



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS
August 27, 2012 – 6:45 pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order: 6:45

- Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm and asked all present to introduce themselves.
- Attendance: Members

Arapahoe Highlands	Bristol Cove 2 (3)	FoxRidge
Hanover Place	Heritage Place	Homestead Farm
Homestead Farm II	Hunters Hill (2)	Hunter Hill Condos
Mira Vista	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S	Piney Creek
Ridgeview Hills North	The Knolls	Tiffany
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek II	Willow Creek III
- Attendance: Guests
 Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Park & Rec. Dist., Centennial City Council (Cathy Noon, Mayor; Ron Weidmann, Dist. 4), Centennial Staff (Bob Widner), Littleton Fire Dist., South Suburban Park & Rec. Dist., 3 resident guests

II. Guest Comments

- A. Arapahoe County Sheriff, Deputy Steve Rolen
 - <http://www.arapahoesherriff.org>
 - The ACSO has just finished its accreditation process. This is based on Best Practices models. Early indications are that the department passed with flying colors. The ACSO is subject to five accreditations.
 - There was a robbery at the King Sooper's at Dry Creek & University. The next day, the UNB Bank was robbed and it appears to be by the same person. The suspect may also be the same person who was robbing banks last summer.
 - Valero Station on Smoky Hill Rd. was a victim of a "smash and grab".
 - Operation Safe Start is underway for the beginning of the school year.
 - Reminder – lock garages – thefts tend to increase during the fall.
- B. Arapahoe Library District, Reed Osborne
 - <http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/>
 - May was not able to attend tonight. She's retiring on 31 Aug.
 - The annual used books sale, put on by the Friends Group, will be held at Koelbel Library, 6 – 9 Sept.
 - Chalk-it-Up to Education Art Festival will be held 8 Sept., 10 am-7pm at the South-glenn Library.
 - The Teen Question Contest is back again and will take place 14 Sept., 9 am-9 pm. Teens may send up to 10 questions to Library Answer Squad. The most original questions will have a chance of winning. Winning question gets an iPad and there are many other prizes, as well.
 - There's a new back-to-school resource: Grow Your Own Line database for homework help, for grade 3 and up. It'll be up and running 1 Sept.
- C. Arapahoe Park & Rec District, DeLos Searle
 - <http://www.aprd.org>

- The Fall/Winter catalog is out and can be found on line. District residents can begin registering for classes 27 Aug.
 - Back again, at Spring Creek Park; there will be a Touch a Truck event, 20 Oct.
 - APRD will hold a free community event on 29 Sept., the 2nd Annual Fitness & Wellness Fair, 9:30am -1:30pm, Trails Recreation Center
 - Triple Threat Youth Recreational Basketball Leagues are signing up now and designed for youth of all ages and abilities. Players will be placed on teams. Leagues include qualified officiating/coaches, game t-shirts, discount coupons, giveaways and more. Fee per session: \$65 Dist. (\$93 N-Dist.)
 - Registration Deadline:
 - ◆ Sep 24 #5474 Sat Oct 13 – Nov 17 Coed (5-7 yrs)
 - ◆ #5484 Sun., Oct. 14 – Nov. 18 Coed (8-10 yrs)
 - ◆ Registration Deadline: Sept. 14
- D. Fire Districts, Richard Caudill
- <http://www.cfpd.org>, <http://www.littletongov.org/fire>, <http://www.southmetro.org>
 - Littleton FD has applied for a grant to hire 6 new fire fighters.
 - Littleton & Englewood are studying a plan to combine services.
 - Littleton has ordered new medic unit – bigger, multi-use.
 - They're preparing for accreditation – looks for needed services and current performance
- E. South Suburban Park & Rec District, Teresa Cope
- <http://www.SSPR.org>
 - They're working on the 2013 Budget. District invites attendance at next board meeting, 12 Sept., 7pm, Goodson Rec. Center or via website. Please share ideas.
 - They're updating the Strategic Action Plan; it should be updated every 3-5 years. All are invited to participate at community outreach workshop 10 or 11 Sept., 7 – 8 pm, South Denver Chamber office at Streets at SouthGlenn. Come share ideas.
- F. City of Centennial
- <http://www.centennialcolorado.com>
 - Mayor Noon
 - Centennial has been ranked #49 for best place to live for cities between 50,000 and 300,000 in *Money Magazine*. This is the first time city has been ranked. More information on the rankings is available on the City's website.
 - An I-25 West Corridor Master Plan community meeting will be held 18 Sept. 6:30 pm at the Innovation Pavilion, 9200 E. Mineral Ave., 80112. The focus is the area abutting I-25, south of Arapahoe Rd. to County Line.
 - C470 Corridor Coalition will begin holding community meetings to consider funding options and to ultimately reach a consensus on a plan to pay for implementing C-470 improvements. The next community meetings will be held 26 Sept., 6:30-8 pm at Homestead Elementary & 27 Sept., 6:30-8 pm, at the Lone Tree Arts Center.
 - Upcoming lane closures will take place at Arapahoe Rd. and Havana, Lima, Peoria and Revere to implement lane changes. The work should be complete by end of Oct.
 - The Senior Commission will hold one more forum on Wed., 29 Aug., 10:30 am, at the Southglenn Library.
 - The Arapahoe County Council on Aging will sponsor a Senior Resource Day at Buck Rec. Center in Littleton on 12 Oct. Dottie Lamm will be the guest speaker.
 - Last Sat., the City hosted an event at Centennial Center Park to honor Missy Franklin and other Olympians. The Governor, Mayor, legislators, City Council,

