



## **Centennial Council of Neighborhoods - 23 February 04 Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with a total of 19 members present

### **Arapahoe Sheriff's Office - Jeff Hutt**

- Recent robbery at Safeway on 8200 S Quebec is being investigated. Arapahoe County working with Denver & Douglas County in conducting surveillance. Criminals are robbing random locations
- There has been an increase in the theft of automobiles that are left running in the driveway to warm up. Suspects in several auto thefts have already been arrested. Auto theft is currently a top priority for the Sheriff's Office
- Sheriff has started the "Drop It, Lock It, Stop It" campaign concerning garage doors. Has been advertised in the media. Open garage doors are the biggest source of burglaries in Centennial

### **Arapahoe Library District - Chris Brogan**

- Teen "Read-a-Thon" programs at the libraries on March 6 and March 13 for 6 hours each day. Teens will get pledges to raise money for additional teen programs at the libraries
- Library has changed from the "Plus" system to the "Prospector" system, which is a larger source of 20 outside libraries that patrons can search if they cannot find what they are looking for within the Arapahoe Library District. Gives access to an additional 15 million items
- Library offers DVDs for loan, featuring recent movies. Because of concerns by some users, the library is temporarily stopping the use of the donut shaped security strips on the DVDs to determine if they are causing any problems in reading the content of the DVD

### **Arapahoe Parks & Recreation - Rebecca Nash**

- Working to complete the water slide at Lookout Park at Picadilly and Riviera. Currently about 50% complete and is on schedule
- Installing underground irrigation system in the soccer field at the Peakview North park
- Construction of the Piney Creek Hollow Park (Tower & Orchard) has received approval by the Arapahoe County Planning Commission
- Work on the trail and Piney Creek bridge in the Bow Tie area will start in April
- Foxhill Park bridge is being repaired
- Indian Ridge park renovation bid has been issued

- A new skate park is being constructed next to the new recreation center. The recreation center is on schedule and under budget
- District has budgeted \$25,000.00 for tree planting this year
- District trying to obtain land for parks and recreation center in the planned future development of Copper Leaf subdivision

### **Fire Districts – Parker - Jim Drummond**

- All fire districts working on moving from the Uniform Fire Code (everything west of the Mississippi) to an International Fire Code to be used by the entire United States
- Parker Fire District budget is available in the libraries and on the Parker web site [www.parkerfire.org](http://www.parkerfire.org)
- Fire investigations are being conducted with the help of members of the South Area Fire & Explosion Task Force. Provides additional expert assistance
- Parker Fire District has a new administration building. Open House ceremony on 20 April
- FEMA has provided a grant for new firefighter radio mobile repeater units
- Asking for a grant from Homeland Security which will be used to provide information to HOAs so that they can be self sufficient for 72 hours in a time of natural or man-made disaster. Money will also be used to conduct practice drills in the neighborhoods. Fire, police, medical, county emergency planners, and state health department personnel will be part of the drills

### **South Suburban Parks & Recreation - Jean Flynn**

- Grand opening of the Lone Tree Recreation center will be on Saturday, 22 May, 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. During that day, the equipment & facilities will be free. There will be special activities and live entertainment from 12 P.M. to 4 P.M.
- A free "Living Well" seminar will be held on Thursday, 18 March at 6 P.M. at the Goodson Recreation Center. Subject will be "Is Stress Interfering With Your Life"
- Free Children's Resource Fair at Goodson Recreation Center on Saturday, 20 March from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
- Dogs running without a leash are a problem on the trails and parks
- District is removing Russian Olive trees, which are actually an aggressive, state-listed noxious weed. Also encouraging private owners to remove them from their property. They should not be used as firewood because the oil in these trees is foul smelling and dangerous

### **City of Centennial - Nancy Reubert**

- A new City attorney has been sworn in. Will work full time at Centennial, but under contract, not an employee
- Liquor Licensing Authority has begun operation. Have had two training sessions
- City has joined Mile High Compact, which concerns land use planning and smart growth
- Mayor Randy Pye is the 2004 chair of the Metro Mayor's Caucus
- City has joined the South I-25 Urban Corridor Transpiration Management Association. Consists of Centennial, Greenwood Village, Lone Tree, Arapahoe County, Douglas County, Southeast Business Partnership, and the Joint

Southeast Public Improvement Association (JSPIA). This group is working on transportation enhancements in the south area after TREX is completed

- If anyone wants to be included for the e-mail copies of press releases from Centennial, please contact Nancy Reubert at 303-754-3327 or nreubert@centennialcolorado.com

### **City of Centennial - Gail Carissimi**

- Gail Carissimi is Centennial's new Citizen/Council Response Liaison person for concerns or complaints
- Contact Ms. Carissimi at 303-754-3323 or gcarissimi@centennialcolorado.com
- Will establish a tracking system to ensure that all complaints are answered and nothing is lost

