



## CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle

June 24, 2013

### Minutes

- I. Call to Order: President Gerry Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.
- Attendance, Members (18 members constitutes a quorum): A quorum was present. (YAY!)

Bristol Cove	Cherry Knolls	FoxRidge
Heritage Place	Heritage Village	Highlands 460
Highlands @ Piney Creek	Homestead Farm	Homestead Farm II
Hunters Hill	Hunters Hill Condos	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills S
Ridgeview Hills North	Smoky Hill	Tiffany
Walnut Hills	Willow Creek I	Willow Creek II
  - Guests: Arapahoe County Commissioner, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe Library Dist., Arapahoe Park & Rec. Dist., City of Centennial (3), Cunningham Fire, South Suburban Park & Rec. District, Guest: Rhonda Livingston
- II. Guest Comments
- A. Arapahoe County Sheriff, Capt. Glenn Thompson
- [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org)
  - A patrol car was hit by a DUI driver while on a stop for a DUI arrest. There have been 199 DUI arrests this year.
  - Attention: In Centennial and Arapahoe County there is an **open burning ban**.
  - Fires:
    - 6/17, at Willow Creek Park, an area north of the restrooms burned;
    - 6/20, in Cherry Knolls,
    - There was yet a third one on 6/8
  - Thompson brought a handout urging all to sign up for Reverse 911, please opt in for your cell phones (email, text alerts) and the Citizen Notifications (emails only). Go to ACSO website.
  - McKenna: What was the cause of WC fire? Thompson: We think it was arson. The Cherry Knolls fire was started by kids lighting cottonwood seed puffs.
  - Hastings complemented the ACSO for helping to set up their Neighborhood Watch program.
  - Cummins: The other day, at the King Soopers at Arapahoe & Holly there were 4 ACSO cars & a fire truck. What was that? Thompson: They responded to a medical emergency.
- B. Arapahoe Library District, Daisy Grice, Manager of Community Libraries
- [www.arapahoelibraries.org/](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/)
  - Summer is busy for our libraries. The reading program goes through 28 July.
  - 7/29-8/31, There will be a Family Reading Challenge, challenging families to read together for 30 min. a day.
  - On 8/7, at Smoky Hill Lib., we're having a meet author Lisa Guernsey, *Screen Time*. She'll speak to parents and educators on how electronic media – from baby videos to educational software – affects young children. She advocates a new approach to screen time, focusing on infants to 5-year-olds and goes beyond the headlines to explore what exactly is “educational” about educational media.
  - There will be several used book sales in July: Super Sidewalk, Southglenn, 7/12-14; Paperback Palooza, May Lib., 7/27-28. See website for specifics

- ALD has a new e-newsletter, “Bright Ideas”, for families to work with children on reading readiness.
  - Spotlight on the Learning Express database, prepping folks for all sorts of exams: GRE, SAT, PSAT, etc.
- C. Arapahoe Park & Rec District, Delos Searle, Assistant District Manager
- [www.aprd.org](http://www.aprd.org)
  - APRD will sponsor a Bike to Work station on the southeast corner of Parker & Orchard.
  - 7/26, 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf tourney, Four Person Scramble, at Saddle Rock Golf Course. See the website for specifics.
  - 6/28, Summer Celebration, at Trails Rec. Center. 10am – 1pm (free)
  - APRD is sponsoring quite a few summer day camps in June, July & Aug. There are great science themes.
  - Through a funding agreement with Centennial, there are several projects taking place in the district: upgrades to some parks, an old wooden bridge will be replaced at the Piney Creek Trail Head; improvements to Cherokee Trail (on the west side of Parker Rd. at Orchard) & Cherokee Park (Bowtie Park).
- D. Fire Districts: Cunningham Fire, Chief Jerry Rhodes, Cunningham Fire
- [www.cfpd.org](http://www.cfpd.org), [www.littletongov.org/fire](http://www.littletongov.org/fire), [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)
  - Fire academy students will graduate next month for all 3 districts.
  - 7/10-12, all 3 fire chiefs will be in Colorado Springs for the Missouri Valley Conference.
  - **Fireworks are illegal in Centennial.**
  - All three fire districts were part of a Task Force sent to the Black Forest Fire the day it started.
  - Cunningham: Remodeled station #3 was dedicated and reopened on 6/20. Thanks to Mayor and Council members for attending. The EMS Open House drew over 400 people to learn more about emergency medical services.
  - Littleton: will add a firefighter graduating from the Swedish Hospital Paramedic Program; they currently have resources deployed to the East Peak Fire.
  - South Metro:
    - June 23-29, 2013, has been declared Lightning Safety Awareness Week by Gov. Hickenlooper, underscoring the importance of education in helping people understand lightning’s dangers and prevent injuries or property damage from the often underrated risk.
    - The annual Lightning Safety Awareness Week campaign was launched in 2001 by NOAA and the NWS to increase awareness about the dangers of lightning and provide the public with safety information to help protect families and property. More information is available on our Web site at [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)
    - CO is still in the top 5 states for lightning strikes
    - They currently have resources deployed to the Lime Gulch Fire, the East Peak Fire and the West Complex Fire
  - Doerr gave kudos to our districts on handling the Black Forest fire.
  - Bain: Are there areas in our districts at risk for wildland fires? Rhodes: Yes, along drainage areas. HOAs should maintain the areas that they own, especially where it interfaces with open spaces.
  - Powles: How does this season compare to last year? Rhodes: We’re about 8 yrs. into a 10-yr. drought cycle, so we’re still getting drier and more fires.
- E. South Suburban Park & Rec District, Teresa Cope
- [www.SSPR.org](http://www.SSPR.org)
  - Denver Water has urged SSPRD to conserve even more water, see website for our efforts.
  - Centennial Link Trail Phase 2 project is moving along. It should be completed in July. There will be construction on Holly Tennis courts. Planning is underway for improvements at Abbott Park & a new steel shade shelter, construction starts in early Aug.

