood.
- Juveniles are searching websites on 'how to manufacture bombs'. Science projects for this activity fall under the same statutes as for major criminal activity.
- Motor vehicles theft resulted in arrest of two suspects.
- Individuals involved in the late night shooting at the Goodson Center parking lot have all been identified.

Arapahoe Library District www.arapahoelibraries.org Eloise May, Executive Director

- April is 'great outdoors' month with programs designed for kids and adults; e.g. wolf show, go fly a kite, garden design, butterfly gardening, container gardening, etc. See April *Dewey* for more information.
- May is 'Older Americans' month. A 147% increase in the 65 and over population will occur between 2000 and 2050. Arapahoe County will soon surpass Denver in numbers of the 'senior population'.

Arapahoe Park & Rec District www.aprd.org Delos Searle, Asst. District Manager

- All fields have been permitted to youth athletic fields. Additional fields are necessary to meet the need.
- The sprinkler systems will soon be activated. Call if you observe a malfunctioning sprinkler.

Fire Districts Alan Fletcher, Battalion Chief, Cunningham Fire District

- Littleton: 3 firefighters are going through training at the Fire Academy.
- Arapahoe County has enacted an 'open fire burning ban'. A few grass fires have occurred. Keep a garden hose out & mow along fences if possible. Keep access open for fire vehicles.
- Unattended burning candles remain a problem as the cause of residential fires.

- Youth Summit at Grandview High School on March 14 had over 400 attendees.
- Barbecue Safety: Propane tank needs to be secured to the barbecue. Use soap and water to check for leaks.
- Carbon monoxide: cfpd.org has information about detectors. Change batteries once a year.
- EMS open house at Station #3 on May 16, 10-1:00. There will be paramedic and ambulance demonstrations.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org
www.southmetro.org

South Suburban Park & Rec District www.sspr.org Jean Flynn Ray, Community Liaison

- 50-cent Fridays: March 27, Batting Cage at Cornerstone Park, 4-8:00 pm, 5098 S. Windermere, 16 balls (50-cents), April 17, Range Balls (50-cents) at all courses, all day.
- March 28: Hunt for Eggs in the dark at the miniature golf course. 6 pm – ages 4-10, 7 pm for ages 11+.
- April 13-17: South Suburban will celebrate Arbor Day
- April 18: Arbor Day at Gallup Park, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, a variety of activities for kids and adults, prizes.
- April 25 – Rose Pruning Workshop, War Memorial Rose Garden, 5804 S. Bemis St., 8 am-12 noon, – a free rose bush will go to the first 50 people who attend. Bring pruning shears and alcohol to disinfect shears.
- May 2: Free Tennis Carnival, 10-12:00 at Holly Tennis Center, 6651 S. Krameria Way. Find out how fast your serve is with radar. Pre-register for this event on the website.
- Blood Screening: April 14 – Lone Tree, April 15 - Goodson, April 16 - Buck, \$40, 18 years and over, 12-hour fast. 7:00-9:30 am. Results are mailed to your home.
- May 9: Highline Canal Run/Walk at deKoevend Park. Pre-register on website. The 10K, a qualifier for the Boulder-Boulder, begins at 8:00 am and 5K at 9:00 am.
- April 4-12: 10% off all passes, punch cards and personal training packages.

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com Council Members Bosier, Gardner, McClellan, Weidman

- March 30: Development Rewrite presentation, 6 pm. Joint meeting with Planning & Zoning & Council.
- Wayne Reed has located significant savings in the Land Use department.
- Working in coalition with Greenwood Village for funding to alleviate traffic problems at I-25 and Arapahoe Road.
- *Budget-in-Brief* document is available.
- Two meetings have been held re: Civic Center Park to gather citizen input for the open space. Plan is available online.
- Notification of dog license renewals was discussed.
- The *Centennial Connections* newsletter will arrive soon.

Planning and Development Update Wayne Reed, Director

- All Planning & Development services had been outsourced through 2007. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been saved by moving this department in-house. Accountability is a priority. Economic Development was moved to the City Managers Department, Use Tax collection was moved to Finance Department. The Divisions in the Planning & Development Department included the following accomplishments for 2008:
- Directors Dept.: Neighborhood Resource Guide, revised development fees; 2008 survey of local realtors on condition of local neighborhoods, completed Code Enforcement RFP, initiated customer service guidelines for all divisions.
- Long Range Planning: Central Centennial Boundary Plan Adoption; Parks, Open Space, Trails & Recreation Master Plan implementation; Southglenn Area Sub-Plan, and 2010 Census – local update of census address program.
- Planning Division: community workshops, code re-write project.
- Engineering Division: engineering issued – 57 Right Of Way Permits and 28 traffic control permits, completed design of Tagawa Access Road, 2008 Roadway Rehabilitation Project; conducted 239 inspections.
- Building Division: Issued over 4,000 permits, issued 26 new commercial permits, building inspections increased, a 20% increase in collection of permit fees [\$2.2 million], new commercial valuations were up 263% from 2007, and conducted first homeowner workshop on building decks.
- Licensing Division: issued 3,572 Licenses and collected \$255,610 in fees, Use Tax collections increased by 145%, and issues permits for bus benches and shelters.
- Code Enforcement Division: 50% increase in cases for non-sign related violations; implemented right-of- way sign ordinance and policy and removed over 2,600 signs.
- 2009 Projects & Goals: customer service surveys, 2nd edition of the Neighborhood Resource Guide, survey of neighborhoods involving local realtors, public outreach brochures, Innoprise Tracking system, Southglenn Area plan, foreclosure analysis, Civic Center Park, Open Space Master Plan, Land Development Code Re-Write, community workshops, computerized field inspection, bus bench standards & long-term agreement RFP.
- Five Workshops are planned: Building Division - deck workshop on May 19; Engineering - Transportation workshop on June 23 [how can you look at a project & address the impacts]; Code Enforcement workshop on August 25; Building Division - Basement finishes on September 19; Planning Division – Workshop on October 21.

Centennial Neighborhood Map Update Derek Stertz, Centennial GIS Technician

- HOA data sets are being consolidated into one data base. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is being used.
- Neighborhood maps were reviewed following the meeting with CenCON comments being noted.

CenCon Business - Cathy Noon, President

- Members were reminded to update their HOA information for CenCON. Over 100 HOA's exist in Centennial. Several areas of the city do not have organized HOA's. CenCON holds its election of officers in April.
- April 25 – Rebuilding Day – volunteers needed – 3-4 hr. minimum time commitment. www.rebuildingdenver.org to volunteer. Click on volunteers to sign up.

Minutes - Gerry Cummins, Secretary

- Andrea Suhaka moved to approve the February 2009 minutes. Ron Podboy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking		Savings	
Previous Balance:	\$ 448.15	Previous Balance:	\$ 2487.77
Income:	247.50	Income (Interest):	0.00
Expenses:	150.		
Closing Balance:	\$ 545.65	Closing Balance:	\$ 2487.77

Membership - Ron Podboy, 1st Vice-President

- There are 52 total members. We would like to maintain that level of membership.

Plans - C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice-President

- Valero Gas Station & Convenience Store at Arapahoe & Jordan (Aurora) is applying for a liquor license. The 'needs of the neighborhood' is the only factor that can be considered when denying a liquor license. The 'thirst needs of the neighborhood' and character of the owner/manager are the only factors that can be considered when denying a liquor license if the applicant has met all the legal qualifications. Other factors cannot be used.