### **Arapahoe County - Bernie Zimmer**

- Special election on Tuesday, 24 February. Please remember to vote. Recall of current County Clerk, and selection of new County Clerk from a choice of three persons, one Republican, one Democrat, and one Libertarian
- Arapahoe County and Centennial have signed a new three year contract for the County to continue to provide services for the City
- Open Space committee is starting and nominations have been accepted. Open Space committee is starting and nominations have been accepted. Open Space Committee is required to distribute finds only once a year. It will be done in December 2004, & thereafter, in June
- Fiddler's Green Noise Monitoring committee is looking for additional new members

### **CenCON Reports - President - Cathy Noon**

- A discussion concerning a possible reduction in CenCON dues will take place at the March meeting. Dues renewal is in April
- Nominations for CenCON Board officers will be accepted at the March meeting. Voting will be at the April meeting
- May have a HOA Workshop meeting where members can get together to discuss HOA issues, problems, etc. and exchange information. Workshop would be open to HOA boards and CenCON could invite attorneys who handle HOA matters, Centennial's Code Enforcement Officer, etc. Most members favored an evening meeting
- CenCON will write a letter to City Council outlining concerns about URS. A draft copy will be discussed at the March meeting
- CERT training contact at Arapahoe Sheriff's Office is: Sgt. Randy Councell, 720-874-4186 or rcouncell@co.arapahoe.co.us

### **- Treasurer - Gerry Cummins**

Checking account	\$ 413.88	Savings account	\$ 3317.05
Previous balance:		Previous balance:	
Income	\$ 45.00	Income (Dues)	\$ 0.00

Expenses	\$ 47.66	(Interest)	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 411.22	Closing Balance	\$ 3317.05

**- Secretary - Frank Green**

- Moved by Ron Weidmann and seconded by Andrea Suhaka that the January 2004 minutes be approved as read. Approval was unanimous

**- Plans - Ron Weidmann**

- No new developer plans were received

**Presentations**

**- O'Neill Quinlan**

- RTD is the second largest transportation district in the United States
- RTD FasTracks is RTD's twelve year comprehensive plan for transit service and facilities in the region
- Denver Metropolitan region expected to grow from a population of 2.46 million (2001) to 3.39 million by 2025
- FasTracks is composed of: Rapid Transit, Park-n-Rides, Enhanced Bus Network and Transit Hubs, Downtown Multimodal Center (Denver Union Station), and Transit facilities and amenities
- FasTracks will have:
  - 137 additional miles of rapid transit (119 miles Rail, 18 miles Bus Rapid Transit)
  - 57 additional rapid transit stations
  - \$4.7 billion dollar investment
  - 21,213 additional parking spaces at transit Park-n-Rides
  - Enhanced bus service and FastConnects throughout the region
- FasTracks will have 9 corridors:
  - Central & CPV Corridor with Light Rail, 0.8 additional miles, 2 additional stations, 400 additional parking spaces, costing \$118.4 million
  - East Corridor with Commuter Rail, 23.6 miles, 5 stations, 681 additional parking spaces, costing \$702.1 million
  - North Metro Corridor with Commuter Rail, 18 miles, 8 stations, 3825 additional parking spaces, costing \$428.1 million
  - West Corridor with Light Rail, 12.1 miles, 11 stations, 5054 additional parking spaces, costing \$508.2 million
  - Southwest Corridor with Light Rail, 2.5 additional miles, 2 additional stations, 1440 additional parking spaces, costing \$164.1 million
  - Gold Line Corridor with Light Rail, 11.2 miles, 7 stations, 2050 additional parking spaces, costing @463.5 million
  - I-225 Corridor with Light Rail, 10.5 miles, 7 stations, 1800 additional parking spaces, costing \$442.3 million
  - US 36 Corridor with Commuter Rail, 38.1 miles Rail, 18 miles Bus, 7 Rail & 6 Bus stations, 4393 additional parking spaces, costing \$791.4 million
  - Southeast Corridor with Light Rail, 2.3 additional miles, 3 additional stations, 2520 additional parking spaces, costing \$183 million

- Plan will require a voter approved sales tax increase of 0.4% effective January 1, 2005
- A map of the FasTrack Corridors is available on the CenCON web site, [www.cencon.net](http://www.cencon.net)
- RTD portion of TREX is about 60% complete and 2-1/2 years ahead of schedule, opening the end of 2006 or start of 2007. Project is currently under budget
- TREX is the largest design/build contract in the history of the United States
- For more information or to schedule a presentation to your HOA, contact O'Neill P. Quinlan at: 303-771-1200 or [oneill.quinlan@rtd-denver.com](mailto:oneill.quinlan@rtd-denver.com)