



## **Centennial Council of Neighborhoods - November 04 Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. and was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a total of 17 members present

### **Arapahoe Library District - Eloise May**

- Week of December 5 to 11 (Sunday to Saturday) is "You Can, We Can". Currently checked out books that are overdue can be returned without a fine. Patrons are asked to voluntarily bring a can of food as a substitute for the fine
- Castlewood will have a "Holiday Open House" on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 PM. Will have music and food available
- Koelbel will have a "Book Lovers Holiday Party" on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
- Smoky Hill will have a "Family Event" on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4 to 6 PM. They will have real reindeer at the event
- Library staff is being restructured in view of long term saving. There will be fewer managers, but no one will be laid off

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

- About 25 people attended the meeting concerning the survey of various parks and recreation facilities east of I-25. Information will be posted on the City's web site. About 13 districts east of I-25 provide services. Biggest need is athletic fields
- There will be additional meetings about this survey in the future
- The final plan for the Walnut Hills playground is complete. The work will probably be done in the spring of 2005
- SSPRD will recycle live Christmas trees from December 27 through January 21 at the Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 South Holly Street and at Cornerstone parking area (enter from Windermere Street south of Belleview Avenue). All lights, ornaments, garland and tinsel must be removed. Flocked trees, leaves, branches or other refuse will not be accepted at the recycling sites. Trees will be mulched and free mulch will be available shortly after the recycling process. Residents can obtain mulch Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at each of the two sites. Call the South Suburban Administrative office at 303-798-5131 for more information

### **Arapahoe County Sheriff - Mark Fisher**

- Holiday season brings an increase in crime at the shopping malls and mall parking lots. Keep packages out of sight in your trunk. There will be extra patrol cars at the malls from November 26<sup>th</sup> till December 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Arapahoe Sheriff's Office will have a "Safety" booth, complete with puppet shows, at Southglenn mall, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM till 2 PM
- Several recent arrests of various criminal activities were described (stolen credit cards, several stolen vehicles, meth labs, assault & kidnapping, burglaries at Fiore's restaurant, and Cherry Knolls Liquors)

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

- Be extra careful of candles, wiring, overloading electrical circuits, etc during the holidays
- Parts of Ward 4 of Centennial unanimously voted to be included in the Cunningham Fire district
- Parker Fire District announced changes in personnel: Division Chief Jim Drummond to Administrative Services, Division Chief Bob Baker to Emergency Operations, Division Chief Vince Turner to Community Safety Services. Tracie Minoggie was hired as Public Safety Educator. Division Chief John York and Public Safety Educator John Wood are retiring
- All the fire districts are hiring new fire fighters, some as replacements, and some as additional personnel
- All fire districts in Colorado continue to take WMD classes from Homeland Security. Arapahoe County's CERT program has been very successful this year, and had the largest group of graduates in the state. Classes will continue next year
- Fire Prevention open houses in the various fire districts were well attended during the month of October
- Littleton & Cherry Creek school districts are conducting a Community Asset Program to help the community youth to help prevent youth crime and build better citizens. There will be a Youth/Adult Summit on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005, probably at Grandview School at 8 AM. The youth have requested that more "senior" members of the community be involved

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

- The new recreation center opened last Saturday
- The skate park is finished, but will not officially open until the spring of 2005

### **Presentation - Clerk of Municipal Court - Penny Verhoeff**

- Court for City of Centennial has been in operation for a year. Has processed about 13800 traffic violations so far
- Currently have five full time clerks in addition to Ms. Verhoeff
- Court will hopefully start processing code enforcement violations in late spring/early summer of 2005
- Currently, the court expense/fine income ratio is very close. When code enforcement violations start, expenses will probably increase
- Approximately 70% of traffic violators mail in the fine, and about 2 to 5% of the remaining 30% actually go to trial, the rest are plea-bargained. About 1/3 to 1/2 of violators are citizens of Centennial, about 1/3 are from Aurora, and the rest are from all over the metro area

- Court sessions are on Mondays, starting at 1 PM, and Tuesdays, starting at 6 PM

