

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods

***** Unofficial Minutes *****

(last updated 4 Mar 2010 - for some spelling errors and Thom Reed contact info)

Meeting called to order 22 February, 2010 - 6:45pm

A Quorum was present

([\[pdf version\]](#) - [\[text version\]](#))

Introductions made around the room.

Arapahoe County Sheriff

Chief Bruce Williamson, Public Safety Bureau

www.arapahoesherriff.org

It has been a quiet month for the Sheriff's department. The department is still in a state of flux regarding promotions and reorganization.

A deputy was involved in a shooting last month. The shooting was investigated by 18th Judicial District Critical Incident Team and it was determined to be necessary and justified. The shooting victim survived.

May 8th Shred-A-Thon coming up, more information about it will be forthcoming.

At Southglenn Mall on Feb 8th, a public safety security vehicle was stolen while the guard was out of it checking a couple of doors. A Sheriff's deputy subsequently found the vehicle stopped and running in the Knolls. The alleged thief was tracked to his house from the stolen car by following footprints to the thief's house.

A question was asked about the investigation of the shooting incident described earlier. The answer to the question included a description of the 18th Judicial District Critical Incident Team as a consortium of all the agencies in the 18th Judicial District headed up by the District Attorney.

A question was asked asked about a rash of fence vandalism in Piney Creek. Sheriff suggested that vandalisms pop up all over the place but made a note to ask the crime analyst about it. Discussion ensued about other HOAs having similar problems.

Centennial Rotary Club

Marc Garfinkel

www.bestrotary.com

The Centennial Rotary Club is co-hosting the State of the City Address (this year as well as the last five years) with the City and some prestigious corporations who are doing business in the city. This is an avenue for the Mayor to talk and speak directly to the people and the Rotary is particularly excited this year as it is her inaugural address. The Rotary looks forward to hearing her ideas and dreams and thoughts on the years to come for the City. The luncheon is scheduled for April 8th at 11:30 (and based on the flyer handed out, requires a reservation).

The Rotary would love to have CenCON members come, as they represent the communities in the area, and anything that comes out of the Mayor's mouth can be communicated directly back to the HOA residents. The luncheon will be held in the Grand Atrium of the Embassy Suites Hotel behind

Outback Steakhouse. Individual citizens can attend for a \$30 ticket which includes a gourmet buffet lunch.

A question was asked (and exception taken for the charge of \$30 to find out the state of the city) whether the Rotary would consider forgoing the buffet and doing away with the charge to hear about the State of the City, whereupon Marc responded that for the Rotary, this is a major fundraiser.

A statement by the original questioner was made that there is a feeling that this was misplaced, and that there can be another fundraiser found other than one charging to hear the Mayor telling us the State of the City, whereupon Marc respond that the Rotary does it as a community service and as a fundraiser, the money of which goes to charities (after paying for the cost of the event).

Arapahoe Library District

Ted Fleagle, Director of Administration

www.arapahoelibraries.org

Ted acknowledged Centennial Rotary for their grant to the Library District to fund the new indoor play structure for the library.

Ted asked who got an e-reader for Christmas as a segue to talk about the fact that e-books are now available at the Arapahoe Library District.

A question was asked about the format for the e-books. Ted responded that currently due to DRM (Digital Rights Management) the books are not compatible with the Amazon Kindle or the Apple iPad, but that could be changing anytime. The explosion of e-book formats will perhaps change the way the Library District does business as we might have more virtual material versus physical material on the shelves.

A question was asked about the convergence of the technologies and the possibility of the 'divide and conquer' route much like in the past where there were books on tape vs books on CD etc. Not speaking on behalf of the Library District, Ted commented that his preference will be the iPad as he enjoys his access to iTunes for other items and looks forward to Apple providing e-books as well.

Arapahoe Park & Rec District

Delos Searle, Asst. Dist Manager

www.aprd.org

During the month of March - Trails Recreation Center is offering 20/40 punch passes with 5 extra visits for free when a pass is bought.

Free workshop - Truth in Navigating the College Process - Provides parents of high school students the information you need to know about preparing for college and understanding ways to pay for it. Wednesday, February 24th, from 7-8pm or Saturday, Mar 13, from 10-11am.

Other programs starting up in the next session:

- Cultural Arts Classes - beginning March 1st
- Men's Spring Basketball League - Wednesdays beginning March 10th
- Triple Threat League - Saturdays beginning April 17th and Sundays beginning April 18th
- Classes for moms and moms to be - Call 303-269-8409 for more information
- Youth Speed and Conditioning Clinics - MWF starting March 1st

Delos was asked to point out the boundaries of his district on a map of the city hanging in the room,

which he did. A map of the Arapahoe Park & Recreation District is also on their website.

