



## Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – October 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon, President, at 6:50 pm with 20 members present and adjourned at 9:00 pm.

### Arapahoe County Sheriff [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org) - Lt. Mark Fisher

- *It's a Disaster*, a comprehensive publication on disaster preparedness, was distributed. It is also available in libraries.
- A table top exercise on snow emergencies was held with several state & local agencies participating.
- The Department is planning for high visibility in the neighborhoods on Halloween. The Denver DUI Task Force will participate on Halloween to enforce DUI violations. Forty officers will be working on Parker Road.
- The Department will cover polling places on Election Day to help remedy any disputes.
- Cop Logic is a citizen based reporting system to report crime via the web. A focus group was enlisted to determine content. A contract is being drafted.
- Office McKnight will be doing a 'polar plunge' to raise funds to the Special Olympic fund. Go to [www.firstgiving.com/Brian McKnight1](http://www.firstgiving.com/Brian_McKnight1) to make a pledge.

### Arapahoe Library District [www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org) - Eloise May, Exec. Director

- Libraries are providing locations for flu shots. Everyone is encouraged to get their shots. See *Dewey* for dates.
- November is authors and writers month with *Inside the Book: Where Readers and Writers Meet*. Smoky Hill Library will host Margaret Cole author of books about the Arapahoe & Cheyenne Indians with newest book, *Blood Memory*.
- Budget hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 pm at Koelbel Library.
- Glendale Library is moving in February to the Four Square Mile area.

### Fire Districts - Becky O'Guinn, South Metro

- **Cunningham** has a new quint (fire truck with aerial ladder) going into service at Buckley & Smoky Hill.
- There are five graduates from Metro Training Center.
- Cunningham Fire Department is moving to join Littleton Dispatch.
- **Littleton** Fire Department has had a couple of graduates from the Fire Training Center
- A review of organizational effectiveness is under way and results will be available on December 1.
- **South Metro's** budget process is underway. November 10 is public hearing meeting at the Parker facility.

- In January they will be renumbering the fire stations on the Parker side of fire district.
- Staffing of the Arapahoe Rd. Station will not occur due to budget uncertainties. Construction will continue.
- Toys for needy children are being collected. Call 720-488-7186 for information. Toys are due by Dec. 10.
- [www.cfpd.org](http://www.cfpd.org) [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) [www.parkerfire.org](http://www.parkerfire.org) [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)

**Cherry Creek Schools** [www.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us) - **Wendy DeBell, Community Coordinator**

- Assistant Superintendent Mary Chesley has been selected as the Superintendent for Cherry Creek Schools.
- Four Cherry Creek schools were selected as top schools in the Denver area by *5280* magazine.
- The district is considering a contingency plan for the budget in case 3A and 3B do not pass.
- It is the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the district to receive the Meritorious Schools award.

**South Suburban Park & Rec** [www.ssprd.org](http://www.ssprd.org) - **Jean Flynn Ray, Community Relations**

- Free ice skating lessons are available. South Suburban: Nov. 22 & 29, 1:30 pm. Family Sports Center: every Saturday in November at 2:30 pm. On Nov. 22, both arenas will sponsor a hockey puck shoot to win a turkey.
- Nov. 17-18: S. Suburban Pottery Guild will have a sale from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm at Goodsen Center.
- December 6: free arts and crafts festival with over 70 juried craft booths, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- Fitness: 10% off any pass Nov. 27 – Dec. 31. A 30-punch card is good for 3 visits/week and has other incentives. It reduces daily admission to \$3.42 for an adult resident. Lower prices for youth & seniors.
- The District is working on the budget. On November 12, the meeting for public comment is scheduled.

**Arapahoe County Commissioner - Jim Dyer**

- Court House building for judges' chambers, courts, etc. is moving forward with the use of existing financial resources.
- The setbacks for Car Max on Arapahoe Road is moving toward a decision item by late December/early January.

**City of Centennial**

- The City is moving into its new building on November 20 and expect to be completed by November.
- The Southglenn Sub Area Plan is under development with numerous groups involved.

