

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – August 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Rhonda Livingston at 6:48 pm with 18 members present and adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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

- The Department hosted an Open House on Sunday for 150 citizens who came to look at the equipment. It was done in conjunction with the CALEA audit. A public hearing for citizens is underway about the services of the Sheriff's Dept.
- Citizen's Academy starts in September. Check online for the application form.
- Cop Logic (citizen reporting) has been running for a month and 90 citizen reports have been received. Citizens can file a report when convenient and get a free copy of report. It also frees up sheriff's staff time.
- Streets of Southglenn grand opening is this weekend. Sheriff's Department will be on bicycles to mingle with citizens.
- A vehicle ran into the City of Centennial building. They are waiting for toxicology results on the driver.
- In the 7100 block of S. Tamarac, motor vehicle theft suspects were arrested after identification by a witness.
- Town Place Suites on S. Chester contacted sheriff after repeated holes in the wall of a hotel room. The person in an adjacent room had been videotaping activities in the room next door for several weeks.
- DUI arrests are up 30% this year. A grant from the state is used to fund extra staff on the roadways.

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

- Ms. Livingston thanked Eloise May for the wonderful field trip for CenCON in July.
- Annual Used Book Sale at Koelbel Library with opening date on Sept. 9 for Friends of the Library. \$2/hardback book and 50 cents for soft cover books. Sales will continue on September 10-13.
- The Dewey decimal system is not being omitted. It will be continued in the district libraries.
- Kent Haruf, author of *Plainsong Eventide*, will be speaking at Koelbel on Sept. 19 from 3 – 4.
- Tile Project, an art event and fundraiser. 6X6-inch tiles sell for \$25 each. Sign up to paint your tile at Southglenn Library on August 29, September 12 or 19 on the website or call Nicole Davies at 303-798-3021.
- On September 23, 5% on all purchases made at Whole Foods at Southglenn will benefit the Library Foundation.

Arapahoe Park & Rec District www.aprd.org **Delos Searle, Asst. Dist. Manager**

- Movie night was cancelled due to rain and is rescheduled for Sept. 11 Madagascar.
- Modified pool availability on weekends now that school has started.
- Maintenance at Trails Rec Center will occur this fall with occasional closures.
- Projects started in the spring are progressing.

Fire Districts **Gene Nagle, Littleton Fire Dept.**

- 75 citizens commented on the Littleton Fire Department Strategic Plan.
- South Metro and Parker Fire Dept. have applied to be recognized jointly as an accredited agency.
- South Metro recently honored a citizen for saving a life.
- Cunningham Fire District Open House at Fire Station #2, October 3 9:00 am. – 12:00 pm.
- There was a small fire at a residence at Nobles and Easter earlier in the day.
- The Littleton Fire Dept. has been doing inspections at Streets at Southglenn e.g. checking fire alarms, etc.
- Firefighters did a fundraiser to support Chief Christ who has a serious illness.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org www.southmetro.org

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

- Pack your Punch card September special 5 extra punches on a 30 punch card. 2 extra on a 15 punch card.
- 50-cent Friday all day on September 25 at Colorado Journey & Family Sports Center miniature golf courses.
- 50-cent Friday at Goodson Rec. Center on Friday, October 30.
- NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition on Sat., Sept. 26 at David Lorenz Park, 9:30 am registration, boys and girls ages 8 – 15. The event is free. Birth certificates are needed to validate age.
- Puppy Paddle, Sept. 12 at the Holly Pool – only dogs can swim. Pre pay for \$5, same day is \$7. 12:00 & 2:15 pm.
- Blood Screening: 7:00 – 9:30 am on Oct. 20 at Lone Tree, Oct. 21 at Goodson, Oct. 22 at Buck and Oct 23 at Family Sports Center. A 12-hour fast is required. Cost is \$40. 30 tests are given & results are sent to you.
- In partnership with the National Kidney Foundation, a FREE early evaluation kidney screen is available from 9 am -12:30 pm at Lone Tree Rec Center on September 12.

