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12855 E. Adam Aircraft Cir Oct. 24, 2016 www.cencon.net

Minutes

I. Call to Order: President Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm.

Attendance: (A quorum was not present.)

Algonquin Acres Arapahoe Highlands Cherry Knolls (2)
Fox Hill #4 FoxRidge Hanover Place (2)

Hunters Hill Condos Mira Vista Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S

Ridgeview Hills N Smoky Hill Walnut Hills

Willow Creek 2

- Guests: Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Parks & Rec. Dist., City of Centennial (2), South Metro Fire, Bella Vista (2), Four Lakes
- Highlighted areas below are good for neighborhood newsletters.

II. Guest Comments

- A. Arapahoe County Sheriff, Capt. Chris George
 - ACSO is bringing back SWAT Medics. It's smarter to have a medic when SWAT is called because quicker care of a serious injury will lead to better results. They'll be ready to take care of residents, bad guys, & officers
 - On 10/26, in the 5000 block of S Espana Ct, a man with several warrants barracaded himself in his father's house. The father wanted him removed. SWAT and the Bear Cat were called. A hostage negotiator got him out after the man saw the armored vehicle.
 - On 10/27, in the 3800block of E. Costilla Ave. a man killed himself. There are lots of suicides this time of year, watch for symptons.
 - On 10/30, in the 14600 block of E. Fremont Ave., ACSO received a 911 call, but the caller didn't stay on the line. She claimed her friend was shot in the warehouse district of S. Jordan Rd. No one was found but a BOLO went out to hospitals and the man was found suffering from a gunshot wound. Investigation ongoing.
 - On 11/1, in the 6000 S. Galena, a car was found sitting at a stop sign. 2 very high people were inside. A search of the car yielded 12 1/2 lb. MJ and other things. Both were arrested.
 - On 11/16, at the Smoky Hill Safeway, a woman reported that she had been chased to her car by a drunk man. He fought the deputies all the way into the patrol car.
 - On 11/17, in the 6000 block of S Odessa Cir., shortly after a man came home 3 armed men knocked on the door and confronted his roommates. They stole a laptop & phone from one of the roommates and ran. Investigation ongoing.
 - On 11/17, at the Life Christian Store on S. Yosemite, an armed man in military vest walked in. Clerk called 911. The man didn't get any money but got away. Later, in Parker, there was the same sort of robbery. Investigation ongoing.
 - On 11/1, in the 20600block of E. Berry Dr. 3 armed men committed aggravated robbery in the park there. K-9 had no luck. Investigation ongoing.
 - On 11/25, in the 6500 block of S. Syracuse Wy., a man's cigarette caught his balcony on fire. South Metro Fire put the fire out. \$15,000 in damage
 - On 11/27, in the 7000 block of S. Grape Wy, a man was found dead on his basement floor. Ongoing as a mysterious mysterious death.
 - On I-70 in Watkins, a traffic stop led to a drug bust. 7 oz. of MJ, a weapon, and almost \$2,000 was found in the car.

