

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods - August 05 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. and was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with a total of 13 members present

Arapahoe Library District - Eloise May

- Annual book sale preview for Friends members only on Thursday, 8 Sept from 6:30 to 8 PM. Open to the public on Friday & Saturday, 9 & 10 Sept from 9 AM to 5 PM, and on Sunday, 11 Sept. from 1 to 4 PM. Call 303-798-2444 for more information
- On 11 September, from 1 to 5 PM, Castlewood, Koelbel, Smoky Hill & Southglenn libraries will participate in the "September Project", a program to create a day of engagement, conversation, and democracy. During this time, you can also complete your voter registration
- On Saturday, October 3 from 7 to 9 PM, Koelbel library will host a "Pro & Con" conversation of Referendums C & D. Co-sponsored by the League of Woman Voters
- The Queen City Jazz Trio will present an evening of jazz on Thursday, September 29 at 7 PM at the Smoky Hill library. Reservation required, call 303-693-7449
- All libraries will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day
- The "Capture Centennial" reception at Koelbel library on Friday, September 23 at 7 PM will have the contest winning photos and poems

South Suburban Parks & Recreation - Jean Flynn

- Medema Park construction is under way and should be complete by the end of September. Walnut Hills should start this fall
- The deKoevend tennis courts will be resurfaced starting on September 15th.
 Courts will be closed until November 1st
- The money from the May 2000 bond election for athletic fields on the west side of town will be used instead for a dog park, a playground, and trails. The neighborhoods in this area agree with these changes. Any remaining funds will be used at the David Lorenz Regional Park
- The Fall Fitness Fun and Festivities will be held on September 24th, in deKoevend Park. There will be a 1, 2, or 3 mile run/walk and games, snacks & a drawing for prizes. Call 303-798-7515 for more information
- "Life Forces", two one-act plays will be presented at the Buck Recreation Center Theater on Saturday, September 24 and October 8 at 7:30 PM and on Sunday, September 25 and October 9 at 3 PM

 "Parallel Lives" a comedy hit, will be featured as a special one-night performance on Saturday, October 29 at 8 PM at the Buck Recreation Center. Call 303-730-4616 for more information or for tickets

Arapahoe Parks & Recreation - Rebecca Nash

- Work continues on Hollow Park. Grass is planted and parking lot under construction. Irrigation system is all sub-surface
- Will be getting a bid for Tall Grass Park, north of Quincy and east of Himalaya
- Piney Creek Trail bridges have been washed out by Piney Creek overflowing this summer
- Willow Trace Park having trouble with new erosion control restrictions imposed by Arapahoe County
- There has been a lot of vandalism at the skate park near the recreation center. The park had to be closed for 3 days because of it

Arapahoe County Sheriff - Mark Fisher

- Sheriff's Office has started it's annual "Back to School" traffic safety campaign. Traffic enforcement in school zones has been stepped up, with accident prevention being the number one goal. Overall traffic safety program has resulted in about 100 fewer traffic accidents this year, as compared to last year
- The open burning ban in Arapahoe County has been suspended because of the recent wet weather
- Arapahoe County has one of the most restrictive pursuit policies in the metro area. Deputies are allowed to chase a suspect only if a violent "person" crime was committed. A "property" crime does not qualify
- The Easter Avenue extension project is scheduled for completion in October 2005
- The recent newspaper article concerning the repainting of police cars to a "black & white" color scheme was referring to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is not planning a design change to their patrol cars at this time

Cunningham Fire District - Jerry Rhodes

- South Metro dispatch center is under construction and should be complete by the end of the year. Security around the building has increased
- Parker Fire District received an award for their budget process, for the fourth year in a row
- Parker Fire also received multiple medals in the Police & Fire Athletic games
- Parker Fire is conducting a fundraiser on September 16th for a "crash avoidance track" for teenage drivers. See <u>www.parkerfire.org</u>
- The new fire station for Cunningham Fire District is progressing well. Ground breaking will be in about 1 to 2 months
- Littleton Fire District is having their "Firefighter Ball", and has successfully completed the Western Welcome Week activities
- Fire Prevention Week is in October, around the 9th. Fire & injury prevention activities will be held in the schools