- The free golf program for kids 17 and under, Sat. & Sun. evenings, is rolling along well. See the website for specifics. We're seeing 500-600 kids each month.
- Cummins: Where is Abbott Park? Hamilton: It's west of University, between County Line & Dry Creek Rds.
- Cope brought copies of the SSPRD 2012 Annual Report.

### III. City of Centennial, [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com)

#### A. Open Space

- Mark Gotto, Open Space Advisory Board member
  - Our funding comes from: revenue from ArapCo sales tax (.25%), about \$1.9M/yr.; Conservation Trust Fund (lottery), \$.5M/yr.; and grants that the City applies for (In the past 4 yrs. we've gotten \$2.4M.)
  - The OSAB is a 7 member Board that prioritizes what should be funded and recommends to City Council. We visit sites and do public outreach to reach our recommendations.
  - The Neighborhood Park Improvement project: Council set aside \$400K for parks not covered by the big rec. districts: 3 parks in the Smoky Hill Metro District were upgraded, we partnered with Littleton Schools on some outdoor learning facilities at their schools in the City; we're working on Centennial Center Park; and the Lone Tree Creek Trail.
  - Gotto brought a map showing where APRD & SSPRD received grants.
- Jeff Brasel, City of Centennial, Deputy Director of Community Development for Long Range Planning, presented info on Potomac Park.
  - The City got a GOCO grant to plan what to do with the land but put the project on hold when we couldn't find a partner. Most of the requests were for sport fields. You can see what's happened so far at [www.PlayCentennial.com](http://www.PlayCentennial.com). We'll rekick off the planning process in July to complete by Oct.
- Whelan: Thanks for the grant on behalf of the Smoky Hill neighborhood.

#### B. City Council Report

- Laura Hoepfner:
  - She brought a flyer of upcoming events in the City.
  - The City is starting a 5-yr. program to change out the street name signs to ones that meet the federal standards for readability (1700 signs at 150-200 signs per week).
  - There will be parking lot improvements to Center Park in the new lot.
  - The City just completed a 6-month review of the ACSO and found that they are in substantial compliance with our contract. They provide us service at a lower cost than comparable cities.
  - The Snow Hero program was a worthwhile. Snow removal requests decreased by 75%. There were 128 nominees.
  - Hunter-Maurer: Will there be "no outlet" signs as well? Noon: No, this program is for the street names.
  - Powles: What happens to the old signs? Noon: That's being discussed.
- Cathy Noon, Mayor:
  - See the Centennial Connection and our website for our annual reports.
  - The Park parking lot will be completed 7/24.
  - Maintenance of the City building & the Park has been awarded to CH2M-Hill.
  - The Eagle St. property will house our new Public Works facility. It's 6 acres and all snow plows will be there. We need to upgrade drainage & it will have a community room.
  - Renovation of the Council Chambers starts 7/16. They're adding a stationary dias & AV improvements.
  - Cummins: The 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the Home Rule Charter was 10 June
  - Noon: The City has collected over \$5M in sales tax audit money, from businesses not paying our sales tax to businesses paying the wrong municipality.

