



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – January 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Rhonda Livingston, President Pro Tem, at 6:47 pm with 18 members present and adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesherriff.org Captain Mark Fisher

- A police car replica was passed around. The replicas serve as awards to teens which complete the 'Alive at 25' program near the top of the class. A number of them have been made available to patrol officers and school resource officers to award to teens who are observed driving safely.
- Criminal mischief at Heritage Wine & Liquor store on E. Arapahoe Rd. Suspect was apprehended.
- Centennial was the safest city in Colorado in 2007. The 2008 crime statistics are lower than 2007.

Arapahoe Library District www.arapahoelibraries.org Laurie Christenson, Koelbel Manager

- New library at Streets at Southglenn is located on south end of mall near Sears. The library contains areas for children, teens, study areas, a larger meeting space and an outdoor patio. Streets at Southglenn will host a commons area which will be the site of concerts, story time, and other events.
- Holly Whelan, site supervisor for Southglenn Library, described plans for the library. The concept is to make it easier to browse the library with related subjects grouped near each other and also retain the Dewey decimal system. It will focus on new and popular selections that are not more than 3-4 years old. Expanded hours will also be in effect.

Fire Districts Chief Dan Qualman, Parker Fire District

- **Cunningham** has information about carbon monoxide detectors on its website. Despite the economic situation, emergency service delivery will not change in the foreseeable future. New facility has reduced response time.
- **Littleton** is hiring 4 personnel to replace retirees. The result of the Operational Efficiency Study is on their website. Over 95 recommendations are under consideration.
- **Parker & South Metro Departments** are integrating their personnel. New phone number: 720-989-2000.
- Larkspur is hosting a chili cook-off to raise funds for Brian Kopp, paramedic who was killed in an avalanche.
- South Metro Fire District Foundation is hosting a Sweet Heart Ball on Feb. 14 to raise funds to purchase defibrillators for schools.

- A report from Cunningham, Littleton and South Metro that cover Centennial is available.
- It is recommended that CO2 monitors be placed in bedrooms and near the furnace.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org www.southmetro.org

South Suburban Park & Rec District www.sspr.org **Jean Flynn Ray, Community Relations**

- '50-cent Fridays' is designed to celebrate 50 years of South Suburban. Recreational opportunities for 50-cents are scheduled on certain Fridays throughout the year. District residency is not a requirement.
- Forms for the Matching Gift Program were distributed. \$10,000 in matching funds is available to civic organizations to match dollars for improvements to South Suburban facilities and parks.

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com **Allison Wittern, Communications Specialist**

- Design Concepts has been selected to develop a plan for the open space surrounding the city center.
- Sales tax – authorization & certificates are in the mail to those who have signed up.
- Council & staff met over the weekend to discuss the vision program.
- The Centennial Connections newsletter will be mailed the end of March/early April.
- Information on coyotes is available for HOA newsletters. A management plan is being developed with other nearby cities.
- HOA registration forms were available to provide contact information for the city.
- Centennial Fit4Colorado Community Walk, January 31, 9:00 am, Ecological Park 1-2 mile walk in the park with the mayor. Jennifer Zeppelin and Mayor Pye will lead the walk.
- Southglenn Sub Area Plan Open House on February 12, 6:00-8:00 pm at city offices. Looking at commercial areas in that vicinity.

Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority Update **Mike Vinson, SEMSWA Program Manager**

- Mike Vinson provided a Power Point presentation. SEMSWA was formed in the fall of 2006 to address the management of storm water. The board is comprised of 3 from the city, 2 from the county and 1 non-voting member. Revenues are based on the amount of impervious surface of a property. SEMSWA provides maintenance of the infrastructure, new infrastructure, stabilizes current streams and rivers, & protects the quality of water in the system. He described projects from the past, current and future years. John McCarty, Executive Director, can be reached at 303-858-8844. Andrea Suhaka & Ron Weidmann serve on the board of directors of SEMSWA representing Centennial.

"Shop Local" Corri Spiegel, City of Centennial

- Corri Spiegel described the Shop Local program. 'Explore Centennial' provides an opportunity to Centennial citizens who sign up to receive monthly information about participating businesses offering promotions. It is an economic development program. Partner business information is on the city website.

Bus Bench/Newspaper Box proposed regulations Jeff Brasel, City of Centennial

- Bus benches in Centennial are provided by private contractors who may display advertising. The display of the benches should be upgraded by extending the bench contracts to more than a year at a time with incentives for vendors to recoup their expenses and to provide for increased design & maintenance. Staff has proposed that Centennial do an RFP for an extended contract to include upgraded bench design & specialized design at gateways to the city. As proposed, no advertising would be permitted on benches located in front of citizen's homes. RFP should be out in March with Council action scheduled in May.
- CenCON comments: provide for maintenance upkeep to benches. Trash collection at heavily used bus stops should be implemented.
- News Racks: Currently the location of a news rack is unregulated in the city. There is an opportunity to explore bundling news racks into the bus bench agreement as many of the companies also supply news racks. Regulations may be implemented in a public right of way.
- Comments: What criteria may be used to identify restrictions? Distance from street to consider health and safety. Contact Jeff Brasel to comment further.

CenCON Business

- Ron Podboy moved to renew CenCON's membership in CAI – Community Associations Institute at \$140/year. Andrea Suhaka seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

- Don Doerr moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Chris Raab seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report [Dec./Jan.] Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking		Savings	
Previous Balance:	\$ 1399.84	Previous Balance:	\$ 2487.06
Income:	0.00	Income (Interest):	0.71
Expenses:	762.69		
Closing Balance:	\$ 637.15	Closing Balance:	\$ 2487.77

Plans C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice-President

Two plans with minor revisions have been submitted.

Other

- **CIP:** a committee report was sent to all CenCON members.
- **Land Code Rewrite:** A portion of the next Planning and Zoning meeting on January 28, 6:00 pm, will include an update on the rewrite. See www.Centennialupdate.com for more progress of the rewrite.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2009