

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – October 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem, Rhonda Livingston, at 6:45 pm with 18 members present and adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesherriff.org **Captain Mark Fisher**

- Passed out tips for Halloween safety. Operation plans are in place with an increased presence on Halloween in the community & additional detectives on will be on duty. On Oct. 30, DUI operations are planned on Parker Rd. and on Smoky Hill Rd. in cooperation with law enforcement from other jurisdictions.
- Alive at 25 program – November 24, 9 – 10:00 am at Arapahoe H.S. with a multi-media presentation.
- 7000 block of S. Spruce –detected 191 marijuana plants behind a false bookcase. A home safe held the money.

Arapahoe Library District www.arapahoelibraries.org **Eloise May, Executive Director**

- Nov. 1 – Book a Librarian is a free one-on-one 30 minute consultation with a librarian. Call 303-library or go online and leave request. The program utilizes specialized skills & the Librarian brings resources to you.
- Dues notices will no longer be mailed but will notify everyone by email or phone at a savings of \$22,000.
- Book Sale - \$25,000 gross at the September Book Sale.
- Aurora has an election to fund its libraries with a property tax. If it does not pass, Aurora will need to close 4 of its 7 libraries.

Fire Districts Dan Qualman, Parker Fire District

- Cunningham has received a ‘Circle of Safety’ award from Pinnacol. This is the second such award for Cunningham.
- Breast Cancer awareness month, firefighters are wearing pink (Littleton and Cunningham Districts).
- October is Fire Prevention Month – fire educators have been in the schools with programs on fire safety.
- Budget process is under way with a hearing on November 9 at South Metro/Parker. Lower revenue from property taxes is anticipated in 2011.
- Fire crews are getting their H1N1 vaccines. Station tours have been suspended during this flu outbreak.
- 4,123 calls have been taken from Centennial residents in the first 3 quarters of 2009.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org
www.southmetro.org

Cherry Creek Schools www.ccsd.k12.co.us **Wendy DeBell**

- District Profile: 50,000 students, 59 schools covering 108 sq. miles. 500 additional students this year. 24% of students are eligible for free or reduced lunches. 37% of students are students of color. 10,000 students in the district speak a different language at home. Over 100 languages are spoken in the district and every school has an English Language Acquisition Center.
- Colorado State Budget: May cut \$140M in the School Finance Act. Those reductions affect all school districts. The embargoed funds are in addition to the \$1.7M in operating funds returned to the State last year.

The district is preparing for \$8.6 M in cost containment in the current budget year. The picture for the 2010-11 school year is even more uncertain.

- Board Of Education had 2 seats up for reelection. As there was no opposition, the election was cancelled.
- Chris Gardner, author, had a strong message to students on closing the academic achievement gap, staying in school, etc. Other speakers participated in a recent program with him at Overland High School.
- Moving forward on renovations in school buildings. Updates are available:

www.bond.cherrycreekschools.org

- 4 seasonal flu clinics for employees were held. Vaccines will be available to those with the greatest risk.

As requested by Tri-County Health, H1N1 vaccines will be available at several of our schools to those with greatest risk. Check the CCSD website for locations and times.

- Shareholders report is available and will be sent to district residents.
- Community Connections: a publication listing upcoming events at schools that are open to the public.

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

- South Platte Park – Family Night Firesides: Stars & Planets, November 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, solar exploration, Santa Fe and Mineral location, all ages, 303-730-1022.
- Lone Tree Rec Center: Peter Fletcher, classical guitarist, Nov. 8, 2:00 pm, free, 303-708-3513.
- Lone Tree Rec Center: Eastern Europe Music and Dance, Nov. 15, 3:00 pm \$1/person.
- Lone Tree Rec Center: Aesop’s Fables Foibles and Fools, Nov. 21, 7:00 pm & Nov. 22, 3:00 pm, \$5/resident
- Lone Tree Rec Center: Make Thanksgiving Treats, Nov. 19, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Ages 3 ½ - 6, \$11/resident
- Goodson: 23rd Annual Juried Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, December 5, 9:30 – 4:00 pm. Free gift wrapping.

- 50-cent Fridays: Oct. 30 @ Goodson 50-cent admission all day long. Time capsule will be opened at 12 noon. Nov. 6, Skate at South Suburban – skate rental 50-cents, Nov. 27 – all rec centers 50-cent admission all day.
- Pass Sales start on Nov. 27 – Dec. 31, 10% discount on passes for a 30-punch card and for annual passes.

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com **Council Member Ron Weidmann**

- Budget will soon be approved.
- Community Identification and Wayfinding project is nearing completion to be phased in over 20 years.
- Grant for bus benches has been received. The concrete benches will be replaced.

Land Development Code **Andrea Suhaka, 1st Vice President**

- Joint City Council meeting, Wednesday, October 28, for Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- The Land Development Code (LDC) rewrite has been underway for over a year. Community input has been solicited and the process has been available online complete with documents available to the community.
- New Planning Process – 1) requires neighborhood meeting with developer prior to filing; prohibited home occupations are listed; types of vehicles not allowed to be parked on residential property; phase out PUD process & build to the established code (some flexibility) are included.
- The Land Development Code: 1) Decision-Making Process – who approves what request, eliminates the Board of Adjustment and passes authority to Planning & Zoning, (Board of Review remains in existence); various levels of approval range from staff approval, (administrative approval) to Planning and Zoning approval & in some cases Council approval. 2) Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) Sunset Provisions 3) Adoption Date is scheduled for December 14 or January 4. One year to draw the zoning map which will trigger the implementation of the new Code. HOA's are responsible for providing contact information to the City.
- LDC questions from CenCON: multiple vehicle parking at a residence, dead trees on properties, homeowner - style covenant requirements vs. land development code, enclosures for dumpsters in multi-family developments, amendments to LDC go first to Planning and Zoning and then to Council.
- More information is available on the City website

CenCON Business

- Rhonda Livingston: Planning Department has moved back to their location following repairs from the accident. Randy Gentry brought samples of newsletters for HOA's. Also brought refreshments.

- Don Doerr moved to approve a \$750 donation to Arapahoe Regional Library District in appreciation for the use of the facilities for the monthly CenCON meeting. Frank Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

- Don Doerr moved to approve the September 2009 minutes. Lynn Leader seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking	\$	Savings	
Previous Balance:	1155.94	Previous Balance:	\$ 2488.76
Income:	10.00	Income (Interest):	0.50
Expenses:	150.00		
Closing Balance:	\$ 1015.94	Closing Balance:	\$ 2489.26

Plans C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice President

- **Corner Star Development:** a strip mall is proposed adjacent to Cherry Creek. CenCON Comment: An appropriate distance from the Creek should be considered for environmental reasons.
- Arapahoe County is rewriting its land development code – CenCON supported omitting tandem parking.
- **Other:** City of Centennial Flags (4' X 6') for use on your HOA flagpole are available from Thom Reed, 303-689-9150, \$65.