



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – September 24, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon at 6:50 pm and adjourned at 9:05 pm with 18 members present.

Arapahoe County Sheriff Bruce Williamson

- Department is now quadruple accredited in 4 areas with 100% compliance, a measure of high standards. Award will be at CLEA conference in November.
- Contract negotiations are ongoing between sheriff's office and City of Centennial.
- Crimes: office burglaries at Arapahoe & Spruce, Arapahoe and Colorado, and 8100 block of S. Holly.
- Reminder: Secure doors and windows at night to help prevent burglaries.
- Commodity metals are being stolen from construction sites. A recent crime involved a major sprinkler system made of copper. Current legislation requires salvage yards to get ID from anyone selling metal commodities.
- www.arapahoesherriff.org

Arapahoe Library District Eloise May, Executive Director

- The kickoff event for the 'Big Read', a National Endowment for the Arts award, is October 9, 5:30-7:00 pm at Aurora Comm. College. 'Fahrenheit451' by Ray Bradbury, is the book selected for this series. Other speakers: David Harsanyi, Denver Post; Howie Movshovitz, film critic; Hillari Bell, sci-fi author; and Chris Crutcher.
- 2007 Storytelling Extravaganza , a day of activities for kids, October 13, 10 am – 6:00 pm, Curtis Arts Center
- Book Sale – added an extra day, and with the help of volunteers, raised \$40,000.
- October 18 - day to sign up online for the meeting rooms in the library. 1st priority goes to those online. A 'how-to' training session on the website will be: Oct. 8, Koelbel Library, 9-10 am, and Oct. 10, 9-10 am at Smoky Hill Library.
- www.arapahoelibraries.org

Fire Districts Michael Dell 'Orfano, Interim Fire Chief, South Metro

- September was National Preparedness Month. CERT program is an opportunity to assist with preparedness in the community. The next class is in October. Sign up: Mandy Reed, 720-488-7163 or Sheriff's website.
- October is Fire Prevention Month. Departments will be working with youth in the schools on fire prevention. Theme for the month is 'Practice Your Escape Plan'. NFPA.org has more info available for escape plans. With the change of clocks, it is time to change the batteries in smoke detectors. Use of carbon monoxide detectors are encouraged.

- Cunningham FD will have a Pancake Breakfast & Open House on Oct. 6, Fire Station #2, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
- Thank you to all who supported the muscular dystrophy drive. South Metro raised \$87,000.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org www.southmetro.org

South Suburban Park & Rec District Jean Flynn

- Budget review will be Oct. 10, 7:30 pm, Goodsen Rec Center. Comments may be made on website.
- SSPRD will host 3 blood screenings from 7:00-9:30 am at 3 locations: Oct. 16 at Lone Tree, Oct. 17 at Goodsen, and Oct. 18 at Buck Center. Reservations may be made but walk-ins welcome. \$35/person. Fast is required. See website.
- Kids: Family Sports Center – Fall Festival of Fun, deep discounts on all activities beginning on Sept. 27-Oct. 7.
- Spooktacular at Goodsen on Friday, October 26, 5:30-8:30 pm for ages 11 and under. Spooktoddler for those 5yr. and under with a haunted house and a monster's mash, tattoos, carnival, etc. Can prepay online for \$4, or \$6 at the door.
- CenCON submitted a letter of support for a grant for expansion of the fields at the Dave Lorenz Park.
- Comment: Cherry Knolls Park is heavily used and is affecting parking in nearby residential neighborhoods.
- www.sspr.org

City of Centennial Gail Carissimi, Citizen Liaison

- Visioning Project 2030 committee will meet from 10-3 at Embassy Suites on September 29. Agenda will include: Environment, Economic Health, City Services, and Quality of Life /Citizen Engagement.
- Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan is nearly done. Thanks to Jim Levy for his work on the Plan.
- New Website will be up and running the first part of November. It will be more user-friendly & give the city the capability to track citizen requests and complaints.
- Ward I meeting on October 13, 9-11:00 am at Southglenn Library. Meet the candidates.
- Streets of Southglenn – Ward I residents and others are invited to Southglenn Development Office for an update on Thursday, October 18, 6:00 pm. Don Provost & David Goldberg will present info. Update on City Visioning Project.
- Home Rule Commission – 21 of 35 candidates will be elected to this Commission on November 6.
- www.centennialcolorado.org

Arapahoe Urban Center Plan Wayne Reed, Director of Planning, Centennial

- Wayne Reed introduced Gary Wilson, Long Range Planning Assistant, and Corri Spiegel, Economic Development Director. He thanked the council for supporting a management staff for the planning department and for considering how to move forward in the department.