### **Presentation - Community Publishers - Lee Cayce**

- Community Publishers publishes monthly HOA newsletters at no cost to the HOA (except for USPS postage). There may be modest start-up costs, and for labeling, inserts, special editions, and non-resident copies
- Information from the HOA is provided to Community publishers, and they add community news (Library, South Suburban Recreation, Fire and Sheriff), general interest items, and seasonal messages, including pictures
- Advertising (completely managed by Community Publishers) pays for the publication of the newsletter. They will honor any existing HOA advertising contracts. Advertisers are usually real estate agents, painters, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc.
- Smaller HOAs may be combined with other surrounding HOAs for advertising purposes (need about 1000 homes as a minimum, or located close to another existing client), but each HOA gets its own personalized newsletter
- Call Lee Cayce at 303-978-0735 for more information

### **Presentation - Cunningham Fire - Jerry Rhodes, David Markham**

- New Fire Station proposed for 16758 East Smoky Hill Road in the Albertson's shopping center adjacent to Midas Muffler. There will be no new or increased taxes required for this construction
- Will be a 3 bay structure with architectural features designed to compliment other structures in the shopping center. Main floor will be about 6,110 sq. ft., second floor will be about 3,000 sq. ft., and the basement will be about 1,400 sq. ft.
- Re-location of the fire station to this address will allow a 4 -1/2 minute emergency response time for this service area, 90% of the time
- Existing Station 2 (5600 S Tower Road) will be maintained as a Quartermaster station to store reserve equipment and supplies. An emergency phone will be maintained at the west entrance of this facility. This station can be reopened as an emergency fire station in the event of a disaster or major emergency
- Will use existing southern access road to Buckley Road, segregating emergency traffic from the vehicle & pedestrian traffic in the shopping center. Emergency traffic control signals will be installed to control traffic on Buckley Road and, if necessary, Smoky Hill Road
- Operating procedures regarding use of lights and sirens will be adjusted to minimize impact on surrounding homeowners, while still complying with state laws
- Fire District is asking for feedback from citizens. Contact David Markham at [dmarkham@cfpd.org](mailto:dmarkham@cfpd.org) or 303-755-9202 ext. 1101

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

- The results from the recent survey of various parks and recreation facilities east of I-25, within the City of Centennial are available
- C470 commission will have Open Houses. They want to have an on/off interchange at Colorado Blvd. Meetings are December 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM to 8

PM. On the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Ken Caryl Ranch House, on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Highlands Ranch Metro Districts Office

- City of Centennial is in need of volunteers for the Board of Adjustments
- City's Comprehensive Plan has passed, and is in effect
- City Council passed a 6 month moratorium on group homes, and sexual related businesses
- City was asked to allow wine-tasting at local stores
- City is currently preparing new grading, erosion, and sediment control regulations to meet the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems, Phase 2 Permits. Open House for information on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 3 PM, at Arapahoe County Public Works
- City has a new map showing the boundaries of the City
- CenCON presented the Arapahoe Library District with a check for \$500 in appreciation of the District allowing CenCON to use the facilities for meetings

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

Checking account	\$456.88	Savings account	\$4131.85
Previous balance:		Previous balance:	
Income	\$515.00	Income (Interest)	\$1.52
Expenses	\$513.99	Expenses	\$500.00
Closing Balance	\$457.89	Closing Balance	\$3633.37

#### **- Secretary - Frank Green**

- Moved by Ron Weidmann and seconded by Jim Levy that the October 2004 minutes be approved as written. Approval was unanimous

#### **- Plans - Ron Weidmann**

- No representatives from the City of Centennial attended the meeting
- Six new developer plans were received. Copies of the detailed comments will be sent to all CenCON members as usual

#### **- Membership - Michael Kirrane**

- Potential CenCON Association's biggest stumbling block is the cost of newsletters, and so far, CenCON has had no groups willing to become CenCON Associations. Continuing to review the situation

**Next CenCON meeting is January 24, 2005** at the Library Administration Building, at 6:45 PM