- There are nine applications for the Open Space Board. Board members will be announced on November 3.
- Budget is on the agenda for November 3.
- The Mayor & the City Manager went before Standard & Poor and Moody's for a review for a bond rating.
- Sales Tax workshops are scheduled as the City is will begin collecting City sales tax on Jan. 1. Businesses located in Centennial will be required to obtain a Business and/or a Sales Tax License for \$25.00 every two years. Businesses located outside of Centennial but selling taxable products in the City will only need the sales tax license (\$25.00/ 2 yr).
- The one number 303-325-8000 will be the phone number to call 24/7. It will handle all City calls except for police.

### **National Planning Month Rita McConnell, Deputy Dir., Planning & Development**

- October is National Planning Association month with the theme of 'Green Communities' which is a goal of the City of Centennial. The 2030 Vision and Values flyer, a summary of what the City is trying to do, was distributed. The focus included: business, residential, transportation options, alternative energy use, & increasing the number of areas zoned for mixed use were concepts in the planning process that included sustainability elements.
- Land Development Code Rewrite: Consultants are being interviewed to do the rewrite. Approximate completion date is December 2009. Citizen input will be included in the rewrite.

### **Animal Control Services Joe Stafford, Field Services Manager**

**Overview:** The Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region was awarded the bid for contract animal services. The organization has been around since 1949 in El Paso County and has served Pueblo and Douglas County as well. It handles about 28,000 animals annually. Currently there are 4 full time animal welfare officers (one vacancy) plus two administrative/managerial staff for Centennial. They are 'on call' at night through the Sheriff's Department.

**Animal Services Program:** Encourage responsible animal care thru licensing, protecting the public from animals & protecting animals from mistreatment. Responsible pet ownership is licensing and permanent identification of pets, encourage spay or neuter when appropriate, ensure that appropriate care is provided for animals, that pets do not provide a threat to the community. Partnership of city and community is necessary as well as humane organizations and veterinarians.

**Public Education Program:** Educating someone on how to properly care for your animal, spay, neuter, vaccination, etc. Explain why it is not good to let the dog run loose and other unacceptable behaviors.

**Continuous Improvement Program:** Solicit public input as each of the Districts has several problems. Emergencies will take priority e.g. barking dog or vicious animal at large. Fewer than 10% of animals in the City are licensed. It is much easier to return a licensed dog to an owner if it is licensed. Dogs that are picked up are transported to Aurora for kenneling. Costs are charged to the owner. Job evaluation for Animal

Services is based on items such as impounded animals, euthanasia rate, return to owner rates, financial performance, and feedback from citizens. He asked the group to spread the word about licensing of animals in the City. Fees are \$12 for an altered (spayed) animal, \$24 for non-altered animal. Senior citizens get one free license per year. Animal Services carries universal scanners to identify animals with a chip.

### **CenCON Business**

**Cathy Noon:** announced that she had received the request for new addresses from the county.

- *Getting There*, a transit guide for seniors, was available. It was updated by DRCOG.
- Community Association Institute's annual meeting on November 8 at the Double Tree Hotel 7801 East Orchard Rd.
- City of Centennial is discussing the possibility of having a Senior Commission.
- Code Enforcement has asked to come to November CenCON meeting. No meeting in December.
- Don Doerr moved to approve a \$750 gift to the Library District as a thank you for the use of the building. Ron Podboy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Rhonda Livingston:** The city office is a ballot drop off site & will be open Election Day from 7:00 am.-7:00 pm.

**Ron Podboy:** 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. is pursuing potential new members.

### **Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary**

- Don Doerr moved to approve the September 2008 minutes. Chris Raab seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer Don Strickland, Treasurer**

<b>Checking</b>		<b>Savings</b>	
Previous Balance:	\$1544.84	Previous Balance:	\$ 2486.12
Income:	0.00	Income (Interest):	0. .94
Expenses:	160.00		
Closing Balance:	\$1384.84	Closing Balance:	\$ 2487.06

### **Plans C.J. Whelan, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

IKEA has been approved by Planning and Zoning. Some tax incentives were given to attract the company.