



February 26, 6:45 pm, in person or on Zoom  
**City of Centennial's Public Works Facility**

### Minutes

1. **Call to order:** Vice President Rhonda Livingston called the meeting to order at 6:48pm. Attendance (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres	Cherry Knolls	Fairways@SSFoxRidge
Greenwood South	Hanover Place	Hunters Hill
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Palos Verdes (2)	Ridgeview Hills North
Tiffany	Village @ Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2	

- Guests: Arapahoe County Commissioner & staff member, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Deputy, Centennial City Council, South Suburban Parks and Rec. District
- Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
- CenCON will not be able to meet in the Library Admin. building after 1 Jan. due to renovation

2. **CenCON Business**

A. President's Report, ([C.J.Whelan](#)) Whelan was out of town and unable to Zoom in.

B. Vice President, Membership: [Andrew Spaulding](#) had a family emergency and was not present

C. Vice President, Plans: [Rhonda Livingston](#). Livingston was present and chaired the meeting.

- She discussed the Project Cure service project in more detail and distributed a sheet of the items needed. This list will be in the email.
- She, also, discussed our 22 July Field Trip to the Project Cure facility to learn about what they do and help pack some supplies. Bring the supplies you've collected to the facility with you or, if you won't be able to attend the field trip, you may deliver them to one of the officers.

D. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the 22 Jan. 2024 minutes as emailed. (Kitchens/Summerhill)

E. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)

- The Finance Report (and the report for the 2023-24 membership year) is linked in the email with these minutes.
- We currently have 32 members, which generate \$1280. That's over \$500 more than what we've taken in. We should raise the dues \$10. Our biggest expense is the field trip (Do we put out a donation jar?) running over \$500. We need more members (Ask your friends in other neighborhoods who their association president/chair is so we can contact them.) Suhaka will send out our membership list.

- Moore: Wasn't that Andrew's job? Yes, but he's not having a lot of luck.
- Rosser: Associations already have difficulty in finding board members.
- Maurer: CenCON needs more PR. Articles in our local newspapers.
- Livingston posted on NextDoor, did you get it? Let us know. That is one PR source.
- Biniek: You could write an op ed for a newspaper or a Letter to the Editor.
- Invite the journalist at Centennial Citizen to attend.
- Suhaka: We can ask if we can do a Small Neighborhood Grant to pay for the field trip meal.
- George Hamilton made a motion to raise the dues \$10. It was seconded by Cummins and passed unanimously. We'll have a special deal, if your association pays before 1 April they can still pay \$40.
- Whelan has also created a CenCON Facebook page.

E. VP of Plans, [Rhonda Livingston](#). See above.

3. **Centennial Government and Special Districts** (We have asked our special district guests to limit their comments to 7 minutes.)

A. [18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District](#), [Aurora Ogg](#), Director of Community Engagement: Not present.

B. Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Bureau Chief [Ken McKlem](#) or Lt. Burson. Not present.

C. South Suburban Parks & Rec. District, [Michelle Kitchens](#)

- Activities are listed in the South Suburban flyer attached with these minutes.
- There will be an April rose pruning class at the Memorial Rose Garden in Littleton.
- The mini golf course at Windermere & Belleview will be closed through 4/12.
- South Suburban also offers grants for HOA improvements on SSPRD properties. (*Andrea: I'm sorry, I couldn't find the link on the website.*)
- Maurer: Will you be doing anything on composting? Michelle: There have been classes in the past but none are scheduled right now.

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Assigned staff

1. **'Meet & Move' community walking group**

- When: Second & fourth Wed., 9:30-10:30am, April-Oct.  
Where: Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial  
Who: Teens & adults
  - The library's popular "meet and move" community walking group will start up again in April.
  - We'll explore the trails & neighborhoods around Koelbel Library.
  - Enjoy good conversations, meet new people, and connect with neighbors & library staff.
  - The walking group is for teens and adults, but all ages are welcome.

2. **'Music Sparks Memories' concert**

- When: Fri., April 12, 1-2pm  
Where: Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial  
Who: Adults & older adults
  - Join us for "Music Sparks Memories," a dementia-friendly concert with The Denver Brass 5.
  - The quintet will play familiar favorites that spark memories, inspire, and leave people with a sense of well-being and contentment.
  - If you or someone you know are living with dementia, we invite you to join us for a relaxed afternoon of music and community.

### 3. **'The Quiet Epidemic': film screening & community conversation**

- When: Friday, April 19, 1-3:30 pm | Wednesday, April 24, 5:30- 8 pm  
Where: Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial
  - Arapahoe Libraries will host 2 screenings of *The Quiet Epidemic*.
  - The award-winning documentary follows a search for answers about chronic Lyme disease, a disease said, at first, not to exist.
  - The screenings will be followed by a community conversation with experts from the Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Assoc.

