



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods

Meeting called to order 26 April, 2010 - 6:48pm

A Quorum was present

Nancy Sharpe
Candidate for County Commissioner, District 2

Nancy stated that she would like to try to come to our meetings as much as possible.

The things that are important to her are keeping county taxes low. She states that she is jobs freindly, and business friendly. She stated that she believes it's important to have jobs in Arapahoe county and that it helps to have opportunities to work here and allows us to take care of our families. She stated that quality of life is important to her and talked about her ability to get funding for roadways improvements to reduce congestion, preserve open space and the importance of utilizing the open space 'tax appropriately'.

She stated that she has worked very hard over the years to ensure that the impacts of noise from Centennial airport were minimized. Nancy indicated that she was working with a group of people to ensure she stays in touch with where noise monitoring equipment goes. That group will begin collecting data to determine where in the county the most impacts are felt from the Centennial airport. She stated that she feels that the airport is a great economic engine, but that it must be able to work well with the county's neighbors and to be a good neighbor.

She stated that her party affiliation is Republican and that she would be running in the Republican primary and she had flyers to be left at the door.

Question was asked about noise supression efforts in Centennial Airport and the possibility of UPS coming into the airport. Nancy stated that she wasn't aware of anything in that regard, but that it would be a huge concern for all residents and that she would identify with that concern in that regard.

Arapahoe County Sheriff
Chief Bruce Williamson, Public Safety Bureau
www.arapahoesherriff.org

March 26, The Arapahoe Sheriff ran compliance checks for retail liquor

establishments in the city and in the county (done every year). The State supplies grant money to the department to help enforce underage drinking laws. There were two establishments in their jurisdiction which were caught serving to underage minors, one in Centennial and the other in unincorporated Arapahoe County. Chief Williamson detailed several stories on the use of underage cadets (over 18 but under 21) and how they help in this regard.

Chief Williamson talked about the recent bank robberies and the arrest of the 'limping latex' bandit.

The Chief detailed several recent incidents of lightning storms and the damage done by the lightning to houses. The strike blew out all the drywall from the ceiling on one house due to overpressurization. No injuries, but an interesting story.

Recently, the department was conducting a search for a mischief maker with a tracker dog. While following the trail left by the mischief maker, the dog alerted on an open basement window. Believing the perpetrator to be inside, the Sheriff knocked on the door and explained to the resident what they thought had happened. The resident gave permission to search the house. Another resident of the house indicated to the officers that he was a medical marijuana provider and that he had 25 plants growing in the basement. The Sheriff searched the house and determined that the perpetrator they were looking for was not in the house. Chief Williamson discussed the issues as it relates to happening upon a 'find' of that nature in today's Amendment 20 environment. Part of the concern is that, in that environment, any plants seized will have to be kept alive until all of the upcoming legislation is 'hammered' out. The department is not in the business of growing and/or keeping plants alive.

The Chief talked about a recent burglary where greater than \$230,000 was burglarized from a residence.

A question was asked about the recent statewide "click-it or ticket" campaign wherein Arapahoe County discovered a number of stolen cars during the event. Chief Williamson said that it's not uncommon for that to happen while the campaign is in effect.

Chief Williamson talked about the 4 license plate readers that some of the county Sheriff cars have. The LPR is a 360 degree camera attached to a patrol car that takes pictures of the license plates of the cars it passes and runs the plate through the database(s) to determine if the car is stolen etc.

A question was asked about a body which was recently found in a car in the area of Heritage Place neighborhood. The Chief indicated that had been a suicide. Another question was asked about the young man killed in the Willow Creek area. Chief Williamson said that case had been filed and that they were waiting for the DA to take action.

A question was asked regarding the previous information with respect to the lightning hitting the house. "Does that indicate that we should not hang out in the upstairs of your house during a lightning storm". Chief Williamson deferred to Fire Chief Qualmann, who answered that sometimes lightning does really strange things and in

the end there is no absolute safe place to be. Some places tend to be safer than others.

Fire Districts

Chief Dan Qualman, South Metro Fire Rescue Authority

[www.cfpd.org][www.littletongov.org][www.parkerfire.org][www.southmetro.org]

LITTLETON

New Medic unit for Littleton will be arriving in August.

AirLife Memorial (Celebration) event is upcoming May 23rd at Hudson Gardens. It is an annual event which highlights Fire Departments' air ambulances and fire trucks etc.

Mile High Hook and Ladder Fire Muster is on June 19th at Arapahoe Community College. Lots of fire trucks, gear etc. will be there as well.

CUNNINGHAM

Cunningham EMS open house May 22nd for EMS week from 10am-1pm at Station 3 (Riviera and Picadilly)

House fire due to a lightning strike was reported in Smoky Hill. This was good, heads up reporting by observant neighbors.

