



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – November 2005 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. and adjourned at 9:00 with a total of 15 members present.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office - Mark Fisher

- Centennial was rated the safest city in Colorado, and the 25th safest in the nation for the population size
- 40 members of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office helped in the "9 Cares, Colorado Shares" collection drive
- This week is "Puffer" enforcement week. "Puffers" are running cars that have been left on the driveway or street to warm up in the cold weather. It is against the law to do this, and many of these cars are stolen
- On December 3, at the Safeway store at Himalaya & Smoky Hill from 10 AM to 2 PM, the Sheriff's Office will have an officer talking about auto theft prevention. Free "Clubs" (steering wheel locks) will be given away
- A "bait car", which is electronically monitored and under very close surveillance, will be used as a "puffer". If it is stolen, police are automatically notified, and the car can be disabled with the suspects locked inside
- Increased security patrols are planned for the shopping areas during the Christmas season from November 25 to December 31
- There will be an 8 hour CERT training class on December 3, 2005 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Aurora Municipal Complex, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, in the Aurora Room (1st Floor)
- Easter Avenue from Havana to Peoria should be open this week

Arapahoe Library District - Eloise May

- All the libraries will be closed on December 24 and 25, and on January 1
- 60 interviews were conducted to get opinions about the library from the public. The information will be used to help formulate a strategic plan for the libraries
- The library budget is based on property taxes, and the revenue is flat. Annual income is about \$21 million and annual expenses are about \$20 million. A detailed breakdown of the library budget will be presented at the ACCORD meeting on December 5, at the Library Administration Building at 7 PM. Budget philosophy is based on a 10 year plan and primary goal is holding the line on the number of staff
- A "canned food drive" is being held at the Southglenn library from December 1 to 23
- Two of the largest retailers are stopping the sale of VHS tapes, and only providing DVD's for movies. This means that in the near future, the library will

only have new movies on DVD. Library will continue to try to find VHS movies through interlibrary loans

- Arapahoe Library District was rated 10th in the nation for its size (based on circulation & staffing, materials, budget, etc). Rating was done against approximately 300 other libraries of comparable size

Arapahoe Parks and Recreation - Rebecca Nash

- Playground at Piney Creek Hollow is almost complete
- Construction of the playground at Willow Trace Park is also progressing
- Boy Scout Eagle projects have built nesting platforms for birds at Piney Creek Park. Other opportunities are available for scouting projects

Littleton Fire District - Ray Rahne

- Littleton Fire received grant of \$400K from UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) for "State of the Art" Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Littleton Fire also received \$700K from FEMA for new radio communication equipment. New equipment provides for multiple frequency bands to allow for future expansion and avoidance of interference

South Suburban Parks and Recreation - Jean Flynn

- South Suburban Parks and Recreation will recycle Christmas trees from December 26 through January 15
- Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 South Holly Street
- Cornerstone Park parking area, enter from Windermere Street south of Belleview Avenue
- All lights, ornaments, garland and tinsel must be removed. Flocked trees, leaves, branches or other refuse will not be accepted
- Residents can obtain free mulch Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at each of these two sites
- Call 303-798-5131 for more information
- All recreation center passes will be offered at a 10% discount from November 26 through December 24. Covers all facility amenities and drop-in fitness classes. All personal training packages will be 10% off during the same time frame
- South Suburban offers an auto-debit service for annual passes. Make an initial down payment and then be automatically debited monthly out of your checking or credit card account for the remainder annual cost over eleven months
- Free Craft Fairs with lots of different crafts will be held at Goodson Recreation Center on December 3 from 9:30 AM till 4:00 PM, and at Buck Recreation Center on December 10 from 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM
- Will dedicate Solar Classroom at Carson Nature Center in South Platte Park, 3000 W Carson Dr, from 2 till 4:30 PM on December 3