elected representatives from many Front Range communities were in attendance plus 6 Olympians. The event was a success, with approximately 2000 people in attendance, and was put together in two days. It can be viewed on line.

- Missy Franklin was presented with a “Missy Franklin” City of Centennial street sign at a Heritage Greens event in her honor.
- I-25/Arapahoe Rd. Environmental Assessment Executive Committee will meet on 7 Sept., 2pm, at the County building on Lima St.
- The Open Space Advisory Board has been tasked with deciding on the most important projects on which to spend Centennial open space dollars. The list will be forwarded to City Council to review and decide.

II. Centennial City Manager, John Danielson: was not able to attend.

III. City of Centennial Ballot Question, Bob Widner, City Attorney

- City Attorney Bob Widner gave a presentation on TABOR to educate folks on City Council’s ballot question that will ask voters to decide on a question about TABOR.
- How does TABOR work? TABOR is the Tax Payer Bill of Rights. In 1992 the Colorado Constitution was amended by TABOR. The passage of TABOR came after a period of healthy years of government growth. The group supporting TABOR wanted to limit growth of government, put the issue on ballot, and it passed.
- TABOR requires that increases in tax rates and debts be approved by public vote. This part of TABOR cannot be changed and is not the subject of the upcoming ballot issue.
- TABOR also imposes limits on the growth of government and limits the amount of money government can collect. TABOR requires governments to look at a single base year to figure out how much money was collected in revenue. Then, in the following year, government can spend what was collected in the prior year, plus a bit more to account for the inflation factor. Thereafter, every year, governments must determine what can be spent in the upcoming year, based on what was spent in the prior year. This means that if the amount brought in in a year goes down, there is less to spend the next year.
- Governments can only keep what the growth factor allows them to keep and the remainder must be returned to the citizens. TABOR requires the refund to citizens to be accomplished in a “reasonable manner”. This could mean mailing out checks to tax payers, holding free zoo days, or reducing mill levies.
- Another alternative, used by a majority of communities with excess revenue, is to ask the voters to waive the refund requirements of TABOR. TABOR allows governments to ask voters to allow government to waive certain requirements of TABOR and allow new money generated to be spent instead of being refunded. Waivers can be done in many ways, including for specific taxes or specific time frames.
- TABOR and Centennial. Centennial has revenue generated by sales tax, use tax, property tax, highway user tax, Arapahoe County Open Space grants, franchise fees, developer fees, passport fees, etc.
- In 2006, Centennial asked voters to increase the tax rate and approve a refund waiver for sales, property and use taxes. The waiver applied for 2001-2006, and these three taxes were exempt from TABOR. Sales, property and use taxes account for 65% of taxes collected. The other 35% of taxes, grants and fees went into the refund box and were later waived until the end of 2013.

