

# **Centennial Council of Neighborhoods 3 February 03 Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. and was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with a total of 18 members present

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

- Two contests going on at library. Deadline is 31 March for both
- Adults (18 years of age or older) original, never-before-published poetry of 25 lines or less
- Students story writing (1000 words or less) setting to be on or near an ocean, lake, or river. Story can be real or imagined
- Newly created Used Book Store opens on 14 February at Koelbel Library. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and Sunday from Noon to 4:00 P.M.
- Grand Opening of new Smoky Hill Library will be at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 1.
- Homework on-line tutoring has been very well accepted. Most active are grades
   7, 8, and 9, with the top subjects of Algebra, Social Studies, and English

# South Suburban Park & Recreation - Jean Flynn

- "Matching Gifts" program is starting. Applications for tree plantings and landscape improvements will be accepted but cannot be implemented this year unless there is a major change in watering restrictions. Call 303-798-5131 for more information
- Proposed projects must be on SSP&R District land or leased property, and should be in range of \$2000.00 to \$3000.00
- There is restricted use of golf carts on all golf courses except at Lone Tree (which has paved paths). Proof of qualification under the ADA (disabilities) law will allow an exception and use of a golf cart
- Organized sports on the District's field is starting later this year because of the drought
- Work at the new County Line Road & Colorado Blvd. sports complex is going well. Looking for additional fill dirt

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

- District is reevaluating capital projects involving ball fields because of the drought
- No sod will be put in at Ridge Park, only trees and shrubs
- Village Park will make use of "recaptured" water for irrigation
- Some new irrigation systems will be either drip or underground variety

 Installation of new water lines along Orchard Road is in progress, and there will be a lot on construction along Orchard this year

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

- Sheriff is participating in Project Homesafe, which provides a free gun lock.
   Contact the sheriff's office for more information on obtaining a lock. Must be a resident of Arapahoe County
- There were a total of 5306 accidents countywide, with 1300 involving injuries. Evenings are worse than daytime, and Friday evening is the worst of all
- Auto theft is still on the rise. Sheriff's Office is attempting to classify repeat
  offenders as chronic offenders, which results in higher bail bonds. There is more
  communication between the Impact Team, the auto theft team, and the team
  which looks for fugitives with outstanding warrants, especially those with previous
  arrests for auto theft
- Accident alerts, caused by weather, are determined for Arapahoe County by the State Patrol, and for the City of Centennial by the Arapahoe Sheriff
- Traffic accident data for 2002 shows the top 10 accident sites as:
  - 1. I-25 and Dry Creek
  - 2. Arapahoe and University
  - 3. Dry Creek and University
  - 4. Parker and Orchard
  - 5. Arapahoe and Jordan
  - 6. Arapahoe and Havana
  - 7. Arapahoe and Peoria
  - 8. Arapahoe and Lima
  - 9. Arapahoe and Quebec
  - 10. Smoky Hill and Buckley

### **Cunningham Fire District - Jerry Rhodes**

- South Metro Fire Rescue is in the process of moving to a new office at 9195 East Mineral this Thursday and Friday. The computer system will have some slight interruptions in service. However, it should be in full operation Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>
- As the drought continues, the fire departments urge you to be fire safe. Keep combustibles away from your home and be careful with any open flame or ignition source
- EMS Week is coming up in May and the Channel 9 Health Fair is coming in April.
   Contact your fire department for event information. Many of the firefighters will be helping staff the Health Fair sites around the area
- Chief Rinne (South Metro) is the immediate past president of the Denver Metro
  Fire Chief Association and Chief Dan Qualman (Parker Fire) was just elected as
  the Vice President of the Colorado State Fire Chief's Association
- Parker Fire Protection District has relocated a paramedic rescue unit from Station #5 to Station #2 on South Parker Road. This will improve response times in the northern part of the district
- Cunningham Fire Protection District added a new paramedic rescue to the system. During weekdays it is based at Parker and Iliff and spends the nights at

Tower and Berry. Station #3 at Riviera and Picadilly is getting a new engine later this month

## City of Centennial - Mayor - Randy Pye

- The snow we received on Monday only provided about one inch of moisture. We are a very long way from ending the drought
- Centennial uses Ice-Slice mixed with sand in the snowplows. CDOT (the state)
  just plowed the roads with some sanding. This resulted in the City's streets being
  in much better condition than the streets maintained by the state
- Most of the intersections with the most accidents (see above) are intersections where a state road intersects a city road
- The stretch of Arapahoe Road from I-25 to Parker was approved for a redevelopment study by the TIP program of DRCOG
- East Cherry Creek Valley Water has condemned part of Georgetown Village greenbelts and fences for water lines. Call Mary Buckley at the City Offices for information, 303-734-4567. The water line will be going down Holly Street, and will affect traffic
- City is in process of updating the Emergency Preparedness Plan, which is based on the Arapahoe County plan
- City is also starting on a Comprehensive Plan for the City
- The redevelopment of the Marathon Oil property is getting controversial. The City
  of Littleton is responsible for processing this redevelopment, but it will affect
  some Centennial neighborhoods
- State Senator Andrews has proposed a bill that will take 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the RDT tax and give it to CDOT for a traffic Congestion Mitigation Fund. The Mayor opposes this action, since it sets a precedent that allows the government to change voter approved allocations of tax monies

