



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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June 26, 2023, 6:45pm

Agenda

1. President Whelan called the meeting to order at 6:47pm.
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.):

Algonquin Acres	Chapparral	Cherry Knolls
Fairways @ South Suburban	Greenwood South	Hanover Place
Heritage Greens	Heritage Place	Hunters Hill
Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South	Smoky Hill	Southwind
Tiffany	Village @ Centennial	Village Co-op of Centennial
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2	
 - Guests: 18th Judicial Dist., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library Dist.,
 - **Highlighted areas below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.**
2. **CenCON Business**
 - A. President's Report, C.J. Whelan
 - **The July Field Trip is planned. On 7/24 at 6pm, We'll meet at the Douglas/Arapahoe Counties Sheriffs' training facility.**
 - **Location: 6001 Ron King Trail, Littleton, CO 80125, basically south on Sante Fe (US 85) from E470 about 2/3 of the way to Sedalia, on the east side of Santa Fe.**
 - **Please, invite your boards but no children under 14 years old.**
 - **We'll meet for supper first, so we must have a count and any diet needs.**
 - Whelan has scheduled a meeting with Centennial City Manager Matt Sturgeon to discuss CenCON inclusion in City happenings.
 - CenCON will try for a hybrid meeting in Aug. You can invite your Board members.
 - B. VP of Membership, Andrew Spaulding is preparing a recruitment letter for more neighborhood organizations in Centennial.
 - C. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
 - Rosser requested a correction to the May minutes to say that the decommissioning date for SMFR Station 15 is 5/27.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the May 2023 minutes as corrected. (Rosser/Cummins)
1. Treasurer, Jill Meakins
 - Bills were submitted for President Cummins appreciation party in the amount of \$198.
 - **As of the May meeting we had 23 paid members. Our dues were due on 1 April. Members still needing to pay are:**
 - **Chapparral**
 - **Chenango**
 - **Heritage Village**
 - **Highlands at Piney Creek**
 - **Hunters Hill Rec.**
 - **Mira Vista**
 - **Monterey**

- **Parkview Highlands**
- **Smoky Hill**
- **Sturbridge**
- **Willow Creek 1**

- See the Treasurer's Report attached to this email.

3. Special District Presentations

A. [18th Judicial District](#), Aurora Ogg

- The District will hold a Warrant clearance on 7/15, 9am-2pm at Centerpoint Plaza, 14980 E Alameda Dr., Aurora, 80012. (No arrests will be made!)
- The [DA's Academy](#) is coming up. You must apply by 8/25. It's held 8/14-9/26 on 7 Wednesdays, 6-9pm.
- The District has a new courthouse dog to sit by children testifying to help them stay calm.
- We would like to have our Diversion Counseling Office present to CenCON. There are speakers on juvenile & adult adult diversion. This could be an interesting program for any group.
- By early Jan., 2025, the District will splitting: ArapCo will be the 18th and Douglas/Lincoln/Elbert will be the 23rd Dist.

B. [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office \(ACSO\)](#), Capt. Ken McKlem

- Please, opt in to the [ACSO alert system](#).
- The ACSO just graduated their 2nd academy of the year.
- The [Arapahoe County Fair](#) is Aug 27-30.
- Centennial Under the Stars is Aug 12. There will be no laser show but, there will be enhanced security.
- [Safety in Faith](#) will be held at a church in Aurora. There will be a kick-off training event for pastors, boards, 8/31.

C. [South Suburban Parks & Rec. District](#) (SSPRD), Becky Grubb

- Keith Gardner was appointed to the vacant Board seat.
- Please, see the update South Suburban flyer attached to this email.

D. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly, Manager of Strategic Events

1. [Tenacious: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes](#) (info & register)

- Thurs., 20 July, 6-7 at Koelbel Lib.: To celebrate Disability Pride Month, kids 5-12 and adults are invited to an author talk.
- Meet Patty Cisneros Prevo, award-winning author and 2-time Paralympic gold medalist, and Sandy Dukat ("du-CAT"), 3-time Paralympic bronze medalist.
- Patty's debut picture book, *Tenacious: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes*, is out this month.
- At the end of the presentation, bring your book to be signed by the author and get the chance to see a sports wheelchair up close!

2. [Career Workshops: Resume and Cover Letter Writing, LinkedIn Basics](#) (info & register)

- Do you want your resume and cover letter to stand out?
- Sat., 5 Aug., 2-3pm & 3:30-4:30pm at Smoky Hill Lib.: Get helpful tips at this 2-part career workshop.
- Plus, learn how to set up a LinkedIn account to best showcase your work experience and skills.
- Spaulding: Do you plan to spread that to other events? HWhelan: No, but you can
"Ask a librarian" and they will help you, meet where you want.