- The deputy killed on I-25 on 11/27 (?) will have services on Fri.. ACSO will provide force protection (surround the area so the police present are safe).
- Middleton: What about the accident on I-25? George: The law is move over or slow down. On Thurs., we'll be doing a strong enforcement on I-25 of slow down or pull over. Castle Rock, Greenwood Village, ACSO, Cherry Hills Village, & Parker will be involved. (The vacuum from a speeding tractor trailer can suck a person or vehicle underneath it.)
- Middleton: Why does the officer stand on the driver side when stopping someone on the highway? George: We'll do a show & tell on this when the weather is good.
- George gave a brief overview of how to act in a traffic stop.
- Ron Phelps: Is there crime at SouthGlenn? George: No, not very much.
- George: When you're on NextDoor, don't believe everything you read. Send questionable posts to the ACSO.
- B. Arapahoe Library District, Daisy Grice, Manager of Community Libraries
 - Better Book Bonanza book sale, Sat., 12/3, 9am-4:30pm, Sun., 12/4, noon-5pm at Koelbel (gift giving)
 - The sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Arapahoe Libraries, will feature rare and collectible books, a large selection of gift-quality books, new fiction titles, current bestsellers, children's and many more books in top-notch condition which will be sold at reasonable prices.
 - The Friends funds are allocated to Arapahoe Libraries in the form of grants, supporting programs and projects, such as the annual Summer Reading program, author events, special purchases for the libraries and more. So far in 2016, the Friends Board has granted Arapahoe Libraries \$100,000
 - The Friends of the Arapahoe Libraries is a special group of 400 library lovers and supporters whose primary objective is to raise funds by selling used books and Friends memberships.
 - There was an author event on 122/1: Chris Bohjalian author of *The Guest Room*.
 - Families are invited to come in their pajamas to Halfpenny Brewing Co. (5150 E. Arapahoe Rd., Centennial) on <u>Wed., Dec. 14, 6-8 pm</u>, for a screening of *The Polar Express* (2004, rated G). Halfpenny is partnering with ALD for this event.
- C. Arapahoe Park & Rec District, Delos Searle, Asst. District Manager
 - APRD is winding down 2016 and getting ready for 2017. The pavilions are closed.
 - There is a Holiday Pass Special going on. It began on 11/19 and will run through 1/15. It's the same price for the whole time, so buy now. \$62 in district, \$85 out, for any use in that time frame. Other special offers can't be used in combination.
 - The Trails Rec. Center has a new website, http://www.trailsrecreationcenter.org.
 - There was a holiday toy drive at Trails on Dec. 3.
 - Baseline Bombers Holiday Camp: Mon., 12/19 Wed., 12/21; 9am-Noon for 8-11 year olds. This includes basketball fundamentals, games, contests, prizes, and a camp T-shirt. Sign up on the Trails website, \$84-in district, \$111-out. More info, call 303-269-8418
 - The eco-counter on Piney Creek Trail near Parker Rd. is operational. It counts walkers' & bikers' directions, time, & mode of travel. This will help the district in grant requests, keep track of trail usage, and planning for events.
- D. Fire Districts, South Metro Fire Dept., Chief Bob Baker Cunningham Fire, Littleton Fire, South Metro Fire
 - When the weather is better we'll bring an Advanced Resource Medical car.

- Littleton Fire had nothing new to report.
- Cunningham Fire:
 - Chief Rhodes had some surgery and will be out for a while.
 - They should get their accreditation in 2017.
 - They purchased a Type 6 Brush Truck.
 - There have been some promotions. They will promote to one captain at each station (3).
 - There were 410 people at the Oct. pancake breakfast.
 - Please, visit the Cunningham website for holiday safety tips.
- The 3 fire districts are continuing to discuss unification. There's a good chance this will happen.
- Phelps: What can you tell us about the Green Mountain fire? Baker: South Metro has a strike force there (5 light resources).
- South Metro Fire:
 - We have 20 new recruits in fire academy.
 - We're purchasing 3 new pumpers, 1 tower truck, and a brush truck.
 - There will be new fitness standards to address the line firefighter's cardiac health. They'll have to pass an annual test.
 - We'll be sponsoring the Police & Fire Games (like the Olympics) in 2017.
 - The Station 32 reconstruction has been put on hold. We've purchased a \$325,000 burn property and a simulation lab with robotic technology for real world situations and a replica ambulance to train on
 - o Bain: Kudos to the fire district for helping a neighbor of mine move her husband from their car into their house. Who are you supposed to call in these situations? Barker: The fire service has been doing a lot of transporting of people who need to be moved, even for nursing homes. They also help pick people up from the floor who have fallen.
- E. South Suburban Park & Rec District, Teresa Cope, Communications Director
 - Cope was absent. Please, see the December events calendar linked in this email.
- F. City of Centennial, District 4 Councilman C.J. Whelan
 - In the spring, Council approved \$6M to build out Centennial's fiber backbone (on the arterials). Fiber will be going in the ground by the end of the year. We'll start in the center of the City and build out. The City is adding a division called FiberWorks. They'll be voting on this at 12/5 Council meeting. This will guide the whole process.
 - <u>Ting.com</u> is the first provider to step forward to build that last link to the homes in a neighborhood. They will start where there is the most interest. Go to <u>ting.com/Centennial</u> to indicate your interest. It costs \$9 which will be refunded if you don't go with Ting and there will be special installation pricing for those who do this sign up.
 - Phelps: How will Ting (or other possible providers) be connecting to the US primary backbone? Whelan: There are some nation nodes nearby.