### IV. Arapahoe County Update: Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, District 2 (Arapahoe County)

- The County is redoing their website. It should be completed by end of year.
- We're starting the budget cycle for 2014. 2/3 of the County's revenue is property tax. We're not expecting losses or increases but, we are expecting the next few years to be flat.
- There are new jobs coming into county: Kaiser is bringing 500 new jobs. There is continuing interest in business coming into the County.
- We've hired a Strategic Planning Manager.
- Sharpe served on the state's Elder Abuse Task Force. Financial exploitation of the elderly is growing.
- On Oil & Gas drilling in ArapCo: concerns with fracking are with horizontal drilling. Conoco Phillips is the largest operator in ArapCo. The County has issued an MOU: if companies follow all tenets of it, they get their permit to drill. Most drilling is being done in the eastern part of the County.
- On the Highline Canal Working Group: (The County provided \$3M in seed money for South Platte, Cherry Creek & Highline Canal Working Groups.) issues being covered are access, buying property, a feasibility study on whether they can put stormwater into the canal to keep the plants alive.
- On transportation: The County is working with the City on Waco -> Himalaya; C-470 improvements are still being finalized by the C-470 Coalition Policy Task Force.
- The ArapCo Fair is coming up, 7/24 -25 (free), through 7/28. There'll be a carnival, booths, rides, petting zoo, and much more. She left a flyer with more information.
- Doerr: Doesn't fracking mean groundwater pollution? Sharpe: This is extremely rare, they use 2 casings through the groundwater depth, and we require that if a citizen requests that their well be tested, the company will pay for it.

#### V. CenCON Business

##### A. President, Gerry Cummins

- We're having a problem setting our field trip. Tagawa's requires that we be done by 6pm because of overtime issues, start at 4pm. The IKEA person has been on vacation. Watch for our emails!

##### B. Secretary, Andrea Suhaka

- We have a quorum tonight!
- We had no quorum last month to approve the minutes, but a motion was made and seconded and tabled to this month, when we only need half of the quorum. The motion to accept the April minutes as emailed passed unanimously.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the May minutes as emailed. (Doerr/Green)

##### C. First Vice President/Membership, Andrea Suhaka

- Several members have still not paid their dues for the 2013-14 year. They were due 1 March. Suhaka is contacting them.

##### D. Treasurer, C.J. Whelan

\* Previous Checking Account Balance (from May '13) \$ 932.74

Deposits: Dues – 5/29 deposit<sup>1</sup> 120.00

Dues – 6/21 deposit<sup>2</sup> 30.00

Expenses: Gerry Cummins (\$251.41)

Reimbursement:

PowWeb Renewal (\$241.41, website hosting)

Secretary of State (annual renewal, \$10) (check # 1219)

\* Current Balance \$ 828.33

\* Previous Savings Account Balance (from May '13) \$ 2,419.40

Income: <none> 0.00

\* Current Balance \$ 2,419.40

- Note: The two above accounts are located at First National Bank, 7777 E. Arapahoe Rd
- Dues<sup>1</sup>: Bella Vista, Highlands at Piney Creek, Piney Creek, Willow Creek#2
- Dues<sup>2</sup>: Southwind

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

A. Cases

- SEMSWA Admin. & Maintenance Building, Arapahoe County, Jordan & E. Hinsdale, Location & Extend Application: Admin. Bldg. is 16,447 sq. ft. Maintenance is 7922 sq. ft. Elements include: one story bldg. with masonry brick & metal panels, energy efficient, xeriscape landscape, detention pond & a future water quality treatment demonstration facility, on approx. 12.4 acres
- Sign Design Program, Centennial: Illuminated Message Center on Civic Center Property, NW corner of Arapahoe Rd & Vaughn, to promote City events
- St. Mark's Coptic Church, NW corner of S. Revere Pky. & E. Easter: Rezone to BP (Business Park – which would allow a day care & to exceed the 30' height). Phased construction of 3 structures: Event Center (4000 sq.ft.), House of Worship (15,000 sq. ft.), and Activity/Day Care Center (8,000 sq. ft.)

B. Community Meetings

- Re-zone property on SW corner of Arapahoe & Jordan from MU-PUD to BP (property near Centennial Hospital).

VII. Adjourn: Cummins adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Suhaka.

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 will be our FIELD TRIP – 22 JULY 2013**



### **Plans Reviewed on June 24, 2013**

#### **SEMSWA Admin. & Maintenance Building, Arapahoe County Jordon & E. Hinsdale**

- No Comments at this time. This submittal is for a Location & Extent of an office building and demonstration garden.

#### **City of Centennial**

##### **Illuminated Message Sign on Civic Center Property**

- Picture shown on submittal looks busy. There is a concern with drivers slowing down to look at message as well as the color and lights could be distracting to drivers.

#### **St. Mark's Coptic Church, NW Corner of S. Revere Pky & E. Easter.**

- There were concerns expressed with proposed building height exceeding 30 feet as Centennial Airport is nearby.
- As Easter is a two lane road, will future traffic needs require a turn lane? Will the City be requesting ROW to be reserved for future traffic needs?

#### **Re-zone property on SW corner of Arapahoe & Jordon from MU- PUD to BP (property near Centennial Hospital)**

- A Community Meeting was held on June 6, 2013.