### 4. **Free seed library**

- When: March 4-early June  
Where: All libraries  
Who: All ages
  - Spring is just around the corner, and so is planting season!
  - If you are looking to do some gardening, Arapahoe Libraries invites you to visit the free seed library.
  - Starting March 4, visit any library to pick up free seeds & gardening resources, while supplies last.
  - Pick from a variety of seeds – basil, squash, sunflowers and more – all of which can be grown in Colorado.
  - The library will also host monthly events with Tagawa Gardens for tips on indoor or outdoor gardening.
  - The events are free and open to all ages.
  - For more information, visit [arapahoelibraries.org/seed-library](http://arapahoelibraries.org/seed-library).

### 5. **Featured artist: Latasha Greene**

- When: Thurs., May 2, 6-8pm  
Where: Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial  
Who: Teens & Adults
  - Join us for a reception in honor of Arapahoe Libraries 2024 featured artist, Latasha Greene.
  - Greene is a Denver-based painter & illustrator who shares her passion for the outdoors through art.
  - It will begin with an artist talk, followed by a reception and viewing of the gallery. Light refreshments will be served.
  - Arapahoe Libraries Featured Artist program showcases the work of a local artist who uses their art to shed light on diverse communities, discuss history or social justice, and spark important conversations.

6. Arapahoe Libraries events are free and open to the public. All events are posted on the library website during the month prior. To save your spot or for more information, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

### 7. **About Arapahoe Libraries**

Arapahoe Libraries includes eight community libraries, a jail library and a Library on Wheels in Arapahoe County, Colorado. For more information, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org).

### E. **City of Centennial, Council member District 2 Tammy Maurer**

- Please, see the info sheet on the bills below linked with these minutes.
- **Cities oppose these bills (HB24-1152), it's about the how not the what...**
  - These policy questions should be debated and decided upon at the local level.

- A one size fits all State policy fails to recognize the unique conditions of individual municipalities.
- Once a State law exists, getting it amended or repealed is difficult.
- Residents of cities and towns should not have to appeal to a state agency or the legislature if something is not working.
- Centennial has been working with the public on an ADU (accessory dwelling unit) ordinance for more than a year.
  - Centennial has done a study to show how much parking is needed to accommodate proposed land uses; it also allows an approach to the City if the study misses the mark.
  - Centennial is working with property owners to consider more residential density adjacent to light rail, while also considering infrastructure constraints and other factors.
  - Should Centennial fail to meet the standards and goals set out in the bill regarding transit oriented communities, it could lose approximately \$4M annually in Highway User Tax Funds meant for street & bridge maintenance.
- Kolker hasn't taken a position, Ortiz is all about housings, Clifford? Is new.
- Kitchens: If HOAs are taken out of it, will that help? Maurer: No, not really. Most developments built since 1970 are HOAs.
- Taxes: Centennial property tax is .508 mills. The rest of your property tax bill consists of special districts, e.g., fire, water, library, schools, County... This money does not come to Centennial!

F. Arapahoe County Commissioner Jeff Baker, County District 3 (east end of the City +)

- Is the County raising taxes? No decision has been made, yet, but the County is actively researching possible ways to raise more money, i.e., Debrucing, sales tax, raising property tax. All of these must be voted on by the residents of the County. Did polling last year, doing it again this year. County monies are used for roads & bridges in the County, tax collecting infrastructure, voting infrastructure. Some money is shared back to the municipalities for road & bridge, already. I personally believe that any remedy on which we vote should sunset and should have a share back component. Arapahoe is one of only a few counties (*It was nclear if the number was 6 or 16*) that haven't already Debruced.
- A question was asked about the security of the elections. Baker assured us that our elections are very secure.

#### 4. Planned Program

- **Homeless Program in Centennial**, Vanessa Gates, Arapahoe County Homeless Outreach Coordinator & **Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office**, Capt. Gully
- Gates presented a great PowerPoint on what the Homelessness Coordinator does and it was very impressive.
- She does street Outreach, on trails, under bridges, at light rail stations.
- Centennial is lucky in that it only has about 7 encampments.
- She helps get people their benefits, SNAP.
- She has 4 Goals:
  - Reduce the number of homeless.
  - Reduce the number of children in homelessness.
  - Find affordable housing, housing resources for those who need it.
  - Alleviate the number of encampments.

5. **Plans**, [Rhonda Livingston](#), 2nd Vice President
  - ***Rhonda can email site plan details to anyone who requests them.*** You can also check [www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial](http://www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial) to see what's happening.
6. **Adjourn:** Livingston adjourned the. Meeting at 8:43pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

**25 March meeting:  
Trails Rec. Center  
16799 E. Lake Ave. 80015**