- Arapahoe Urban Sub-Area Plan - Overview of a Long Range Planning Project to create sustainable, urban, mixed use, and pedestrian friendly districts. The area consists of about 200 acres west of I-25 and straddles Arapahoe Road. The boundaries are: Quebec on the west, the commercial/retail area south of Arapahoe Rd on the south including the SW corner of I-25 & Arapahoe, and Caley on the north. There are 4 sub districts in this area.
- Centennial's vision is kept in mind when working on a sub area plan. Analysis of the area included Greenwood Village which has an affluent population & high paying jobs. Developers think of doing a high quality project in adjacent neighborhoods. The 20-story hotel currently under construction is high end. Adjacent planning should be of the same quality on the city side of the line.
- Arapahoe at Village Center Light Rail Station is an intense area characterized by multi use housing, multi-story tall buildings. Dry Creek Station is less intense.
- Elements considered in the plan: 1) Urban Design, 2) Land Use, 3) Transportation, 4) Economic Development.
- **District 1:** – (Area near Coors Amphitheater) transit oriented development district – restricted by what is in place for office development - recommend a shift to a mix of uses, not just employment, add tall, high quality residential buildings by specifying a minimum height of 7 stories in a transit oriented environment to drive home ownership but not taller than Plaza 1 Tower.
- Comments: height considerations, placement of buildings of varying heights, consideration of the base height of a building.
- **District 2:** (South of Caley, adjacent to Quebec) Mixed-use walkable urban neighborhood. A maximum of 7-story heights & provide a variety of housing options. This area would be a redevelopment of commercial offices with building densities and land uses within walking distance of the light rail station to provide high quality condos & townhomes.
- Comments: Stage the heights of the buildings giving consideration to surrounding residential neighborhoods.
- **District 3:** (Commercial/Retail Area on the north & south side of Arapahoe Road) – encourage the re-development of the area along Arapahoe Road. The south side of Arapahoe would be restricted to small scale retail.
- Comments: retail on south side of Arapahoe was discouraged in the past due to traffic, noise, and night lighting. Any development should list a minimum of 2 stories and maximum 5 stories.
- **District 4:** (SW corner of I-25 and Arapahoe) – promote quality commercial development in this area east of Yosemite. Plan would promote an iconic building opportunity to balance the Plaza 1 Tower to become a major activity center. Part of the Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, there is a proposed road underpass I-25 from Yosemite curve to Costilla in the long term.
- **Timeline for adoption:** September 26 -Planning and Zoning will take comments, October 1 - Council Study Session presentation, October 10 – Planning and Zoning for approval, October 15 – Council consideration.
- Comment: People who live here will want to protect their properties of what they have from major changes & impacts.
- *More Information:* centennialcolorado.com Go to: Planning & Development, News, Arapahoe Sub Area Plan

CenCON Business Cathy Noon, President

- Arapahoe County Public Meetings: Oct. 18, 7-9 pm, Grandview High School; Oct. 25, 7-9 pm, Powell Middle School.
- September 26, Environmental work report on Honeywell Property: Comfort Suites, 7060 E. County Line Road 5-8 pm.

Fall Workshop: "Planning 101": Workshop by Wayne Reed to learn how the planning process works. It would be open to all CenCON members and Centennial citizens. Date: November 7, 6:00 – 9:00. Location to be determined.

Bylaw Change: 30 yes votes approved a change in the bylaws to create the position of president pro-tem.

Election of President Pro Tem: Rhonda Livingston was elected President Pro Tem.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

It was moved by Ron Podboy and seconded by Lynn Leader to approve the minutes of August 27, 2007. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking		Savings	
Previous Balance:	\$ 1364.37	Previous Balance:	\$ 2951.97
Expenses:	260.00		
Closing Balance:	\$ 1104.37	Closing Balance:	\$ 2951.97

Next Meeting: October 22, 2007, 6:45 p.m.