2 new board members in May Richard Wells and Nancy Kronk - there was no competition and so they were awarded those positions.

Family Wellness Summit was a big success with 1500+ attendees. Cunningham, South Metro Fire Rescue Authority and Aurora fire department all participated.

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE AUTHORITY

Ballots are out for the election, make sure you get those in by May 4th.

Parker Fire District election was cancelled due to 2 incumbents running and nobody running against them.

There was a break-in at the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority headquarters where some drugs were stolen. Within a few hours the suspect was in custody. Unfortunately the suspect was an adult son of one of the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority employees. The employee was out of town and the son borrowed the access card to get in the building and then smashed the drug machine to get the drugs.

ISO (Insurance Service Offices) is evaluating the Authority this summer. Process should be done by the end of the year. No valuation change to the insurance rating is expected.

Assistant Chief Mike Dell'Orfano received the National Fire Academy applied research award for his paper on turnout times. There were 4 awards out of 675 papers across the country. This was a pretty big deal.

Chief Qaulman was appointed by Governor Ritter to chair the State's Interoperability

Executive Committee which ensures that we can all talk to each other on the radios throughout the state.

Brian Kopp Annual Golf Tournament in memory of Brian Kopp, a firefighter who was killed in an avalanche, will be held on July 12th. Tickets sold out for the Golf in 30 minutes but tickets for the dinner and the auction are still available online at the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority website.

Question was asked about the status of the 'to be built' station house in Estancia. Chief Qualman answered that all capital projects are on hold due to current economic conditions.

Question was asked about the citizens academy. The Chief stated that all the slots were filled for this year and that the next academy would not be held until next year. Signup was through the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority website.

South Suburban Park & Rec District

Jean Ray, Community Liaison

www.sspr.org

Jean identified the area served by South Suburban Park and Recreation District.

FREE stuff: Senior Health and Wellness events Lonetree Recreation Center - Tuesday, May 4th - 10am-12pm Buck Recreation Center - Wednesday, May 5th - 10am-12pm Womens Health and Meditation Day Buck Recreation Center - Saturday, May 8th - 9am-12pm Annual Highline Canal Run/Walk (10k Run & 5k run/walk) - Saturday May 8th

Dekovend Park Family Spring Fling Event (Partnered with City of Centennial) 10am - 2pm after run/walk

Summer Fun Pass (good for May 29th through Sept 6th) - Allows you to visit all outdoor and indoor pools for 1 fee.

SSPR election is underway. Return ballots by May 4th at any recreation center or at the head office.

Candidates have bios online at <http://www.sspr.org>

Question about the article which Jean wrote regarding illegal dumping into the open space. She clarified that putting your clippings etc. over your fence and into the open spaces is illegal. The article also detailed some of the problems with encroachment. For example, one homeowner built an entire patio in the drainage way... which was completely illegal. Other items have been trees planted in the drainageway etc.

Arapahoe County

Nancy Doty, Clerk & Recorder

Nancy attended this CenCON meeting to talk about the upcoming Arapahoe County elections and voter registration. She was assisted by Mary Whitley.

Nancy's presentation lasted approximately 35 minutes and covered a variety of topics such as: demographics of past elections, Federal offices up for election in 2010, State offices up for election in 2010, County offices up for election in 2010, an introduction to the new Arapahoe County election website, and some other Arapahoe County Election information.

The presentation slides are available at [the arapahoevote.org website](http://the.arapahoevote.org).

CenCON Business

Minutes

Christopher Raab, Secretary

Don Doer moved to approve minutes. Paul Schauer(sp?) seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Don Strickland, Treasurer

17 Members have paid dues for 2010-2011

Member count: 56

April 26, 2010

Checking:

Previous Balance: \$416.02

Deposits:

Dues: \$330.00

\$120.00

Expenses:

Admin: \$150.00

Supplies: \$21.99

Current Balance: \$694.03

Savings:

Previous Balance: \$2189.76

Interest: \$.46

Current Balance: \$2190.22

A reading of those HOA's who have paid dues already was made. Antelope POA; Southglenn CA; Parkborough HOA; Highlands 360; Heritage Greens Assoc; Chenago

HOA; Fox Hill HOA; Parkview Highlands HOA; Homestead in the Willows HOA; Homestead Village II; Greenfield Master OA; Arapahoe Highlands CA; Willow Creek I HOA; Sanctuary on the Park HOA; Piney Creek Maintenance Assoc.; Nob Hill Ridgeview; Knolls Townhouse Assoc.; Greenwood South HOA

Number of members who have paid dues was adjusted to 18.