Fire Districts

www.cfpd.org; www.littletongov.org; www.parkerfire.org; www.southmetro.org

Not in Attendance

South Suburban Park & Rec District ◀

Jean Ray, Community Liaison

www.sspr.org

South Suburban mainly serves West side of Centennial and Lonetree.

South Suburban Park & Recreation is having a customer appreciation sale in April for 1 week (5th through 11th) for 10% off any pass. Personal training also for 10% off.

Egg-hunt Fun for the Holidays:

- Night-light egg-hunt at the miniature golf course at Colorado Journey (Windermere and Belleview) Friday April 2nd, from 6-9pm, with the younger children starting at 6pm (age 4) and moving on up through the age groups.
- Great Egg Scramble April 3rd, 1:30pm at the Sheridan Community Recreation Center.
- Elegant Scrambled Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at Lonetree Golf Club 10am-2pm for brunch. Giant seafood display with all you can eat oyster, shrimp, and crab as well as imported cheeses, tropical fruits, and carved prime rib. Reservations are required 303-790-0202. Cost is \$29.95 for adult \$15.95 children ages 4 to 10 and Free for children under 4.

Learn how to make successful life changes with Jennene Herbet for FREE.

Monday April 5th, at 10:30am or Wednesday April 7th, at 6pm. 303-483-7089 reservations required, space is limited.

Elections will be held for South Suburban Park and Recreation District on May 4, 2010. If you want to run you must have your hat in the ring by this Friday the 26th of February. There are currently 4 candidates (with 1 incumbent running). A mail-in ballot will arrive mid April. A question was asked about whether you will get a ballot automatically and was answered yes, as long as you live in the district.

Blood screening during the week of April 20th. April 20th at Lone Tree, April 21st at Goodson, April 22nd Buck, April 23rd Family Sport Center. Cost is \$40 and the results are mailed to your house. No appointment needed but you must fast for 12 hours prior to the testing which occurs between 7am and 9:30am On the 21st of April, at Goodson, you can also do an adult fitness screening for an additional fee of \$10 which provides for cardiovascular, BMI, strength, flexibility, and BP check.

City of Centennial ◀

www.centennialcolorado.com

Not in Attendance

Andrea Suhaka spoke about Planning and Zoning 2nd public hearing on Land Development Code rewrite Wednesday the 25th of February. This is to be a public hearing only with no staff presentation. The Code Update website is still active at <http://www.centennialcodeupdate.com>

Andrea Suhaka spoke about Planning and Zoning's earlier public hearing (a few weeks ago) on the Land Development Code rewrite where staff did make a presentation. She talked about how a lot of District 1 people spoke about the classic issue of "don't put your covenants on my neighborhood". The sections that addressed those kinds of things like parking RV's in front of the house, etc have been pulled for further discussion to be addressed 1 per City Council Study session starting in May. When she gets a schedule she will let us know.

There will be two hearings in late April and May to pass or not pass the Land Development Code, which will not be effective until the zoning map is updated (at least not till the end of this year by her estimation). President Gerry Cummins reminded the body that the Land Development Code rewrite has been underway since December of 2008.

Rhonda Livingston spoke about the city website and about watching for the posted council agendas before a meeting to see when issues relevant to your HOA are being discussed.

South Suburban Park Foundation ◀

Julie Madden

www.sspf.org

Julie set up a DVD about the South Suburban Park Foundation. The Foundation was created over 30 years ago to enrich the parks and open space in the south metro communities. She discussed the current boundaries of the foundation as well as some of the trail projects that have been done in the past. Julie spoke shortly about a couple projects for future work, such as the Centennial Regional Trail Link, the City Hitch (an historical walking path vs. the concrete trails type) and handed out her newsletter. Julie handed out a few trail maps and indicated how to get one by going to the website and requesting a free copy.

(Julie had Audio/Visual difficulties here, so the meeting moved on to several other topics while she worked on the problem. Once her technical difficulties were solved the meeting returned to the rest of her presentation.)

Julie showed a DVD (approximately 18 minutes) which told about the South Suburban Park Foundation, what it has done, and what it is meant to be to the community. Afterward, there were several member comments about the good work that South Suburban Park Foundation does and how it enhances our communities.

A question was asked about how much the annual budget is for the South Suburban Park Foundation. Julie answered that the budget is project-based. When money comes in, the foundation moves forward with projects that have been on the drawing board. Discussion ensued about the various ways that projects are completed and funded especially when they pass through multiple jurisdictions. Discussion ensued about an upcoming project, the Centennial Regional Trail Link, and how soon that will be moving forward as well as the various locales the trail will pass through.

