

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – February 2009 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Noon at 6:50 pm with 20 members present & adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesheriff.org Captain Mark Fisher

- Citizens Academy starts on April 9. Deadline to apply is April 1 or Call Brian McKnight at 720-874-3891. 'Ride- Along with a Patrol Officer' is available by calling 303-795-4711.
- Crime occurred in 3500 block of E. Phillips Cir. & 8200 block of S. Jackson criminal trespass in back yards attempting to enter by the back door of six homes.
- Man shot after-hours in Goodson Rec Center parking lot in a drug related incident. Suspect is yet to be arrested.
- Check into Cash on Smoky Hill Rd.: suspects arrived at this location after robbing another store. Store manager prevented theft but two nearby check cashing stores in Aurora were soon robbed.
- There has been a bit of a spike in burglaries. Lock your doors.

Arapahoe Library District <u>www.arapahoelibraries.org</u> Eloise May, Executive Director

- New Glendale library has been named after Eloise May. Receptions were held in her honor.
- Tax forms are available at all libraries in the district. Specialized forms are available online.
- Booking of library meeting rooms <u>online</u>: Tues., March 17 for east side of district, Wed., March 18 for west side of district with both beginning at 6:00 am.
- Magazines are available online: table of contents can be e-mailed to you, request info on website using 'Search This Site".
- Southglenn Library will tentatively open in mid-July. Alberta has offered to pay the library rent for the longer stay at the Univ./Dry Creek location.

Arapahoe Park & Rec Dist. www.aprd.org Lynn Cornell, District Manager

- Introduced Assistant District Manager, Delos Searle, who will attend future CenCON meetings.
- Due to economy they are looking at cutting back on capital improvement projects. The district will perhaps work on one new project along with some trail projects. The district serves 46,000 constituents.
- Vandalism and graffiti become a problem at certain times of the year.

Fire Districts - Ray Rahne, Littleton Battalion Chief

- Parker & South Metro Fire Districts have merged and will be known as South Metro Fire Rescue Authority.
- On March 8, Fire Fighters will go to Seattle for the Fire Fighter Stair Climb.
 Donations welcome.
- Advanced life support is now available on all units. South Metro medics have been undergoing training to familiarize themselves on children's health issues.
- <u>Littleton:</u> A steering committee has been formed to implement recommendations from the Efficiency Study.
- RIT Training: Rapid Intervention Team provides expertise to safely rescue fire fighters from a burning building. South Metro, West Metro and Littleton Fire Districts have received this training.
- 14th Annual Fire Fighters Ball on March 7 at Sherman Street Complex. Call 303-795-3800 for tickets.
- Accident at Wildcat and Broadway: Good Samaritans (3 women) helped save the victim.
- <u>www.cfpd.org</u> <u>www.littletongov.org</u> <u>www.parkerfire.org</u> <u>www.southmetro.org</u>

Arapahoe County Jim Dyer, District 2, County Commissioner

- The County is financially stable despite increased demand for services at Colorado Works. The County is not charging up to the maximum allowable mill levy.
- Capital construction projects are going forward. New court house grand opening on March 23. No tax increase request is anticipated.
- SEMSWA: division of work going on between Centennial and the County 60%/40% split of projects.
- New jail: County has acquired land near the current jail site for expansion of jail.
 It would be used for intake and processing. The need for a new jail is recognized.
 The cost of holding a prisoner is \$62.50/day.

South Suburban Park & Rec District <u>www.sspr.org</u> Jean Flynn Ray, Community Liaison

- March 27: 50-cent Friday at the batting cages on Windermere St., receive 16 pitches, 4:00-8:00 pm.
- March 28: Hunt for eggs & play miniature golf under the stars, Colorado Journey,
 6 pm ages 4-10, 7 pm–11+.
- April 11: Great Egg Scramble for kids 10 and under at deKoevend Park at 9:30 am; Sheridan Park at 1:30 pm.
- April 12: Lone Tree Golf Club will have an Easter Brunch from 10-2:00.
- April 17 50-cent Fridays, all four golf courses all day, range balls 50-cents.
- May 2: Swing into Spring, Holly Tennis Center, 10 am-12, introduce folks to tennis and give tips to others.

