

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – April 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Noon at 6:50 pm with 19 members present & adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff <u>www.arapahoesheriff.org</u> Captain Mark Fisher

- Swine flu outbreak: serious but US cases are symptomatic of regular flu. Biggest concern is adequate staffing in the department in case of outbreak.
- 'Spanish on Patrol' teaches key Spanish phrases & sentences to deputies. A 6month pilot program, it is designed for use by law enforcement.
- Cop Logic project: Allows citizens to file their own reports online for minor crimes. All information goes into regular database. A report can be printed from home. Crime reporting module will be available. Bogus reports can be monitored. Coplogic.com for more information. The program will go into effect on July 1.
- Columbine Operation Plan: extra officers worked in the schools on April 20 and patrols were increased during April.
- Prom Plans: officers are present in the schools during prom activities & high visibility on nearby streets.

Arapahoe Library District <u>www.arapahoelibraries.org</u> Eloise May, Executive Director

- In May, programs with an emphasis on finding 'your next job' are available at all libraries.
- The Board had a site tour of new library at Streets at Southglenn. Thursday, July 16, is the opening date. Limited service is available during the month of June. Koelbel and Castlewood Libraries will be available for service. In the lobby of the new building, there is a location for an inspired quote about libraries. Contest deadline is Sunday, May 10. Submit to: Jessica Sherrick, 12855 E. Adam Aircraft Cir., Englewood, 80112.
- A limited number of audio books are available for I-pods. MP3 players work for other audio books.

Arapahoe Park & Rec District <u>www.aprd.org</u> Delos Searle, Assistant Dist. Manager

- Native grass mowing program during summer months are at 6' and 8' from the fences in the park district.
- Spring Art & Pottery program, May 9, 9 4:00 pm at Trails Rec Center.
- Health Fair, May 2, 1:00-5:00 pm at Trails Rec Center: drawings, chair massages, chiropractic care, etc.

Fire Districts Chief Dan Qualman, South Metro Fire Authority

• Planning for adequate staffing in case of swine flu outbreak.

- Cunningham: May 16, Open house at Station 63, Piccadilly and Riviera, 10:00 am, celebrating EMS work & skills.
- South Metro: Open House on May 16, 1:00 3:00 pm, at Station 47, 11685 N. Tomahawk.
- May 9 Colorado Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial ceremony, Belmar Park: 10:30 parade; 11:30 ceremony.
- Cunningham Fire District received a \$5000 grant to purchase materials to assist in fire fighting.
- Fire bans have been lifted but may be reinstated later in the season. It is a good time to do mitigation.
- March 4 57-year old man called and was in cardiac arrest. He was taken to the hospital where new methods to induce hypothermia to slow down body functions were successfully used.
- <u>www.cfpd.org</u> <u>www.littletongov.org</u> <u>www.parkerfire.org</u>
 <u>www.southmetro.org</u>

Cherry Creek Schools <u>www.ccsd.k12.co.us</u> Wendy DeBell, Comm. Partnership Coordinator

- All High Schools have events occurring during the springtime. Everyone is welcome to attend these events.
- Senior citizen property tax offset program is available in the district.
- Colorado budget shortfall will affect funding for K-12 education. Cherry Creek will need to return \$1.7 M to state in this fiscal year. Numbers may be reduced for next fiscal year at approximately \$180/student.
- Cost containment measures are being considered in the following areas: 4.5% reduction for next budget year, freezing certain open positions, administrative positions filed on case by case basis, reducing the number of school bus stops.
- District is growing at about 1000 students/year.
- By law monies from 3A and 3B must be spent on the designated items as outlined in the ballot proposals.
- Parent Communication System called Parent Ed. It utilizes parents' contact information.
- School Accountability Report; 60% of Cherry Creek Schools were rated excellent or high. Results are online.
- Topic of Swine flu is being discussed: monitoring and prevention are the two points. See website for updates.
- A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) facility will be built beginning in 2010 and open in August 2011 between Prairie Middle School and Overland H.S. for grades 6-12.