Membership

Andrea Suhaka, VP Membership

Nothing to report

Plans

C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice President

No plans to report.

C.J., who also serves on the City of Centennial budget committee, commented on the projections for the city in the next few years if the revenue cutting amendments, which will be put to the voters, were to pass. He stated that the city would cease to function with cuts of that magnitude.

President's Report

Gerry Cummins, President

July meeting is typically a field trip. Gerry discussed upcoming field trip possibilities with Wayne Reed (Director, City Planning and Development). He indicated that the city does offer 'site tours'. Discussion ensued about venues/site tour possibilities for the July 26th meeting.

A joking suggestion was made that we could tour Medical Marijuana dispensaries, at which point the discussion turned towards the issues facing the City with regard to the future of the management of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the state and the city.

Gerry talked about an upcoming issue regarding Video Keno authorization in Colorado, which would have to be presented as a ballot issue. As written, the proposal would place the video keno in bars and racetracks around the state. If you wish to be more involved in this issue (if the resolution makes it out of Senate State Affairs Committee) visit <http://www.protectourneighborhoods.org> for more information.

Stacy Johnson is promoting a summer market at the Streets of Southglenn on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday every month June, July, and August and wants to put notices in newsletters and will pay for advertising.

HB1278 would have established an Ombudsman for HOA's. The language 'Ombudsman' has been changed to 'Director of Information' attached to the Division of Real-Estate. This bill will tack on a fee to all HOA's when they register annually to the Secretary of State. The bill is currently headed for the Senate Appropriations committee where there will be an amendment introduced to cap the fee that HOA's would pay when they file. Discussion ensued about the ramifications of the proposed

bill.

Homeowner survey is in the process of being updated and will be getting sent out shortly. Cencon would appreciate a response from your HOA/group.

CenCON Activities

Dumpster Day

A CenCON member began a discussion regarding the possibility of organizing an informational outlet (such as South Suburban) which could then publish these local community 'dumpster days'. Discussion ensued wherein multiple HOA reps told about how 'dumpster days' are handled in their respective neighborhoods.

Bylaw Revisions

Question arose as to whether we base the quorum on the 18 members we have tonight or the 56 that we had the previous month. Gerry felt that we needed to base it on the 56 number from last month. In order to reach a quorum, she indicated that we could either do the vote electronically, or follow the procedure written in the current bylaws and revisit the vote at the next regular meeting, with lower quorum requirements (according to the current bylaws).

It was suggested that the 26 members who were present would cast their vote in person and the Members who were not present would be allowed to cast their vote electronically.

Andrea Suhaka made the motion, "That we vote here with these members and electronically vote to get the rest, ...that we adopt the bylaws as presented". The motion was seconded by Lynn Leader.

The motion carried.

Election of Officers

All current board members, with the exception of the Secretary, agreed to continue serving. Discussion ensued regarding the replacement of the Secretary position.

A motion was made to continue allowing the current board members to serve in their respective positions and to allow the board to identify and select a new Secretary. Lynn Leader seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued.

The motion carried.

City Transportation Master Plan

Andrea Suhaka

At some time in the near future the City would like to have a CenCON representative for the Master Plan advisory committee. Some questions from a presentation that the City gave previously were:

What is a transportation plan?

How do you get from point A to point B?

Do you wish there were better ways to get around?

The point of these questions is to get community involvement with respect to what improvements you would like to see to Centennial's transportation services.

An overview of the city's transportation services as they currently stand has been conducted. Upcoming meetings, that the City hopes citizens will attend, will address such topics as: How do you get where you are going? Do you like how you get where you are going? Would you prefer that things be upgraded? Are there improvements necessary in certain areas?

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of a transportation master plan and how it impacts a city or a community.

Andrea provided the overall goals which will be sought from the Transportation Master Plan:

1. Provide a balanced, connected, and sustainable multi-modal transportation system.
2. Develop a safe and convenient roadway system that balances mobility and accessibility needs.
3. Develop strategies to use the transportation system more effectively.
4. Improve and expand public transit access and service.
5. Provide safe convenient and enjoyable facilities to encourage walking and bicycling.
6. Support Denver Regional Transportation System.
7. Maintain and improve the existing transportation system.
8. Improve the appearance of streets and public rights of way.
9. Encourage development that supports and enhances the transportation system.

Further discussion ensued regarding some of the goals on that list.

Community Association Institute (CAI) Dues renewal

Gerry Cummins

The request is for \$99 for a 1 year renewal.

Gerry opened the floor for discussion about whether CenCON should renew their membership.

The general consensus was that we should.

Meeting adjourned 8:52pm