City of Centennial <u>www.centennialcolorado.com</u> Karen Stickland, Management Analyst

- City has passed a Coyote Management Plan focused on citizen education, an awareness plan and hazing of coyotes. Centennial has met with other jurisdictions and agencies to address the problem. A stakeholder meeting to establish a regional plan is scheduled. The city is working with the community. There are two meetings next week: one is for school principals (dumpsters with open lids, lunch trash, etc.) and one is for HOA/CA Assoc. presidents and managers to address concerns & provide information about handling coyote conflicts in the neighborhoods. City will visit individual associations for presentations with residents.
- City sent Neighborhood contact requests to 90 or more neighborhood associations with only 30 returns. Please fill out the forms and return to the city so that important information can be sent to your neighborhood.

Centennial Rotary "State of the City" Mary Alice Jackson

 Invited everyone to the State of the City luncheon on Wednesday, April 22, at Embassy Suites, 11:30. Mayor Pye will speak on the health and future of the City. \$30/ticket.

Greenwood Village Chamber of Commerce – Community Expo Liz Norwood

 April 17: Southeast Community Corridor Expo will host workshops on job search opportunities, improving skills, tips for business owners, labor market issues and learn about services available in our area. An Awards Breakfast will recognize volunteers in the community. Nomination forms are available from the Greenwood Village Chamber.

Southglenn Sub Area Plan Update Jeff Brasel, Centennial Planner

- The Southglenn Area Plan covers the western portion of the city bounded by Broadway, Orchard Rd., County Line Road & Colorado Blvd. Developed in the late '60's the object is to keep the area viable & stable. The plan establishes a vision and a plan for the next 20 years and aids future re-development. It does not rezone property or approve any development.
- Assets: Good schools, open space, established landscape, large lots, well maintained, strong history.
- Residential component: promote stability, fix variance issues, compatible redevelopment (new houses), collector road function & aesthetics, sound wall policy, parks and open space connectivity, school closings.
- Regional Activity Centers: Streets of Southglenn & area at County Line & University.
- Gateways & Corridors: perceptions of a community is formed by views from major roadways; using a series of design elements rather than large signage or monumental architecture is possible such as: lighting, banners, public art, landscaping median treatment, signage, street furniture, and corridor

enhancements mostly at intersections but not necessary to locate right at city limits.

- Market analysis has been considered to establish trends for the next 20 years.
 Outreach to solicit comment from residents and other stakeholders to the proposed plan is underway. The plan will be on the website in early April.
- <u>CenCON Comments:</u> consider enhanced bike lanes; expand some streetscape elements to areas beyond the gateway sections; consider safety features in light of future development; consider visibility as streetscape plantings mature.
- SW corner of Arapahoe & I-25 (Arapahoe Urban Corridor) is the next Plan to be considered.

CenCON Business

- Cathy Noon reported on tentative workshops in conjunction with the City: 1.
 Building Decks in May; 2. Transportation (traffic) workshop in June; 3. Code
 Enforcement in August and; 4. Basements in September and another workshop
 in October.
- May 18 for CenCON meeting in May due to Memorial Day on the 4th Monday of the month.
- Neighborhood Maps: The city requested input on the accuracy of the City neighborhood map.
- April: election of officers and dues renewal will be mailed the end of March.
- Information on the Land Development Rewrite can be found at centennialcodeupdate.com
- Citizens meeting for the development of the open space around the City Center, Isaac Newton, March 5, 6:30.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

 Don Doerr moved to approve the minutes of the January '09 meeting. Andrea Suhaka seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking Savings Previous Balance: \$637.15 Previous Balance: \$2487.77

Income: 45.00 Income (Interest): 0.00

Expenses: 264.00

Closing Balance: \$418.15 Closing Balance: \$2487.77

Ron Podboy, 1st Vice-President:

contact with Piney Creek has resulted in a membership renewal.

Plans C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice President

- Cotswald Green subdivision more proposed homes for that area than is suitable for the land.
- Routine change for a public utility easement at Streets of Southglenn.
- Walgreens at SE corner of Smoky Hill Rd. & Buckley: seems appropriate for the area.
- Walgreens at Arapahoe road and Dayton is proposed. The building is a former car dealership.
- Cencon.net is the new email address for Cencon information.
- Lifetime Fitness project on Dry Creek (former Honeywell/Metrum) is on hold due to the economy.