- City council wants to ask voters in Nov. to permanently waive TABOR on the remaining 35% of taxes, but only because of the “ratchet down” effect, otherwise known as “deBrucing.” However, if voters waive TABOR, it is not necessarily permanent because the current or future City Council could later go back to voters and ask to reinstate TABOR.
- The Nov. ballot issue will ask, “Without increasing taxes, will you allow the city to waive TABOR as to all city revenues.” However, the waiver really only applies to the 35% referenced above. Why vote in favor? Economies are cyclical. With TABOR, cities must think year to year and grow by small amounts. Unfortunately, the need for services provided by governments do not in change bad or good economies – services do not know the economic cycles. Also, refunds would most likely be minimal, i.e., \$1.75 to \$15 per person versus need to fill potholes.

IV. HOA Forum: Where CenCON members can share questions and problems: skipped

V. CenCON Business

A. President’s report, Gerry Cummins:

- Mayor Noon covered most of it.
- C470 Coalition. C470 improvements need to go from I25 to Kipling. The next Advisory Comm. Meeting will be 9/7 at SEBP. The Comm. is looking at adding an additional lane in each direction. This would probably involve a toll to pay the \$200,000,000 price tag. We’ll look into having a presentation in Sept.

B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka: not present

- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the 25 June and 23 July minutes as revised and emailed.

C. Treasurer's report, C.J. Whelan

❖ 23 July 2012

Previous <u>Checking Account</u> Balance (from June)	\$ 1283.80
Deposits: Dues – 7/23 deposit ¹	\$ 150.00
Expenses:	<none>
Current Balance	\$ 1433.80
Previous <u>Savings Account</u> Balance (from June)	\$ 2418.21
Income: Interest 6/30/2012	\$ 0.29
Current Balance	\$ 2418.50

Dues¹: FoxRidge IA, Willow Creek I HOA, Bella Vista Villas HOA, Orchard Drive HOA, The Hills at Piney Creek HOA.

❖ 27 August

Previous <u>Checking Account</u> Balance (from July)	\$ 1433.80
Deposits:	<none>
Expenses: Reimbursement to Gerry Cummins for (\$ 305.32) Meal during July “field trip” to Civic Center Park.	
Reimbursement to Andrea Suhaka for (\$ 41.74) Supplies during July “field trip” to Civic Center Park	
Current Balance	\$ 1,086.74
Previous <u>Savings Account</u> Balance (from July)	\$ 2418.50
Income: Interest	<none>
Current Balance	\$ 2418.50

Note: All accounts are located at First National Bank, 7777 E. Arapahoe Rd

D. First Vice President, Membership, Andrea Suhaka: not present

VI. 2nd Vice President, Plans, Ed Bain

- Community Meetings: T-Mobile, 5 sites with modification to antennas
- Highlands Baptist Church, 1510 E. Phillips, parking lot expansion
- FDP for commercial building, NE corner of Colorado Blvd. & Dry Creek
 - 5500 sq. foot building, one story, 360° architecture
- Site Plan for SE corner of University Blvd. & Dry Creek
 - Location of old Southglenn library. 8000 sq. feet building to be leased to a few tenants, likely fast food. Back would face Arapahoe.
- Replat request east of I25, south of Easter, to subdivide the lot.
- The gas station going in next to Bono's on Dry Creek is already under construction.

Please inform Andrea Suhaka at 303-770-0058 or standy@ecentral.com of changes in your CenCON Representative or Association President/Chair.

Next Scheduled Meeting – September 24, 2012