CenCON Activities

CAI Workshop - Gerry Cummins, President CenCON ◀

Scheduled for Tuesday, 23 March, 6pm to 8pm at Centennial Civic Center - Council Chambers -

Dinner provided

Topics listed on the Agenda

- Liens
- Collections/Foreclosure
- Financial Management and Reserves
- Fiduciary Responsibilities of Board Members
- Fair Housing Laws for Owners and Renters

Do we want to cover all of these in one night? Other members of your civic association are invited to attend.

Proposed Bylaw Revisions - Gerry Cummins, President CenCON 📎

Bylaw Change Committee was appointed at the January 25, 2010 CenCON regular meeting. Committee consists of Michael Hall, Gerry Cummins, and Andrea Suhaka. The changes proposed are being presented for discussion at this meeting.

([click here](#) for proposed changes to bylaws - yellow highlights are proposed changes)

Some specific discussion items were as follows:

- 📎 Article I Section F Political Endorsements - question arose about the generality of the addition 'or political agenda'. Discussion ensued. Proposed addition was scrapped. Consensus that first sentence should read 'CenCON shall not affiliate with any political party nor endorse any political party or candidate'.
- 📎 Article III Section B Special Meetings - question arose about the definition of a special meeting and the possibility of abuse. Discussion ensued. The bylaws do state that a Special Meeting must be approved by a majority of the officers. Also, even though a special meeting might be called, the body must still operate under the same rules as if the meeting had been a regular meeting (with regard to quorums etc)
- 📎 Article III Section F Action by Members - question arose about removing the words 'in writing'. Discussion ensued. Was originally removed because it was taken to mean actual writing on paper. It was pointed out that in todays day and age, 'in writing' can legally be construed to include email.
- 📎 Article III Section L Audit - question arose about definition of audit being informal or formal and 'past year's' meaning fiscal or calendar. Discussion ensued. Audit was subsequently defined to mean informal and 'past year's' to mean calendar year.
- 📎 Article IV Section E Item 3 Electronic Balloting - question arose about wording stating 'when no quorum is present'. Discussion ensued. This item was determined to need more meat and to be reworded.
- 📎 Article V Section A Elections - question arose on 'No two or more officers....' and regarding the proposed addition. Discussion ensued. The addition needs to deal with becoming elected while in office at CenCON.
- 📎 Article V Section C Item 3 - question arose about the use of the words regular members and it's parallel use throughout. Discussion ensued. Adopt parallel language throughout with regard to members, regular members etc.
- 📎 Article VI Section D Items 1 and 2 - question arose with regard to removing paid members for not attending meetings. Addition was initially made based on quorum rules. Discussion ensued. This issue has not been solved. Some agreed with 'A member organization, absent for a predetermined time, shall not be considered in the calculation of a quorum.' and others felt that lowering the requirements for a quorum undermines your reason for being.

CenCON Business 📎

Treasurer Report

Don Strickland, Treasurer

1 new member brings total members up to 56 (that new member paid for the quarter).

February 22, 2010

Checking:

Previous Balance: \$101.02

Deposits:

Dues: \$15.00

From Savings: \$300.00

Expenses:

Current Balance: \$416.02

Savings:

Previous Balance: \$2489.26

To Checking: \$300.00

Current Balance: \$2189.26

Changed signers for the checking account to Gerry from Cathy.

There was a question about how dues are collected, and whether Willow Creek 3 has paid thier dues. It was noted by Don that Willow Creek 3 was already paid up through March. Dues notices for the upcoming year will be emailed out after the 1st of April, 2010.

Gerry Cummins, President

The question was asked 'Is there any interest in ascertaining what the level of dues are throughout homeowners associations?' Paul Schauer commented that not only ascertaining the dues levels is important, but also the services that go along with it. Along with the need to have the information of the asset value and life expectancies of those assets, there will be some HOAs that will need to look at increasing their reserves, and that will ultimately mean raising dues. The survey will indicate where an HOA or community sits with regard to services rendered by the HOA and the dues paid. Discussion ensued regarding items to be included on the survey and how relevant they will be considering houses vs condos, mandatory vs voluntary etc.

Minutes ◀

Christopher Raab, Secretary

Don Doer moved to approved the January 2010 minutes. Lynn Leader seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Gerry Cummins, President

Gerry brought forth discussion regarding the new format of the minutes. Discussion ensued. New format was deemed acceptable by members present.

Plans ◀

C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice President

1 referral from Douglas County about zoning changes they are proposing in reference to medical marijuana

Gerry Cummins, President

Developer for Vista Verde wants to talk to GenCON about why the City Council turned down their proposal. P&Z recommended approval and GenCON comments were generally approving, however, City Council disapproved the proposal. The comment was made that Vista Verde are not a member association and the issue is done at the city level. Vista Verde is working through lawyers at this point and it was felt that it's not appropriate to talk to them at this point.

Thom Reed

City of Centennial Flags are available for purchase from Tom for use at your HOA

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Meeting adjourned 8:54pm