

# CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle

January 23, 2012

## Minutes

- I. Call to Order: President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
  - Attendance:

Arapahoe Highlands	The Knolls
Bristol Cove II	Mira Vista
Cherry Knolls	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
FoxRidge	Palos Verdes
Hanover Place	Piney Creek
Heritage Place	Smoky Hill
Homestead Farm	Tiffany
Hunters Hills Condos	Walnut Hills
	Willow Creek II
  - Guests: Algonquin Acres, Arapahoe County, Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Park & Rec., CAI (4), Client Preference (2), South Metro Fire Dist., South Suburban Park & Rec., Randy Pye
  
- II. Guest Comments
  - A. Arapahoe County Sheriff: Chief Bruce Williamson
    - <http://www.arapahoesherriff.org>
    - Executive Summary for Operation Mountain Guardian is available on their website ([www.ncrcolorado.org/Files/InformationUpdates/OMG%20Executive%20Summary%20Public%20Release%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.ncrcolorado.org/Files/InformationUpdates/OMG%20Executive%20Summary%20Public%20Release%20FINAL.pdf)) (North Central Region, Colorado)
    - 12/19, in the 4200 block of E. Maplewood Wy., a father was threatening to kill his wife & son. The 14-year-old managed to call an uncle who called 911. ACSO arrived & arrested father
    - 12/27, in the 1900 block of E. Union Dr., a man was crashing into cars, mailboxes, fences was caught and arrested in Aurora. He was charged with felony criminal mischief.
    - There was a series of robberies in Centennial & unincorporated ArapCo by a robber nicknamed the Cookie Monster Bandit. When a man was arrested in Denver, the robberies stopped. That man hasn't yet been linked to the string.
    - 1/1, in the 6500 block S. Lincoln St, ACCSO found a fugitive's car from a homicide in Denver. The SWAT team came out and the man came out of the house.
    - 1/8, in the 5200 block S. Netherland, ACSO was called for a man cutting himself. SWAT came out & Aurora Police. He then threatened suicide but they arrested him.
    - 1/14, in the 6200 block of S. Leyden, a 79-year-old women was burglarized, over \$400K of unique jewelry was stolen. ACSO is checking the Gold Exchange & pawnshops.
    - ACSO has been busy.
    - Doerr: What are the 10 most accident intersections in Centennial? BW: I'll bring that info in Feb.: Arap/I-25, Havana/Arap., Parker/Orchard; the vast majority of tickets on I-25 are for speeding at upwards of 90 mph.
    - Bain: Is there available an accident report for specific intersections in the City? No answer.
    - Fear: Are there dates for Victims' Assistance training? BW: I'll find out.

- Bain: Are there many crack houses in Centennial? BW: No, not really, they're mostly in motels, a few rental homes. It's not common; remember Centennial is the safest city in CO.
- B. Arapahoe Library District: Ted Fleagle, Dir. of Administrative Services
- <http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/>
  - Koelbel Lib. is having Lisa See for an author event, 13 Feb.
  - In Feb. story times, we'll be distributing activity cards to children with things for parents to do with children.
  - ALD has iPhone & Android mobile apps.
  - The DVD vending machines that were in Southglenn & May libraries are gone, too many problems. Trying to find new ways to make sure new, popular DVDs are available
  - Blu ray DVDs will be added to the libraries in the spring.
  - Fulk: The software issues with the vending machines should have been solvable. TF: There were more problems than just that.
- C. Arapahoe Park & Rec. District: DeLos Searle, Assistant District Manager
- <http://www.aprd.org>
  - "Resolutioners" are taking up parking at the Trails Rec. Center.
  - There are coupons on website, with new ones every month, e.g., private guitar lesson for \$20 in district (through 31 Jan.).
  - A New Year's special is expiring 1/31, 10% discount for a personal trainer.
  - Also expiring on 1/31, is 10% off on a nursery punch pass.
  - The new catalog comes out at the end of Feb., he'll bring some if they're available.
  - Suhaka: Damage is feared in the new city park by skateboards. How has the APRD park fared? DS: Yes, there's been concrete damage, and they've installed new railings with a post that comes through the top of the railing. There are other problems as well.
- D. Fire Districts: Becky O'Guin, Information Officer
- <http://www.cfpd.org>, <http://www.littletongov.org/fire>, <http://www.southmetro.org>
  - Cunningham Fire Dist. will welcome CJ Whelan to the Board of Directors. The insurance service office is surveying the district for insurance. South Metro was surveyed at the beginning of 2011 and hasn't heard back.
  - Littleton Fire Dist. has five candidates in the fire academy in Aurora. Two firefighters just graduated from paramedic training.
  - South Metro will be sponsoring the Sweethearts Ball on 2/11 to raise funds for AEDs in CO schools. (Several students in the state have been saved using them.)
  - A Citizen Fire Academy starts April 11 through May. See website for app. Nancy Sharpe said it was wonderful.
  - Director seats are up for election in May in Parker Fire & S. Metro.
  - Doerr: I thought Parker Fire went away? BO: Not completely, both boards send members to the Authority Bd. (There are 5 members on each board and there are 7 members on the authority bd.)
  - The South Metro budget has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Assoc.
  - Koch: What is the insurance rating for Cunningham? BO: I don't know, but it's good if you're within 5 miles of a station and/or have mutual aid agreement, which they do have.
- E. Cherry Creek Schools, Tustin Amole
- <http://cherrycreekschools.org>
  - She showed some mailings from CCSD.

