

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – June 2009 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Cathy Noon, at 6:55 pm with 19 members present & adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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

- Magnets with contact information for several departments were available from the Sheriff's office.
- Fireworks are illegal in Centennial. Fireworks in unincorporated areas are legal as long as they do not leave the ground. Calls from the past about firework complaints have been highlighted. They are contacting residents at those addresses to explain the fireworks law.
- Victim's Assistance Academy begins the end of August for 10 weeks. It meets on Tues. & Thurs. nights upon completion to the program individuals commit to 2 days/month. Contact Katherine Beebe 720-874-4190.
- A criminal mischief complaint involved a 39-year old person who was later arrested.

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

- Library fines are going up on July 1 from 10-cents/day to 20-cents/day which typically increases the resources available to library patrons.
- Signup for meeting rooms begins on July 21 – for Kelper, May and Smoky Hill Libraries, and July 22 for Koelbel, Southglenn and Castlewood Libraries.
- July 17: Grand Opening of the Southglenn Library. A soft opening will occur about a week before that. That opening is unannounced but walk-ins are welcome in order to bring the staff up to speed.

Arapahoe Park & Rec District www.apd.org **Delos Searle, Assist. District Manager**

- The District awarded a bid to build a multi-use field in Piney Creek Hollow.
- The District plans to award a bid in July for the Spring Creek Park Pavilion (on Tower north of Quincy) to include restrooms, etc. It should be finished by spring.
- June 24 – Bike to Work Day with a bike stop at Piney Creek and Orchard.
- July 10 at Trails Rec Center, see the movie *Madagascar 2*.
- Due to all the rainfall, they are trying to keep up with mowing the interface areas.

Fire Districts **Chief Jerry Rhodes, Cunningham**

- South Metro – started on next round of 5-yr. strategic plan. They are recruiting citizens from their district to provide input.
- South Metro is adjusting its budget. It has dropped one of their medic units due to attrition and no build out is occurring in the district.
- Construction of the Estancia Fire Building by South Metro has been delayed by a year. It will begin as a medic unit.
- Cunningham Fire District just completed their strategic plan process last year and does it every two years.
- The Southlands tornado began in Centennial in Copperleaf before moving on to Southlands. Several gas lines were fractured and fire personnel turned off gas at numerous locations.
- Craig Fugate, FEMA Administrator & other officials, were in town today (6/22/09) to kick off the President's initiative on 'Summer of Service'.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org www.southmetro.org

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com **Council Members Gardner & Weidmann**

- Centennial Trail from Goodson to Holly St. Public meeting on July 15, & July 29 - both 6:30pm at Goodson Rec Center.
- District 2 meeting at Koelbel on June 24, 7:00 pm.
- July 23, District 2 at Southglenn Library for District 2.
- Sign Issue: While there is a sign code, the response has been at both extremes – allow signs anywhere to no signs at all. The Land Development Code Rewrite effort will also address this issue.
- Free movie nights: July 10, *Madagascar Escape 2 Africa*, at Trails Rec Center; July 17, *Grease* at DeKoevend Park; August 8, *Kung Fu Panda* at Centennial Medical Plaza. Movies begin at dusk.

- Coyotes: Colorado Springs is looking at licensing individuals to eliminate coyotes. Candace Bott, from the city staff, is willing to come to HOA meetings to discuss the coyote situation.
- Transportation workshop at the Centennial Civic Center on June 23, 7:00 pm.

I-25 & Arapahoe Rd. Interchange Improvements

Telecia McCline, -CDOT

- Telecia McCline, Project Engineer, described efforts to widen Arapahoe Road at I-25. East-bound traffic will utilize one of the three on-ramp lanes and make it a thru lane. For west-bound traffic [area behind wall, a fake retaining wall, is dead space.] Wall will be removed and the extra space utilized for a westbound lane. Construction should begin by September with completion by June 2010.
- Elements of the plan:
 - ✓ Add 1 new through lane in each direction on Arapahoe Road under I-25
 - ✓ Modify center median to improve left-turn from SB i-25 to east bound Arapahoe
 - ✓ Maintain a Right-turn acceleration lane from SB I-25 to WB Arapahoe
 - ✓ Improve pedestrian sight distance at cross-walks
 - ✓ Detach some sidewalks to enhance pedestrian experience
 - ✓ Replace disturbed landscaping
- www.dot.state.co.us/travelinfo/construction/index.htm

CenCON Business

Cathy Noon, President

- Zoning Map Update: Most neighborhoods are considered as neighborhood conservation districts. The size of a residential lot determines the grouping. Members checked the map for accuracy. Newer neighborhoods are classified as Suburban Residential. See: www.centennialcodeupdate for information. Members reviewed the map at the end of the meeting.

July Field Trip

Cathy Noon

- The July Field Trip will begin at **6:00 pm** at the regular meeting location (Library Admin Bldg). Following a tour, the group will move to Southglenn and meet at Whole Foods for dinner followed by a tour of the new Southglenn Library. The Southglenn Library will stay open until 10:00 pm during the week and additional hours on the weekend. David Goldberg, Alberta Partners, will speak to CenCON that evening. Please RSVP to Gerry Cummins: gerry.cummins@prodigy.net or 303-771-0115.