South Suburban Park & Rec <u>www.sspr.org</u> Jean Flynn, Community Liaison

- Showtime on Ice: Cinderella & Hairspray, May 1-3. Tickets: \$10 \$20 at the door, Ice Rink, 6580 S Vine.
- May 2: Tennis Carnival, Holly Tennis Center, 10 am-12:00 pm.
- May 26: National Senior Fitness Day at Lone Tree Rec Center. May 27 at Buck Rec Center with free screenings.
- 3-month summer pass: '108 Days of Summer Fun' to all Rec facilities for \$100. Available at all Rec Centers.

- May 9: Highline Canal Run, 5K 9:00 am, and 10K, 8:00 am at deKoevend Park. Pre registration available.
- June 5: Hershey Track & Field, Euclid Middle School, kids can choose 3 track and field events, birth certificate needed.
- June 6: Centennial Spring Fling, 10:00-4:00, deKoevend Park, zany activities for all ages.
- June 13: Rockies Baseball Skills Challenge for kids, Cherry Knolls Park, 9:00 am, winners advance to regional and state finals. Bring birth certificate.

City of Centennial <u>www.centennialcolorado.com</u> Cathy Noon, Andrea Suhaka

• Community Workshops:

May 9: Building Decks – 10 am-12:00 pm September 19: Basements 10:00 am-12:00 pm

June 23: Transportation - 7:00-9:00 pm October 21: Family Feud on Planning – 7:00 - 9:00 pm

August 25: General Code Enforcement – 7:00-9:00 pm

- Neighborhood Resource Guide was mailed to HOA's that have registered with the city. Available online.
- May 1: CenCON will no longer be sending city information. Individuals may subscribe online at <u>www.centennialcolorado.com</u> and go to E-news signup.
- Civic Center Park: Design firm will incorporate comments & suggestions and bring back a plan.
- Election Commission applications are due on Friday, May 1:
- New Ordinances under consideration for code enforcement that currently cannot be enforced: 1) surfaced parking on an impervious surface – parking on lawns; 2) stockpiling [bikes, lawn mowers, etc.] 3) firewood – reduce from two cords to one cord, 4) right of way 5) sight triangles; 6)violations observed from private properties (from a neighbor's yard).
- Additionally, other topics under discussion include areas such as: RV parking on public or private streets, home occupations, number of vehicles /household, types of fowl, keeping of bees, requiring residential landscaping, abandoned property, Time frame for draft ordinances is August-September.

Land Use Code Update Cathy Noon, Andrea Suhaka

- <u>www.centennialcodeupdate.com</u> Citizens can check proposals and make comments on this interactive site.
- Code Rewrite Advisory Team met jointly with Council and Planning & Zoning in March. Next meeting is in June.
- Covers Land Use as well as the existing Land Use Code.
- The committee is comparing old code to new proposals, e.g. defining a commercial center, scale and setbacks, neighborhood character, reviewing current ordinances that apply.
- The Advisory Team did an exercise in planning for the future of the SW Corner of Arapahoe & I-25.
- How to plan the transition from one level of code to another is being considered.
- Citizen involvement in future planning is important.

CenCON Business

Cathy Noon, President

- Officer Elections: President Cathy Noon; President Pro Tem Rhonda Livingston; 1st Vice President – Andrea Suhaka; 2nd Vice President – C.J. Whelan; Treasurer – Don Strickland; Secretary – Gerry Cummins. Thom Reed moved to elect the nominees by acclamation. Evan Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Frank Green moved to transfer \$25/month to 1st Vice President of membership to maintain the database. Seconded by Thom Reed. Motion carried.
- There was a request to have a report from Littleton School District. Thom Reed will invite a representative.

President Pro Tem Rhonda Livingston:

 DIA is updating its Master Plan. Public comments are being incorporated with more public hearings this summer. See: <u>www.flydenver.com</u> Click on Business Center.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

• Evan Williams moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Andrea Suhaka seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking Previous Balance:	\$ 545.65	Savings Previous Balance:	\$ 2487.77
Income:	690.00	Income (Interest):	0.49
Expenses:	0.00.		
Closing Balance:	\$ 1235.65	Closing Balance:	\$ 2488.26

Plans C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice President

 Chapel Hill Cemetery has submitted a plan to build a chapel mausoleum. This proposal is located in Arapahoe County. There were no objections to this proposal.