



## **Centennial Council of Neighborhoods 6 January 03 Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with a total of 19 members present

### **Arapahoe Library District – Eloise May**

- Grand opening of new Smoky Hill Library will be on Saturday, 1 March 2003. Library is located on northwest corner of Smoky Hill Road and Biscay Circle.
- Current library in Piney Creek Square will close at 5:00 PM on Sunday, 2 February 2003.
- Library staff will be at Piney Creek Square from 3 February through 6 February from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM to give patrons any reserved items. Staff will then move to the new library beginning 10 February. Reserved items after that time can be picked up at the right side of the main entrance from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM on Monday through Thursday, and from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Friday
- Outside book returns at the new library will be operational starting 10 February, on the left side of the main entrance. Outside book returns at the old library will remain operational until 8 March
- Temporary Bookmobile Service will be at the Piney Creek Square library parking lot on:
  - Mondays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM
  - Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 9:30 AM until 12:00 noon
  - Saturdays, February 8, 15, and 22 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Library has a program of providing health & fitness information called "Health Resources at Your Fingertips". Call Cynthia Kiyotake at the Koebel Main Library at 303-220-7704 ext. 280 for more information

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

- South Suburban will start the athletic season later in the spring, to give the grass more time to establish itself and to save water
- SSP&R wants to get the County Line park finished early since it uses artificial turf instead of grass
- SSP&R will sponsor a "New Year's Resolution – Solution" physical fitness program called "Living Well"
  - Lifestyle changes that help keep you healthy.
  - No need to go to the gym, can be done at home. Teaches people how they can incorporate fitness into their everyday lives
  - Starting the "200 Mile club " which will provide health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, weight, etc. Trained professionals will then suggest changes to your life style to correct any problems

- Program benefits first-time fitness seekers who are thinking about getting started and need direction and help staying motivated
- Free orientation meetings for the 200 Mile Club (Information was sent to HOA newsletter editors)
  - 13 January at 10:00 AM at Littleton Community Center, 1950 W. Littleton Blvd
  - 15 January at 6:30 PM at Sheridan Recreation Center, 3325 W. Oxford Ave
  - 16 January at 6:30 PM at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 W. University Blvd
- Call 303-483-7063 for more information above this program

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

- Expect groundbreaking for new recreation center at Buckley and Orchard in about 4 to 6 months. Entrance to center will be on Buckley Road
- New recreation center will have a climbing wall and may eventually include a skate boarding park
- Presented a site plan and elevation drawings of the recreation center
- Ridge Park will not have turf that needs irrigation
- Three other parks will get irrigation systems which will save water

### **Arapahoe Sheriff's Office - Bruce Williamson**

- Bruce Williamson promoted to Bureau Chief for Public Safety, which includes Patrol, Investigations, and Dispatch
- Captain Lauderdale promoted to Bureau Chief of Detention and Administrative Services
- A third bureau, Office of Professional Staffing, will be headed by Phil Spence
- Mark Fisher was promoted to Captain of Public Safety, and will be responsible for operational issues. Captain Fisher can be reached at: [mfisher@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:mfisher@co.arapahoe.co.us)
- Approximately 70 people have signed up for the hazardous waste disposal program. Call 1-800-449-7587 for information on how to participate
- Automobile theft is up approximately 15% in Arapahoe County. Sheriff's Office has established an Auto Theft Suppression Team to combat the thefts
- Sheriff's Office participated in recent DUI Saturation Check over New Year's. Effort netted 2 warrant arrests, 7 DUI's, and 4 revoked licenses out of 80 stopped vehicles
- There was a rash of accidents near Fair Place & Parker Road on 6 January because of slippery road conditions and excessive speed
- Caution signs have been posted at Newton Middle School as a result of a recent accident involving children crossing the street

### **City of Centennial – Mayor - Randy Pye**

- On 12 December, the City Council passed the 2003 budget. Copy of budget available on City's web site
- Revenue for the year anticipated to be about \$28,544,000.00. About 90 % will come from General Fund monies