- Teachers have been honored for the Star Mentor prog., where experienced teachers mentor new ones.
- CCSD has gotten the highest mark in state for effective spending.
- CCSD has won an energy efficiency award for effective use of energy. 25 schools have the energy star rating, 28 more will receive it.
- An additional \$5.5M in cuts is needed. CCSD has cut \$46M over last 3 years.
- 8 students scored a perfect 36 on the ACTs.
- Grandview HS was recognized for Project Unify School of the year by Special Olympics
- Dave Wellman is the newest member of Board.
- All schools had special days honoring veterans during Veterans' Day week (videos on website).
- Parents, students & staff were surveyed on what's important to them in education. Results showed science, technology and math were at the top of the list.
- Elementary #42 will be named shortly. Parents & teachers will submit 3 names to the Board to choose.

F. South Suburban Park & Rec. District: Teresa Cope

- <http://www.SSPR.org>
- Annual matching gifts program is starting, applications are on the website. The deadline is 3/9. \$10K is available, projects must have a \$2K limit.
- SSPRD has received an Excellence in Financial Reporting national award.
- There will be a Board election in May, self-nominations are due 3/2.
- There are monthly teen activities @ Family Sports, Extreme Teen party nights every Fri & Sat. night, retro disco night, 7:30 – 9:30, teen skate and a DJ.
- On 2/10, there will be a movie night.
- 2/24, Mother-Child Pirate's Quest through Goodson Rec. Center to find treasure, 5:30 – 7, sign up on line.
- SSPRD summer camps' signup goes online in Feb., they fill up fast.

G. City of Centennial

- <http://www.centennialcolorado.com>
- City Council meeting tonight so there's no one from the City present.

III. What's happening in Arapahoe County, Nancy Sharpe, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

- Open space sales tax reauthorization passed with 70% of the vote.
- The Board passed \$332M budget. A large part of that is federal money pass through. the county's goals for this coming year are: strategize, economize, recognize. (How to provide the level of service we need to provide efficiently & look for ways to improve efficiency; recognize great people who work for the county.).
- The county paid off a \$6M loan. There has been no increase in employees and some voluntary reductions. There was a 1.6% salary increase after 2 yrs of none and the county split the cost of the health insurance increase.
- Oil & gas regs were denied. There are less than 200 active wells in unincorp. area with a few exploratory wells in the Niobrara formation. The BoCC voted to try to work with the state. The BoCC formed a committee w/ArapCo & industry reps to meet regularly to talk about issues as they arise in the county: water, impacts on infrastructure, building permits, keeping it relevant to ArapCo.
- Koch: How does this budget compare to last year? NS: It's very slightly up, but property values went down.