# **TREX Presentation - Hunter Sydnor**

- Adds 19 miles of light rail between Broadway and Lincoln Avenue. Will have 13 new stations with Park-n-Ride at 12 of these stations. Will also have 34 new light rail vehicles
- Adds 17 miles of new highway, one lane each direction on I-25 from Logan to I-255, and two lanes each direction on I-25 from I-225 to C470/E470. Also adds one lane each direction on I-225 from Parker to I-25
- TREX also completing bridge replacement, new exit/entrance ramps, drainage improvements, construction of retaining and sound walls, and new lighting in center medium. Interchange at I-25/I-225 completely redesigned
- HOV lanes can be used by all vehicles except during 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on weekdays
- For 24 hour, real-time information, call 303-786-TREX or visit <u>www.trexproject.com</u>. Targeted completion date is Fall 2006
- "Move-It" program for minor accidents on the freeway. Police & insurance companies will not penalize you for moving your car out of the traffic lanes
  - 1. If vehicles are drivable, and no injuries, no drugs or alcohol involved
  - 2. Move vehicles off road to nearest emergency pullout, shoulder, or off-ramp shoulder

- Call 911 to alert them of accident. They may give further instructions
- 4. Exchange information (name, address, phone, driver's license number, make, model, color of vehicle, license plate number, insurance carrier and policy number. Then report accident as instructed by law enforcement and insurance

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

- No change in the status of acquiring insurance for CenCON. Members should already be covered by their HOA
- Mike Sutherland checked CenCON's tax exempt status & it is correct and current with no further action required
- Urban Drainage and Flood Control District will have a meeting at the Parker Town Hall on 26 February, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. to discuss the Cherry Creek Corridor Drainage Way Master Plan
- Littleton is hosting a Neighbor-2-Neighbor Roundtable on 26 February, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the Bemis Public Library to discuss Homeowners Association Issues with a panel of experts. Attorneys will also be present to answer questions. A light dinner will be served. RSVP by Monday, 24 February to Susan Payne at 303-795-3755
- The amount of the dues for next year was discussed after reviewing a breakdown of finances from Gerry Cummins
- A motion to reduce the dues to \$30.00 was made by Claudette Cooper and seconded by Tom Wood. The motion was defeated by a vote of 14 to 2. A motion was then made to keep the dues at the current level of \$45.00 by Brad Calbert, and seconded by Hanna Goldberg. The motion passed with a vote of 13 Yes, 2 No, and 1 Abstaining
- New Board elections are in April

### - Treasurer - Gerry Cummins

Checking account		Savings account	
Previous balance:	\$ 531.33	Previous balance:	\$ 2327.82
Income	\$ 101.25	Income (Dues)	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 75.22	(Interest)	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 557.36	Closing Balance	\$ 2327.82

### - Secretary - Frank Green

 It was moved by Michael Sutherland and seconded by Hanna Goldberg that the January 2003 minutes be approved as read. Approval was unanimous

## - Membership - Michael Kirrane

 CenCON Association Membership proposed for informal neighborhood groups meeting the following requirements:

- 1. Three volunteers from the area must act as representatives for neighborhood (only one vote per Association)
- 2. Communication Plan must exist to disseminate CenCON information to neighborhood (one of the following):
  - a. Newsletter
  - b. E-mail (50% of area's residents on list)
  - c. 2 meetings/year, one which is "general meeting" for entire area
  - d. Website
- Identify area's geographical boundaries (minimum of 15 homes) per City's Neighborhood Map
- Dues will be the same for all CenCON members
- This plan for new CenCON Associations will be in effect as a trial period of one year. No changes to ByLaws at this time
- CenCON will help to prepare and make copies, but not distribute the introductory newsletter for all residents of the area
- It was moved by Michael Sutherland and seconded by Lynn Leader that the CenCON Association rules be approved as described. Approval was unanimous

### - Plans - Plans Committee

- Two new developer plans were discussed. It was moved by Frank Parrish and seconded by Michael Sutherland to approve the comments as read. Approval was unanimous. Comments will be distributed with the meeting minutes
- CenCON welcomes Tim Gelston, from the City's Land Use department, who will be attending future CenCON meetings