- Highway Use Tax Funds (HUTF) funding is being debated because of a dispute over the number of automobiles in Centennial as certified by the Arapahoe County Clerk
- Major expenses for the City will be Public Safety and Public Works
  - 6.7 % for general working of City government
  - 63 % for public safety (includes Municipal Court and Animal Control)
  - 25 % for public works
  - 1.2 % for planning and development services (includes code enforcement)
  - 1.0 % for a "catch all" fund
  - 2.5 % for TABOR reserves
- Arapahoe Road corridor study has been funded by DRCOG
- Jordan Road is scheduled for closing this spring. However, the culvert at Windmill Creek will probably not be installed in time. Centennial will therefore oppose the closing of Jordan Road until this work is finished
- There is no news concerning the ownership of the Southglenn Shopping Center
- Chris Gibbons has been overseeing the re-development of the Marathon Oil property at Dry Creek & Broadway. CenCON should also review these development plans
- Centennial has provided money to several non-profit organizations from the \$ 3.4 million Community Development Block Grant monies, which normally goes to impoverished areas within the City. Since Centennial has no such areas, money was given to:
  - \$16,960.00 to Arapahoe Library District
  - \$ 75,000 to Colorado Center for the Blind
  - \$ 83,000 to Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Benefits
- Centennial has been accepted into the National Flood Insurance program. This means that Centennial citizens and businesses can purchase flood insurance
- The drought is still very severe. 58 of the 64 Colorado counties have developed a 10-point program concerning water development and storage. We need to obtain additional storage, have voluntary conservation, and get all 64 counties using the same rules for water usage. Need to keep the Colorado water in the state, not let it flow out of state

### **City of Centennial – Council, Ward 1 - Betty Ann Habig**

- Budget includes \$125,000.00 to complete a Comprehensive Plan for land use in Centennial
- There will be a property tax increase of 0.014 mils (new total is 4.996) to make up for property tax monies lost through foreclosures and decreased real estate sales. This will allow the City to collect the same amounts as in previous years. No vote by the public was required
- There is \$30,000.00 allocated in the budget for street lighting, either new or replacement street lights
- Economic development plan is supplied on City web site

### **City of Centennial – Council, Ward 3 - Andrea Suhaka**

- City Council provided money in the 2003 budget for two yellow flashing caution lights at Newton Middle School

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

- There has been no change in the status of acquiring insurance for CenCON
- The "Neighborhood" section of the City's web site is somewhat intimidating for submitting information and may not be used because of this. Information required is detailed and many HOA representatives may not have the requested information. The current requirements only allow formal HOAs, which excludes most of Ward 1. CenCON will work with the City to improve this section of the web site and offer CenCON membership records for HOA registration
- All of the "Under Construction" areas have been removed and replaced with good information
- Dues renewal time is April 1

## **- Treasurer - Gerry Cummins**

Checking account		Savings account	
Previous balance:	\$ 498.77	Previous balance:	\$ 2322.35
Income	\$ 112.50	Income (Dues)	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 79.94	(Interest)	\$5.47
Closing Balance	\$ 531.33	Closing Balance	\$ 2327.82

## **- Secretary - Frank Green**

- It was moved by Michael Kirrane and seconded by Ron Weidmann that the December 2002 minutes be approved as read. Approval was unanimous

## **- Membership - Michael Kirrane**

- So far, only 20 member associations have returned the Membership Inventory. Please reply by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. This information will be used to establish requirements for a new "CenCON Association" which allows homeowners who do not belong to a regular HOA to become CenCON members. You can fax the information to Michael at 303-694-2598. Please call first at 303-796-9402 before faxing. Or email to: [MEKirrane@aol.com](mailto:MEKirrane@aol.com)
- Goal is to grow by 50 new neighborhood organizations by the end of 2003. See the recent article in the Centennial Citizen newspaper

## **- Plans - Plans Committee**

- There were no plans to discuss. Land Use department & CenCON will work together to establish a time schedule for submitting applications so that CenCON has enough time to review the plans. Thom Rounds stated that the City appreciates specific feedback on developer plans from CenCON
- Members should ensure that they convey the developer plan and related comment information to their HOA and neighbors