



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – April 2008

The meeting was called to order by Rhonda Livingston, President Pro-Tem, at 6:49 pm with 22 members present & adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesherriff.org Lt. Ray Torres

- Operation Shoulder Tap canvassed liquor stores for under age purchase of alcohol.
- Arrests were made for fighting following a private youth league basketball game at Eagle Crest H.S. on 4/28/08.
- Tagging incidents: numerous cars & other objects were tagged in 7000 block of E. Berry. A graffiti team removes graffiti to keep neighborhoods clean and safe. Some reward is available for information leading to apprehension.

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

- Arapahoe Library statistics: 200 adult volunteers & about that many teen volunteers with 32,805 hours of service worth \$607,000. Volunteers shelved over 650,000 books, taught 131 computer classes, delivered 7000 items to homebound patrons, read to preschoolers in daycare, sorted over 75,000 donated books, & raised \$100,000 at used book stores.
- Summer reading begins on May 31.
- DVD's are going into locking cases as about 25/month being lost or stolen. Locking mechanism is opened at checkout.

Arapahoe Park and Rec District www.aprd.org Rebecca Nash, Board Member

- New pedestrian bridge near Orchard & Buckley is complete. It was built high due to a horse crossing below bridge.
- New athletic fields are going in at Spring Creek Park.
- The trail system between Piney Creek Hollow and E-470 is under construction.

Fire Districts Chief Jerry Rhodes, Cunningham

- Fire Prevention: homes close to an interface area should keep the grass mowed. Any trees close to houses should have all dead limbs and dry pine needles removed. Common flammable materials: potted plants with peat moss, turkey roasters on wood decks and wood frame homes.
- Call 911 & be a good consumer: call 911 between 3:00 and 5:00 am, especially on Sunday morning, to make certain the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Dept. answers the phone. From a cell phone, make certain it is the sheriff's office that answers. If not, ask to be forwarded to the Sheriff's office. If Arapahoe sheriff does not answer, report it to Mike Wheeler 303.795.4711. If VOIP – do the same

thing. Also verify they have the correct address with other services such as Comcast.

- South Metro and Parker Fire Dist. Boards approved an IGA to form a Fire District Authority with benchmarks for implementation. The agreement outlines plans for implementation of merging staffs with combined operations beginning Jan. 1, 2009. Detailed information is available on both district's websites.
- May 10: Fallen Firefighter's Memorial event in Lakewood's Belmar Park at 10:30 am.
- April 30: Baskin Robbins will be doing a fundraiser for Fallen Firefighters Foundation from 5 -10 pm.
- May 6: elections for board members.
- May 18, Cunningham Station #3 will host an open house from 11:00-2:00. Hudson Gardens Walk/Run.
- Democratic National Convention: training is ongoing and can be utilized for many community events.
- Propane tanks on decks in multi-family dwellings are against the code. One-pound cylinders are permitted. Enforcement is done by code enforcement with backup from fire department.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org
www.southmetro.org

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

- Spring Fling, May 10: can play numerous games full size e.g. chess, hi-ho cherry-o, chutes & ladders, etc., Activities & games follow the Highline Canal 5K run/walk sponsored by Tony's Meats at 8 am. deKoevend Park. Large foil-wrapped burritos are hidden on South Suburban trails throughout the district.
- May 6 - board election, polling locations: Lone Tree city offices, Buck and Goodson Rec Centers, South Suburban Golf Course & Littleton golf & Tennis Club.
- '101 days of Summer Fun' targets youth & 65 + with unlimited admission to pools and Rec Centers for \$100. Pools open on May 24.

Cherry Creek Schools www.cherrycreekschools.org **Wendy DeBell**

- Over 70% of homeowners in the district no longer have children in schools.
- Cherry Creek H.S. (parents & students) invites the community into the school to enjoy activities (plays, etc).
- Board of Directors approved a bond and budget election in November. The bond will fund construction of 3 new elementary schools; upgrades in electrical, mechanical & plumbing; & renovation to 18 schools at a cost of \$203 Million. The \$18 Million budget portion would fund operations, installation of GPS on buses plus safety and security measures. The proposal will cost the average household an additional \$5/month in property taxes. For more information contact: wdebell@cherrycreekschools.org

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com **Gail Carissimi, Citizens Liaison**

- Election judges are needed for the Home Rule Charter election. Information is on the website.

- Mayor Pye's 'State of City' speech is on the website. Pye & Coffee: May 1 and May 15, 6:00-8:00
- Centennial's 'Spring Fling', May 10, 10 – 4 pm and is cosponsored with South Suburban.
- Piney Creek Trail pedestrian bridge is open.
- Rick Coldsnow, city staff, announced a public meeting about Arapahoe Road between Waco & Himalaya on May 8, 7:00 pm. at Grandview H.S. Call Rick at 303-754-3459 for more information.
- May 22 – Corridor Study for Parker Road, 5:00-7:30, Shalom Park Retirement Community.

Arapahoe County Jim Dyer, County Commissioner

- A need to expand the jail and court rooms which can be paid for out of current resources.
- Surface Water adjudication on Blue Mesa reservoir in 1957. Attempts are being made to secure that water.

Peakview Heights (Peakview & Syracuse) Kris Barnes, Resolute Investments & Al Colussi

Al Colussi described the development on the 10-acre property, as a transition zone. The Sub Area Plan for the area encompasses Greenwood Village boundaries & includes higher densities and higher buildings along the light rail corridor. The proposal includes: two 4-story residential buildings (400 dwelling units@1000 sq. ft.) with a parking garage abutting Syracuse with retail (8,000-12,000 sq. ft) on the lower level. A 14-story office tower is proposed on the eastern part of the property with a second parking garage on the south. (A 25-story office tower is a possibility.) A 1-1/2 acre open space park is proposed to buffer residential and office areas. By providing additional residential, the shopping center on Arapahoe Rd. will become a market area for those properties and experience commercial development. Public Presentation: May 1, Castlewood Library 5:30-6:45.

Concerns: traffic impact on Arapahoe, Quebec, Peakview & Syracuse; parking for the public for the retail shops.

CenCON Business

Rhonda Livingston:

Election of Officers: After nominations were closed, Michael Kirrane moved that the current board be re- elected by acclamation. Don Doerr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Elected: Cathy Noon, president; Rhonda Livingston, President Pro Tem; Ron Podboy, 1st Vice President, Jim Levy, 2nd Vice President, Don Strickland, Treasurer; Gerry Cummins, Secretary.

Site Planning Workshop Review: Great deal of information was presented and positive comments about the presentation and staff were received.

Ron Podboy, 1st Vice Pres.: Reviewed the status of HOA's who have renewed/not renewed their CenCON membership.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

Andrea Suhaka moved to approve the March 2008 minutes. Lynn Leader seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking		Savings	
Previous Balance:	\$ 944.82	Previous Balance:	\$ 2484.21
Income: (Dues)	510.00	Income (Interest):	0.98
Expenses:	150.00		
Closing Balance:	\$ 1304.82	Closing Balance:	\$ 2485.19

Plans Jim Levy, 2nd Vice President

- Two plans have been submitted for comment-one by Tagawa Gardens for a trailhead. Information will soon go out to CenCON members for comment
- .City website has many plans available for the public to review.
- Southglenn Sub Area Plan meeting on Wednesday, April 30, at Newton Middle School.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 19, 2008