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com **Sherry Patten, Communications Dir.**

- Andrea Suhaka presented information on the Identity and Wayfinding Survey. The committee is trying to come up with a design that identifies the primary gateways to the City as well as points of interest. Cory Spiegel is the lead staff person. Survey forms were distributed and everyone is asked to mail them back ASAP within the week.

- Sherry Patton distributed information on the grand opening of Streets at Southglenn. Ribbon cutting is at 9:30 am. Face Acapella Group performing at 6:00 pm with *Back to the Future* movie following. Additional activities are planned for Friday and Saturday.
- District 1 meeting is at the Southglenn Library tonight.
- Betty Ann Hamilton resigned so there will be an election on Nov. 3 to fill the council seat for the remainder of that term.
- The street signs will be changed over time to blue with an increased font size and number requirements using reflective material per federal stipulations.

HOA Newsletter Publisher

Penny Anderson

- Community Graphics would like to start a business doing newsletters for HOA's at no cost to the HOA except for postage. They will secure advertising. They would prefer to have 400-500 homes but will do smaller groups that may be added to other totals to meet that figure. 303-880-8934 for information.
- HOA can approve ads and will provide the content. Some HOA's have an internet newsletter that excludes personal information and then a paper copy that includes personal information.

2010 Census

Wayne Reed, Director of Planning and Development

- The City wants the 2010 census to be very accurate and wants as many citizens as possible to be aware of the purpose of the census. There are several federal funding programs that are dependent on the population, e.g. schools, college grants and loan funding, public transportation and local transportation improvements. Funding for the latter is based on population and roadway miles. The representation of government – all districts will be re-districted after the 2010 census. The total census survey has 10 questions. The long survey is no longer used. Staff has always updated with the census bureau when annexing areas.
- He discussed ways to involve the community. There are no disengaged populations in the city e.g. homeless. A federal campaign will involve use of the media and schools. Centennial plans to engage organizations, use local events, city website, ads on bus shelters, churches, rec centers, libraries and newspaper articles to engage citizens.
- Staff is proposing an informal process to do outreach to groups in the community. CenCON members identified areas of concern to be addressed in taking the census and provided suggestions for getting an accurate census count.

Tom Pitchford *(As he was unable to attend, Wayne Reed distributed the materials.)* **Chief Building Official**

- Flyers were distributed about services available from the building department. Topics covered include Rapid Review Thursdays for Do-it-Yourself Projects, requirements for carbon monoxide detectors, & workshop on Finishing Basements.

Code Ordinance Survey

Susie Ellis, Code Enforcement

- Almost 3000 complaints so far this year. Types of violations reported are: weeds, inoperable vehicles, outside storage, trailers, boats, etc. oversize vehicles, temporary signs in the ROW. About 88% of violations are resolved following a first contact. Extensions are granted to violators with valid reason. Most violations are resolved in about 20 days. HOA covenants cannot be enforced by the City.
- Six priority issues: **1.** surface parking for motor vehicles and trailers parked on lawns, **2.** stockpiling or accumulation of junk, **3.** firewood (two cords reduced to one cord with screening), **4.** Right of Way obstructions of sidewalks with overgrown vegetation, etc., **5.** Sight of Triangle obstruction at intersections with a stop sign. **6.** Violations observed from private property – would allow code enforcement officers who are invited into a neighboring back yard to view violations that occur in a back yard.

CenCON Business

- Code Enforcement workshop has been postponed due to damage to the city building.

Minutes

Gerry Cummins, Secretary

- Don Doerr moved to approve the minutes of the June & July meetings. Chris Raab seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking:	Previous Balance	\$1863.65	Savings:	Previous Balance	\$2488.76
	Expenses	737.71			
	Closing Balance	\$1125.94		Closing Balance	\$2488.76

Plans

C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice President

- Centennial Corners (SE corner of Arapahoe & Lima) requests signage over 18 feet. CenCON concerns: height of the sign is too high.
- Hills at Cherry Creek (Bellevue & Havana) requests adding a basketball court. CenCON concerns: None.
- Century Highland Park (NE corner of S. Yosemite and E. Phillips Pl.) change to multi-dwelling development. CenCON has previously opposed this change. Members are asked to submit comments to C. J. Whelan.