



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – February 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon, President at 6:50 pm with 18 members present and adjourned at 9 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesherriff.org Captain Mark Fischer

- Due to recent incidents of individuals impersonating an officer, Crime Prevention Tips were distributed to use when being stopped to verify the authenticity of the police officer. If stopped, pull into well-lighted area, roll window down partway, & ask for credentials. Deputies are instructed to either hand you a business card or a ticket.
- A disturbance at a bar on Arapahoe Rd. resulted in a stabbing. A suspect is in custody and has been charged.
- Domestic Disturbance: A family member with mental health issues threatened a parent who moved out of home & later returned. Deputies responded to a 911 hang up call and arrested the son for harassment.
- Distributed a list of proposed legislation affecting law enforcement that is under consideration at the legislature.

Arapahoe Library District www.arapahoelibraries.org Eloise May, Executive Director

- Thank you to CenCON for \$750 donation for use of the library facilities from CenCON.
- Holiday Food Drive resulted in the distribution of 125 boxes of food. Each box fed family of 4.
- March is Culturefest month highlighting the connections between local and global communities. Activities listed in *The Dewey* and the website.
- Bookmark contest for elementary –aged children with theme of *Building Bridges between People and Places*. Sponsored by the Library District and Mizel Museum

Arapahoe Park and Rec District www.aprd.org Rebecca Nash, Board of Directors

- Finishing trail between Buckley and Tower Rd with a horse crossing and a pedestrian bridge.
- Starting a neighborhood park, Tall Grass, north of Quincy & East of Himalaya – takes 3-5 years, with community involvement in the planning.
- Not doing the tree planting program due to budget constraints.
- Matching Funds program is underway. Application forms available.

Fire Districts Becky O'Guin, Public Relations

- Dan Qualman is attending a conference regarding re-accreditation for the district.

- Household Chemical Roundup – April 26, 9-3, Parker Fire District facility, 17601 E. Plaza Drive.
- March 18, joint Board Meeting of Parker and South Metro Fire Districts to receive the report on the study to merge the two organizations. It will begin with a work session at 5:30 pm at South Metro Administration Building.
- Parker Fire is offering a winter driving skills class for adults.
- Youth Summit on March 8 – register online at assetsconnect.org
- All District Chiefs are supporting Capt. Shane Stewart's family. He lost his life in an accident in Weld County.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org
www.southmetro.org

South Suburban Park and Rec District www.sspr.org Jean Flynn

- Batting cages opened last weekend at Belleview and Windemere. Hours: M-F 4-8:00 pm and Sat/Sun 12-8:00 pm.
- Miniature Golf Course opens March 8.
- During spring break, several activities are being offered: Sports and Splash Camps at all Rec Centers, Inline Hockey at Cornerstone Park, Art Camp at Goodson, Spring Break Nature Camp at South Platte Park.
- Blood Screenings 7:00 – 9:30 am: April 15, Lone Tree; April 16, Goodson; and April 17 at Buck Rec Center. The screening includes 30 different tests including the lipid profile. Twelve hours of fasting beforehand. \$40/person.
- Holly Tennis Center Carnival: Free, May 3, 10-12 noon, Arapahoe & Krameria. Pre-registration on website, have your serve analyzed. Other games and contests for age 6 and up.
- South Suburban Board election in May. 4 polling place with one incumbent and one open seat.

Jim Dyer, Arapahoe County Commissioner

- Closing on Open Space along the High Line Canal. A working group to preserve the High Line Canal has been put together. Communication with other entities is taking place. Open Space funding is being used.
- Public Works transition with Centennial is underway.
- Conservation Easement: purchased a 1200-acre ranch for \$3.1 million to set aside in perpetuity from development. The site has riparian opportunities. The County Commissioners have made a decision to do large acreage purchases rather than piecemeal. Conservation easements do not always allow public access. The property will be left in its natural state. The fund for the property came from the County Open Space Fund, Great Outdoors Colorado and grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com Gail Carissimi, Citizen Liaison

- The Home Rule Charter newsletter has been mailed. Electronic version will be on website.
- Ward II meeting on February 27 at Koelbel Library. Topics included are new Civic Center & Home Rule Charter.

- Civic Center purchase was approved by Council. It is the Westerra building east of the current office location.
- Ward I meeting, March 6, 6:30 pm at Southglenn Library – Streets at Southglenn, purchase of new Civic Center, Mike Connor will speak about future construction at the intersection of Arapahoe & University.
- Cochlear will relocate their US headquarters to Centennial on E. Peakview adjacent to new Civic Center.
- Lifetime Fitness project will be heard at Planning & Zoning on Feb. 27. It is on the Council agenda on March 17.
- The Mayor & the City encourage Centennial 7th grade students to enter an essay contest, "If I were Mayor", sponsored by Colorado Municipal League (CML) and COLOTRUST. Winner will read their essay at a statewide meeting of CML.
- Council Member Habig spoke about the purchase of the new Civic Center building and surrounding property.

Centennial Home Rule Charter Discussion

- A PowerPoint presentation narrated by Cathy Noon, Chair of the Home Rule Commission, was given. It covered the major elements contained in the Charter. An in depth discussion of the Charter included a Question and Answer session. Members of the Charter Commission are available for presentations to HOA's.
- Questions covered topics such as recall elections; a campaign to educate the voters about the Charter; what vote count is required to pass the Charter (simple majority); what triggers how many times an issue comes before the Council for a vote; clarifying the difference between an ordinance, resolution & motion; what is a Council consent agenda; date of adoption of home rule by other cities; felonies committed by candidates for Council or by Council Members; & fees.

CenCON Business

Cathy Noon, President:

- CAI workshop on March 6, free, at West Ridge Rec Center, Highland Ranch. It will cover covenants and code enforcement.
- The City Planning Department thanked CenCON for its suggestions for the Neighborhood Resource Guide.
- It is time for dues notices to go out to renew membership in CenCON.

Rhonda Livingston, President Pro-Tem

- The text for the CenCON brochure will be sent to a graphic artist.

Ron Podboy, 1st Vice-President, Membership:

- Letters have been sent out to Homestead Farms II, South Winds, and Glenn Oaks to solicit membership.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

- Don Doerr moved to approve the January 2008 minutes. C.J. Whelan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Don Strickland, Treasurer

| Checking | | Savings | |
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| Previous Balance: | \$ 587.52 | Previous Balance: | \$ 2484.21 |
| Income: | 0.00 | Income (Interest): | 0.00 |
| Expenses: | \$ 162.61 | | |
| Closing Balance: | \$ 424.91 | Closing Balance: | \$ 2484.21 |

Plans Jim Levy, 2nd Vice President

- Four plans have arrived to be reviewed.
- If interested in serving on the Plans Sub-Committee, contact Jim Levy.
- 3rd Amendment, Cherry Creek Center [Potomac & Arapahoe], waiver was granted to extend the date of developing retail on the property.

Traffic 101 Workshop: postponed due to resignation of Centennial traffic engineer.

Site Plan Review Workshop

- A workshop on How to Read a Site Plan is April 16 at the City offices.
- Centennial Land Development Department Open House on Friday, Feb. 29, 10:00-12:00 noon at city offices.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2008