- HOAs can invite the Fire Districts to attend their parades, picnics, etc. Information can be provided to young children on fire and injury prevention, and to teens about "consequence management"
- East end of Centennial was affected by phone outages, but the emergency services (police & fire) kept 911 available because of redundancy in the phone system
- Fire Rescue International was held last week in Denver, with over 16000 fire representatives in attendance. It is the 3rd largest trade show in the US, the largest fire/EMS trade show in North America. It will return to Denver in 2008. It is the first show to completely fill the new Colorado Convention Center. Over 190 fire trucks were displayed at the show
- Cherry Creek Schools is working with the fire/police agencies to develop a "community asset project" for high school and middle school youths. The "Fitness Festival" fundraiser will be on September 10th. See the Cherry Creek School web site for information

Arapahoe County Commissioner - Rod Bockenfeld

- There will now be a "One Call, That's All" program set up for customer service. It is a hotline for road repairs, street sweeping, snow removal, etc. Phone number is: 303-874-7623
- Arapahoe County is re-building the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. It is located northwest of the racetrack on east Quincy Avenue. Phases one should be ready for the 2006 Fair. Work financed by the Conservation Trust funds and Open Space Acquisition funds. Looking for volunteers on various committees
- Arapahoe County will provide all development plans that affect Centennial to CenCON for review
- The Scientific & Cultural Facilities District provides free days at several of the facilities for Arapahoe County residents. Visit <u>www.scfd.org</u> for more information. Locations and remaining dates this year are:
 - Denver Art Museum
 Free general admission on Saturday
 - Denver Botanic Gardens
 September 19
 October 17
 - Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield
 - September 1 October 13 November 4
 - December 2
 - Denver Museum of Nature & Science September 25 October 19
 - Denver Zoo
 - October 1 October 12 November 6 November 20

CenCON Reports - President - Cathy Noon

- CenCON will have a SB-100 seminar with the Orten & Hindman Law firm at 6:30 PM on September 6, at the Arapahoe Sheriff's Office. RSVP to Cathy at 303-766-2523 by September 2nd
- Please update your HOA information. We have found that several HOAs do not have correct information listed in the roster
- Please attend one of the RTD meetings and support Centennial's requests for additional service in Centennial
- Land Use code is being changed. See the City's web site for information and a copy of the code, <u>www.centennialcolorado.com</u>
- Interim traffic calming solutions can only be used in residential areas, and neighborhood must petition the City for help
- Some traffic calming strategies are not eligible for consideration by the City, and some are already available from Arapahoe County without the requirement of going through the City
- Golden is removing some of the previously installed traffic calming methods that are similar to the ones listed by the City
- CenCON feels that a super-majority of 75% on the traffic petition is too large, that "rumble strips" should be added to the list, and that a definite traffic policy should be developed, rather than an interim policy

- Treasurer - Gerry Cummins

Checking Previous Balance:	\$ 432.27	Savings Previous Balance:	\$ 4462.76
Income:	\$ 60.00	Income (Dues):	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	-\$ 10.31	(Interest):	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 481.96	Closing Balance:	\$ 4462.76

- Secretary - Frank Green

• Because of the lack of a quorum of members present, the July 2005 minutes were not voted for approval

- Plans - Jim Levy

 No representatives from the City of Centennial were present at the CenCON meeting. A presentation of the Copperleaf development was made by Todd Tenenbaum

- Membership - Michael Kirrane

 Letters have been sent to those HOA members that have not paid their 2005/2006 dues Next CenCON meeting is September 26, 2005 at the Library Administration Building, at 6:45 PM