



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods 4 November 02 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m. and was adjourned at 9:54 p.m. with a total of 19 members present

Arapahoe Library District – Marlu Burkamp

- Grand opening of Castlewood Xpress Library on Saturday, 23 November, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- The new 42,500 square foot Smoky Hill Library will open in February, almost 2 months early. Library is at the corner of Biscay and Smoky Hill Road. It will feature a cozy fireplace in the adult reading area
- Landscaping at the Smoky Hill Library will be a xeriscape design
- Live Homework Help is available at www.arapahoelibraries.org on Sunday through Thursday from 4:00 to 10:00 PM and on Saturday from Noon to 5:00 PM

South Suburban Park & Recreation - Jean Flynn

- Distributed a progress report from the South Suburban Park Foundation
- The first clear span pedestrian bridge in the Metro area over the South Platte River will connect the Big Dry Creek Trail with the Mary Carter Trail
- Some pieces of the trail system are missing. SSP&R needs land in Greenwood Village to complete the trails
- Wallet sized cards with "Bicycling Rules of the Road" and "Rules for Multi-Use Trails" are available from SSP&R. Contact Jean Flynn at 303-483-7016 or jeanf@ssprd.org
- Groundbreaking for the new Recreation Center at Yosemite & Lincoln will be next year
- Plans for the County Line regional park are moving forward on schedule. The methane vents are being moved, and additional dirt is being added to provide the required depth of cover material over the landfill waste. Artificial turf will be installed next April, and the project to be completed in the summer
- Regional Park will have a baseball diamond and 2 multi-purpose soccer / football fields

Arapahoe Park & Recreation - Rebecca Nash

- Working on a cost sharing program with East Cherry Creek Valley Water to upgrade the sprinkler systems in the parks
- At Highlands Park, the sprinklers will be able to take advantage of recycled "non-potable" water
- Plans for the new Recreation Center at Buckley & Orchard will be available next month. Center should open in 2004

Arapahoe Sheriff's Office - Bruce Williamson

- There have been a couple of serious accidents because of speeding, but not drag racing or DUI
- Halloween activities were subdued because of the weather
- Aggressive driving campaign was conducted for 3 weekends, and will continue to be scheduled in the future
- Information about the hazardous waste collection will be announced shortly
- There were armed robberies and assaults of teenagers at 2 local parks recently
- The Sheriff's Impact Team worked on recovering the stolen Douglas County machine gun which was recovered in Aurora
- The Sheriff's Office will hold the "Advance meeting" on 18, 21, and 22 November

Parker Fire District - Jim Drummond

- All 4 of the Fire Districts are working on plans for Homeland Security of critical infra-structures, water systems, and communications (emergency and other critical businesses)
- Fire Prevention information is available at: www.parkerfire.org.
- Home safety checklists were sent home with each child in school. If a large percentage of the checklists are signed by the parents and returned to school, Parker firefighters provide a pizza party for the school
- Automated External Defibrillators are available through Miller Life Safety for \$3368.00. Training is included. These computerized devices can be used by trained ordinary lay people to help someone having a heart attack before the professional medical rescue units arrive. Businesses and public buildings are buying more of these devices.

City of Centennial – Mayor - Randy Pye

- City has just completed a 2 day retreat. Council needs to get out of "day-to-day operational mode" and back into a "policy making mode"
- A strategic plan was developed. The "vision" for the City goes out to the year 2012
- Developed 14 principles that will guide City policies, decisions, and actions.
- 5 broad range goals were developed, covering the period out to 2008. Each goal has 5 or 6 specific objectives to accomplish by 2008
- Created "Policy Agenda" based on goals, with 7 specific issues to take action on within the next year, with 6 additional high priority items
- Created an "Action Agenda" for the year 2003
- Also created a "Management Agenda" for management & staff for year 2003. Identified 12 specific projects for service improvements and management processes
- So everyone in the City can be kept informed, the City will create a 90 day moving calendar which will show those items that the City will address and take action on in the next 90 days
- Created a "Value System" based on 5 core areas for employees, City Council, and citizens
- Also created a set of "House Rules" for interactions between the City Council members, and for interactions between the Council and citizens. Rules will be

published and displayed in City Council chambers. These rules will include a "Code of Conduct"