City of Centennial - for Nancy Reubert by Cathy Noon

- Public hearing is scheduled for December 5 for proposed new ordinance governing general improvement districts (GIDs). The city currently lacks any rules governing GIDs. The proposed ordinance can be found on

www.centennialcolorado.com, on the City Government General Information page, under "Documents of Interest"

- The formal hearing for the city's proposed 2006 budget is Dec. 5. Also on Dec. 5, is a formal hearing for the existing GID 2006 budgets
- Newly elected City Council members will be sworn in and the outgoing members will be honored at a special City Council meeting and reception on Jan. 9 at 6 pm
- The city will form a nominating committee to fill vacancies on the liquor board. The terms of two regular members will expire, and an alternate is also needed. Vacancies should be announced within the next month
- On December 12, the city attorney will make a presentation to Council on regulatory options for aggressive animals. Centennial currently uses Arapahoe County animal control ordinance. One option is to look at ordinance in entirety, to see what aspects might be selected for possible revision. One item already explained to Council by the city attorney is that statutory cities may not enact breed specific ordinances
- County Line Road widening between Colorado and University is in design phase; construction set to begin next July. Douglas County Public Works leads this project. Road will be kept open throughout project, except for the road just to the west of Colorado Blvd which will be filled to level the road. Project will take 12 - 14 months. Sound walls will be erected on the north side. Public meetings will be held for input from residents in the next few months

City of Centennial - Ken Parks

- City is putting together a "City Driven Communication Program" concerning the changes being proposed for Southglenn Mall
- There will be 50 interviews in the next 2 weeks with citizens and businesses concerning the redevelopment of Southglenn Mall
- City will sponsor a new web site www.celebratesouthglenn.com to provide ongoing information about the plans for the redevelopment
- City will also sponsor a group of "Southglenn Ambassadors" which will be available to speak to HOA and other groups

The Streets at Southglenn - Donald Provost

- Sears and Foley's will remain open during redevelopment, but will get a new exterior. Two office buildings at SW and SE corners are not included in planned work. All other current mall buildings will be demolished and new construction will be completed
- Work will take approximately two years to complete, with a Grand Reopening in May of 2008
- New Southglenn Mall will have 1.1 million square feet of retail, 100,000 square feet of office space, and 350 loft residential units
- Residences will be "for sale" only, no rentals. Price will range from \$250,000 to \$600,000
- New mall will include several anchor retail stores, movie theaters, bookstore, gourmet market, stores from Cherry Creek North, and a full range of restaurants
- Mall will include two parking garages with free valet parking, and private underground parking for the residents. All parking will be free

- Mall will be an "open air" design, with a "community center" concept. Retail will be on street level, with residences above the stores
- There will be a perimeter path around the entire complex that could be used for walking or jogging
- There will be no new taxes (property or sales) used to finance the redevelopment
- \$280 million is total cost, with \$55 million for public improvements

CenCON Reports - President - Cathy Noon

- Next CenCON meeting is January 23, 2006.
- A gift was made to the Arapahoe Library District from CenCON in appreciation for providing the meeting room during the year
- City Council is forming a Traffic Advisory Committee to develop a neighborhood traffic management program. We need a volunteer to fill a position which is reserved for CenCON

- Minutes - Frank Green

- Moved by Michael Kirrane and seconded by Andrew Knighton to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Approval was unanimous

- Membership - Michael Kirrane

- 54 members have paid the annual dues, with 5 members still outstanding

- Treasurer - Gerry Cummins

Checking Previous Balance:	314.20	Savings Previous Balance:	4464.75
Income:	90.00	Income (Dues):	0.00
Transfer from Savings:	750.00	Transfer to Checking:	-750.00
Expenses:	- 750.00		
Closing Balance:	404.20	Closing Balance:	3714.75

- Plans - Jim Levy

- No representatives from the City of Centennial attended the CenCON meeting and did not participate in any discussion of the developer plans or comments
- 3 new developer plans were discussed. Copies of the comments will be sent to all CenCON members.

CenCON will NOT hold its regular meeting on December 26, 2005.

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