III. A Conversation with Mayor Noon

- Christmas tree recycling: 12/26 1/17. West side at Willow Spring Open Space, East side at Lookout Park or Piney Creek Hollow Park.
- Snow plowing & shoveling: There are 5 new snow plows for faster clearing. Priority 3 streets (neighborhoods) will be plowed at 6" of snow, but temps count. The City is shoveling sidewalks on Priority 1/Arterial streets.

- City still doesn't have an ordinance for shoveling at homes. Arapahoe County has a Snow Angel program to help seniors shovel, but they're short handed.
- Bain: Is the City continuing to identify horribly icy streets where ice fills a lane? Noon: We will proactively look for ice as a trial run; you won't have to call in.
- The Centennial NEXT comprehensive plan project has a new survey online: www.centennialco.gov/CentennialNEXT
- The City is updating its Open Space Master Plan. Most of the previous plan's projects have been completed.
- Cummins: What does the Open Space Budget look like? Noon: We receive about \$2M from the County and the State (GOCO). The Open Space Board looks at requests from SSPRD, APRD & special districts. We'll be adding another restroom to Centennial Center Park, ready for May/
- Public Works has applied for accreditation. We've been recommended for the award but not completed, yet.
- GoCentennial pilot project: Lyft & he Dry Creek Call-n-ride. If you live in the Dry Creek Call-n-ride area, you can take a Lyft to the station for free. Seniors can call the Centennial call center if they have no smart phone. We also have a handicapped van that will take you anywhere in the Call-n-ride area. We've noticed an increase in rides using the GoCentennial (GoDenver) app instead of the Lyft App. Almost no one is using the handicap van. This project is funded with matching dollars split w/Denver South Transportation Management Assoc, and the City, \$400,000.
- Maurer: What's the benefit? Noon: It's cheaper to run Lyft than the RTD Call-n-ride.
 RTD subsidizes each ride at \$21. Lyft is costing about \$8 a ride. The Senior Commission is sponsoring training for people how to use this system. This project was the brain child of our i-Team.
- The i-Team is moving to a new project: Aging in Place
- Phelps: Is there any idea when the money will be gone? Noon: We should run into Feb.
- Our City Manager has retired. We will pick a search firm to help us find a new one.
 This could take 10-14 weeks
- City Council is looking at commercial vehicles parking on public streets. (Whelan is on the subcommittee). We're also exploring other nuisances; should code enforcement be carried into backyards. Here is the discussion on some nuisances: www.centennialco.gov/Mayor-Council/agendas-minutes-and-audio.aspx. Click on Nov. 14 on calendar and then click on Study Session audio.

IV. CenCON Business

- A. President's report, Gerry Cummins
 - Cummins reminded us that there is no CenCON meeting in Dec. She wished everyone a happy holiday season.
 - There were District 2 meeting on 11/17 and District 1 meeting tonight. Ask your Council members.
- B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of Sept. and Oct. as emailed (Doerr/Seymour). There being no quorum, we'll vote next month.
- C. Treasurer's report, Henry Blum
 - Through Nov. 28
 - Checking Account at Wells Fargo Bank, Smoky Hill Branch:
 - Balance forward from 10/24/16 report \$3,958.64
 - Income: Dues deposited* 30.00
 - Expenses: None

- * Park View Highlands
- V. 2nd Vice President, Tammy Maurer
 - Cathy Noon, C.J. Whelan, and Andrea Suhaka left the room before this discussion.
 - Uptown Suites Site Plan, 12943 E. Briarwood Ave. The proposed hotel will have 131 rooms, 50 ft. max height. It will be a 4-story building with 136 parking spaces (required by code); access is off of Briarwood, it removes non-jurisdictional wetlands (handled by ACWWA & SEMSWA).
- VI. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

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

Next meeting – Jan. 23, 2017