- A review will be held every 90 days to determine the status of "where we are" in meeting these goals and objectives. A retreat will be held in a year to plan for the next year.
- Details of this information will be published on the City's web site, probably within the next few weeks. Citizens will know "where the City is headed"

City of Centennial – Council, Ward 2 - Becky Lennon

- If residents buy merchandise outside the City and have it delivered to their home, Centennial does not get any City sales tax
- Residents of surrounding areas, who buy within the City & have home delivery, also avoid the City sales tax

City of Centennial – Council, Ward 3 - Andrea Suhaka

- Budget process has started for the year 2003. Public hearing dates will be announced
- City is still short of funds and funding for the Capital Improvement Program, especially for major road work, will be in short supply
- Because of the economy, all forms of taxes are less than originally expected

CenCON Reports - President - Cathy Noon

- Long-time CenCON representatives Bob Ross and Ty Henken are retiring
- CenCON will gather more information concerning Officer and Director liability insurance
- CenCON will also re-examine the 501-C3 non-profit status with the IRS. Mike Sutherland volunteered to help with this
- On 11 November, a schedule of snow plowing for City streets will be available. Copies will be available at the next meeting
- Status list of major road projects will be sent to all members, and also put on the CenCON web site
- Serious problems continue with URS. Information is not getting sent to the HOAs. Cannot determine what procedures should be followed in getting information distributed. Not sure if CenCON is getting all the developer plans
- Citizens who attend the Planning & Zoning meetings have the impression that the required preliminary work is not done by URS, and meetings are being extended to 5 and 6 hours trying to resolve issues that should be completed before the P&Z meeting. The City is getting a bad reputation
- The meetings are perceived as adversarial between Land Use (URS) and the citizens. Questions are raised at the meeting, but answers are not available and there is no time to explore the issue. Policies / Procedures / Process need to be established for Land Use and this information provided to all citizens
- CenCON comments are based on the plans as received. After submittal of comments, there are no plan updates provided to CenCON and at P&Z meetings, the comments don't apply to the revised plans
- Land Use appears to only look at technical specifications, and not the overall impact of the development

- 15 November meeting concerning "land use" issues with Andrea Suhaka, John Pazour, Tom Rounds, Cathy Noon, and Brad Calbert will try to resolve these problems

- Treasurer - Gerry Cummins

Checking account		Savings account	
Previous balance:	\$ 509.83	Previous balance:	\$ 2074.85
Income	\$ 0.00	Income (Dues)	\$ 135.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00	(Interest)	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 509.83	Closing Balance	\$ 2209.85

- Secretary - Frank Green

- It was moved by Mike Sutherland and seconded by Gerry Cummins that the October minutes be approved. Approval was unanimous

- Membership - Michael Kirrane

- Contact was made with those members who have not been attending the meetings, and also those who have not yet paid the annual dues. Several HOAs have not responded; they will be placed on an inactive status
- A member inventory was distributed to all members. This information will be used to help determine requirements for a new classification for groups of homeowners who wish to be represented by CenCON. A suggested name for the class is CenCON Association. These groups do not presently have a formal HOA, but would like to be represented in CenCON
- CenCON wants to have this issue resolved before the end of the year

- Plans - Plans Committee

- Plans committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the CenCON meeting at Brad Calbert's office, near I-225 & Iliff.
- 3 plans were discussed briefly. Plans Committee will provide summary pages for each plan, which will be distributed to each CenCON member
- Presentation made by Peter Kudla from Metropolitan Homes for proposed development at Orchard Road, just west of Quebec (in-fill project)

Next meeting: **2 December 02, 6:45 p.m.**

CenCON Web Site: www.cencon.net