3. [Raising a Rock-Star Reader: Harness the Power of Play!](#) and [Raising a Rock-Star Reader](#) (info & register)

- Wed., 9 Aug., 6:30-8pm, Koelbel Lib. or Thurs., 10 Aug., same timing, Smoky Hill Lib., Parents and caregivers are invited to a presentation from Allison McDonald, author of *Raising a Rock-Star Reader* and blogger at *No Time for Flash Cards*.
- Allison will share how parents and caregivers can harness the power of play to encourage children ages 0-6 to build pre-reading and early learning skills.
- Attendees will participate in hands-on activities that show how everyday moments can easily become fun learning experiences for kids.
- They will also take home activity samples and a free book.
- Join us Wednesday, August 9, from 6:30-8 pm at Koelbel Library; or Thursday, August 10, from 6:30-8 pm at Smoky Hill Library.
- Spanish and Arabic language interpretation will be available at the event.

4. [Summer Concert: Wash Park Band Live at Tagawa Gardens](#) (info & register)

- On Fri., 18 Aug., 6-8pm, at Tagawa Gardens, join us for a summer concert by the Wash Park Band.
- The concert will be held indoors. Food trucks will be onsite starting at 5 pm.
- Wash Park Band are an award-winning local favorite.
- The band consists of 3 dynamic vocalists, a full 4-piece horn section, and a 5-piece rhythm section who deliver an experience like no other.
- Come enjoy upbeat dance music – from the '70s to the top 40 hits of today.

5. Last Fri., we co-sponsored That 80's Band at Centennial Center Park and there were over 2,000 people.

6. Rosser: Are you doing anything different since meth was found in several libraries?
HWhelan: We've held conversations with health professionals and we decided not to test. We've found no proof of drugs in our bathrooms. McKlem: We have not had any reports of such. We've enhanced our hazmat group to deal if there is a problem. Rosser: Do the librarians have any kind of training, what to be aware of?
HWhelan: We do have training. We have security concierge team to build a relationships, to respond.

E. [City of Centennial](#), Email from Christine Sweetland, Council member Dist. 2

- The Centennial Center Park expansion is complete and open. On 19 July, Centennial Center Park will host the District 3 Social and a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the north expansion of the Park. But, the expansion is open so people can check it out before the ribbon cutting.
- The YMCA Center for the Generations at the Streets of SouthGlenn had ribbon cutting and event was covered in both the Centennial Citizen and The Villager. I hope that everyone will stop by and see the programs that are offered and tell their communities. Here is link <https://denverymca.org/centennial-center-generations>
- On Mon., 10 July, 6-7pm, at the Civic Center, Centennial will have an information session for anyone interested in running for City Council.

4. **Keynote Discussion**

- County Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully, District 1
- County Commissioner Jessica Campbell-Swanson, District 2 and
- The two tag-teamed their discussion.
 - The County is updating our oil & gas rules & regs, updates to fire code & sanitation. Public comment closes 6/29.

- Centennial Airport noise: From a collision recently, the FAA has made some tweeks, traffic is being pushed north of Arapahoe, between Havana & Dayton. (Andrea: Funny, that's where it was supposed to be.)
 - Dove Valley Regional Park is undergoing major updates, preparing a championship field, lots of sun cover.
 - There will be a split of 18th Judicial Dist., we must make sure funding is available. We're working with the DA. We already have some systems for bringing new employees on board.
 - We're still in the [redistricting process](#), since last Dec. You have until 11 July 11 to comment on the new map.
 - The County has received \$127.5M of American Rescue Plan money towards helping vulnerable populations & homelessness. Money is dedicated to particular groups.
 - The Public Health emergency (COVID) has ended. Anyone on federal assistance needs to be redetermined to qualify. Be very careful to whom you're giving your info. Be careful of predators. Make sure you go to a government portal, .Gov designation.
 - The Commissioners are considering how to stabilize the County's funding. We are one of only a few (2) counties not de-Bruced. We are postponing infrastructure needs and we're at the point where something has to change. We've been strategically using funds to stave off disaster but, we have a \$500M backlog of infrastructure projects.
 - Public safety: protests put angst on the ACSO, demand on policing has increased. Surrounding munis are poaching ACSO officers.
 - General operational services & abuse prevention, homelessness. ARPA money must be used by the end of 2024. Family support services, housing/food insecurity are increasing.
 - We need to modernize the streams of revenue: only 13% of your property tax bill goes to County. We need to de-Bruce. The County doesn't send TABOR refund checks but, temporarily reduces the tax rate (15.81->12.2 mills)
 - We briefly talked about the difficulties in housing.
5. Questions were asked about what's happening with AUC 4 (commercial areas on the south side of Arapahoe Rd. at Yosemite), old strip malls updating, more awareness of development, ACSO Crime report.
6. **Plans**, Rhonda Livingston, Vice President: no plans
- None at this time. Any plans received prior to the meeting will be presented at the meeting.
 - ***Rhonda can email information to anyone who requests them. Her email address is we4liv@aol.com***
7. Adourn: President Whelan adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Andrea Suhaka.

(Next Regular Meeting: 28 August, 6:45pm)