- Bain: CenCON reviewed the possible oil & gas land use regulations. it's different in that oil & gas can drill from one place but horizontally under your property. NS: This shows the importance of notification. ArapCo has never had horizontal drilling before. Bain: The county has identified Urban Centers, drilling should stay away from those. NS: The eastern part of the county is mostly where the drilling will be.

IV. CAI, Debra Fye, Chair, Public Relations Committee

- [www.hoa-colorado.org/](http://www.hoa-colorado.org/)
- She displayed an upcoming event flyer
- There followed a discussion on what C.A.I. is all about.
  - Education organization to promote well-run HOA communities
- Bain discussed the value of CAI to a civic assoc.
- Reed urged CAI to continue the hands on meetings
- CAI will sponsor Lunch & Learns that address legislation issues.
- CAI is supporting the licensing of neighborhood managers
- Whelan passed along some ideas for programs.
- On 3/1, they'll be sponsoring a Community Engagement seminar (Aurora)
- Cummins did a reminder that HOAs need to register w/DORA.

V. CenCON Business

A. President's report, Gerry Cummins

- CJ Whelan has been reappointed to the Centennial Budget Committee.
- We talked about how to get membership participation in CenCON. We've lacked a quorum for the past several months.
- Schlatter: I joined CenCON because it was something I could do for my HOA board & serve a function, get to know issues. What am I taking back to the assoc. that's consequential, what's creating controversy? We need topics that require us to bring opinions on the subject matter; provide a forum for the issues.
- Fulk: If a member could contact Cummins ahead of time, an assoc. issue could be put on the agenda.
- Pye: Make sure to look at our by-laws before we begin advocating. Get Pubic Works, City Manager, Finance person to be here regularly.
- Bain: The City should use CenCON to get information out to assoc.
- Pye: Ask Wittern what kind of information we can help with. Make personal contact with assoc. that don't attend, find out why.
- Bell: It would be nice to hear from the city.
- Hastings: What is the purpose of this group, how's it supposed to function? There's no vitality to us; more info needs to be on the website.
- Doerr: What about I25/ArapRd interchange?
- Doerr: Should we change what our quorum is?

B. First Vice President/Membership & Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- Because there's no quorum, the minutes will be filed as submitted.

C. Treasurer's report, C.J. Whelan

▪ Previous <u>Checking Account</u> Balance (from Nov.)	\$ 1266.55
Deposits: Dues	\$ -.-
Expenses: Arapahoe Library District 2011 donation (from November)	(\$750.00)
▪ Current Balance	\$ 516.55

- Previous Savings Account Balance (from Nov.)     \$ 2192.66
- Income: Interest   \$     0.28
- Current Balance   \$ 2192.94

Note: The two above accounts are located at First National Bank, 7777 E. Arapahoe Rd

VI. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Plans, Ed Bain

- Cell phone antennae installations (atop South Metro Fire Station at Dry Creek & Quebec and affixed to the Chapparral water tank)
  - Bain: towers will be proliferating, new & more where they already are
  - Need to have the property owner present, as well
  - Bain: will be rezoning all commercial property in Cent. this year; you have to show up to community meetings early to be heard
  - Green: traffic signal still doesn't have street light
  - Koch: what impact can we have over cell towers in the HOA? Whelan: we can't stop them but we can impact where they are and what they look like.
- Andrea Suhaka left the room for the rest of the discussions.
- Rezoning of SE corner of E Dry Ck Rd & S University Blvd
- Fueling facility at E Dry Ck Rd and S Alton Ct
  - These two together
  - From Cummins: Fueling Facility at Dry Creek Rd. & Alton Way: The proposal was identified as being good for the City of Centennial as a revenue source. Comments made by CenCON regarding the traffic study included concerns about the traffic study which did not include any reference to traffic studies made for IKEA, the Vallagio development or any studies about traffic on I-25.

VII. Adjourn: 9 pm

Please inform Andrea Suhaka at 303-770-0058 or [standy@ecentral.com](mailto:standy@ecentral.com) of changes in your CenCON Representative or Association President/Chair.

**Next Scheduled Meeting – February 27, 2012**