



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS
In Person Meeting
Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir., 80015
www.cencon.net

27 January 2025; 6:45 pm

Minutes

1. Call to order: President C.J. Whelan called the meeting to order at 6:47pm
 - Attendance (A quorum was present.)

Algonquin Acres	Chapparral	Cherry Knolls
The Knolls	FoxRidge (2)	Hanover Place
Heritage Place	Heritage Greens	Hunters Hill
Jackson Farm (2)	Monterey	Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South
Palos Verdes (2)	Smoky Hill	Tiffany
Village at Centennial	Walnut Hills	Willow Creek 2
 - Guests: 18th Judicial District, Arapahoe County Commissioners' Office, Arapahoe Library Dist. (ALD), Centennial City Council, South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR), Trails Rec. District, The Knolls HOA.
 - **Highlighted areas** below are good information for neighborhood newsletters.
2. CenCON Business
 - A. President's Report, [C.J. Whelan](#)
 - Our April meeting will be elections, talk to me if you're interested in one of our positions. We need some new blood
 - B. Vice President: [Rhonda Livingston](#).
 - A Large Grant (up to \$10,000) info meeting will be held on 2/11 & 2/13, 6:30-8, at the Public Works building, 7272 SEagle St. Info on the grants and how to apply. (See attached flyer with these minutes.)
 - It's time to apply for City Boards & Commissions; applications are due by 2/17. (See attached flyer attached with these minutes.)
 - The Senior Commission meets tomorrow.
 - A new senior living facility, Aspendale, is under construction next to Centennial Hospital.
 - C. Secretary, [Andrea Suhaka](#)
 - No corrections
 - If there are no correccions, the minutes are accepted as emailed.
 - D. Treasurer, [Jill Meakins](#)
 - We have 2,025.66. Please, see the Treasurer's Report attached with these minutes.
3. Centennial Government and Special Districts (7 minutes each)
 - A. [18th Judicial District](#), Jamie Sorrells, Dir. of Consumer Fraud rotection & Community En-gagement
 - The 18th Judicial Dist. is now divided. District 23 is made up of Douglas, Elbert, & Lin-coln Counties.
 - Sorrells will present on consumer fraud to any group, & other presentations.

- JD18 will continue to host Citizens Academies and will include a youth academy. They will, possibly, hold a hybrid academy to focus in on consumer protection.
- Jan. was Human Trafficking Awareness Month. It's the second most profitable illegal industry after drugs. The typical age of entry is 13, average # of sexual partners 668, average life expectancy of a trafficked person is 7 yrs. It's not always in places you'd expect. Learn how to recognize it. See the 18th JD website. We work with many agencies & the FBI
- Consumer Protection month is March.
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness month.
- Oct. is Domestic Violence Awareness month.
- The biggest problems now: tax scams; end of year, open enrollment for Medicare. Another big concern is cryptocurrency. (34,000 Crypto ATMs in the US)

B. [South Metro Fire Rescue](#), [Kristin Eckmann](#)

- Sta. 15 on Dry Creek Rd. had a few delays but is close to finished. Crew moves in in Feb. An open house will be held the spring. Have you noticed how the new sta. fills the lot?
- 3 SMFR Board seats are open, Dist. 2 (middle of Centennial) is one of them. There's a map on web, if you're interested in running. Nominations will be taken through 2/28.
- We just graduated a fire fighter/paramedic class. We've opened applications for fire-fighters through 2/9 and firefighter/paramedics through 3/2
- CA fires: We deployed a 4 person team arriving back home tonight or tomorrow morning
- We had a portion of I-25 from C-470 to Belleview dedicated as the Firefighter Memorial Hwy for Chief Jackson, a line of duty death.
- We're participating in CDOT's Adopt-a-Hwy program, we've taken Colorado Blvd. from Arapahoe to Orchard (?).
- The Fire Chief selection process is down to 3 applicants. An announcement on the final choice should be made by mid-Feb. There will be a Change of Command ceremony in April.
- We have a piece of metal from the 9/11 attack outside of our HQ.

B. [Trails Park & Rec.](#), [Ryan Bailey](#), Asst. Exec. Director

- Spring/Summer registration for all spring/summer programs (summer camps & more) starts 2/10, on our website.
- There was a burst pipe under the Trails Center's lap pool. It's out of commission until the end of Feb.
- We're contracting with an interior designer to give Trails Rec. Center a refresh; we will maintain the mountain lodge-look.
- In May, CeCON should be back at Trails again.

C. [Arapahoe Library District](#), Holly Whelan, Manager of Community Relations & Strategic Events

- **Community Conversation: 'Navigating AI Advancements, Risks & Responsibilities'**
 - When: Thurs., Feb. 27, 6-7:30pm
 - Where: Smoky Hill Library (5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial)
 - Who: adults
 - The Arapahoe Libraries Community Conversation series continues at 6pm Thurs., Feb. 27, at Smoky Hill Library.
 - The next conversation will be on "Navigating AI," or "Artificial Intelligence."

- Join us to share your thoughts and hear from local thought leaders.
- Panelists will include Sumanth Channabasappa, co-founder of the Colorado Smart Cities Alliance, and Ted Vial, head of the AI TRUST project at the Iliff School of Theology.
- Everyone is invited to participate. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Community Roundtable: 'Technological Advancements and Us'**
 - *When:* Wed., March 12, 6-7:30pm
 - *Where:* Smoky Hill Library (5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial)
 - *Who:* adults
 - If you can't make the AI conversation, or you want to explore more, we have some-thing exciting for you.
 - Join us for our first Community Roundtable, 6pm, Wed., March 12, at Smoky Hill Library.
 - The topic will be "Technological Advancements and Us."
 - We'll break into small groups, each with a trained facilitator, and explore the topic to-gether.
 - Don't miss this opportunity to connect and share ideas.
 - Free refreshments will be provided.
- **MAD LIBrarians Improv Show**
 - *Show 1:* Sat., March 15, 1-2pm, Smoky Hill Library (5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial)
 - *Show 2:* Sun., March 23, 1-2pm, Koelbel Library (5955 S. Holly St., Centennial)
 - *Who:* ages 5-12
 - Join us for a family-friendly improv show with the MAD LIBrarians, visiting us from the Boulder Ensemble Theatre Company!
 - The librarians will take your suggestions to create a brand-new book title, then bring it to life with hilarious acting and songs.
 - Choose from 2 fun-filled performances (above)
 - This event is great for families with kids ages 5-12.
- **Meet Author Dan Slepian**
 - *When:* Sat., March 29, 2-4pm
 - *Where:* The Village Workspace (7173 S. Havana St. #600, Centennial)
 - *Who:* adults
 - Arapahoe Libraries invites you to meet award-winning investigative journalist Dan Slepian, who is known for his work on *Dateline NBC*.
 - His investigations have helped spark legal change & exonerate wrongfully convicted inmates.
 - Slepian will discuss his new book, *The Sing Sing Files*, with special guest David Lemus, whose personal story is featured in the book.
 - Join us to hear their incredible story.
 - Books will be available for purchase on site from The Bookies Bookstore.

D. City of Centennial, Council member Robyn Carnes, District 1

- The Centennial Arts Council has a show at the Village Workspace on Trafficking on Thurs.
- Council members have been attending legislative breakfasts. Centennial hired a lobbyist to track legislation affecting cities.
- We will attend the Governor's State of the State luncheon, Wed.
- We'll tour a homeless facility in Aurora later this week.

- Shea Properties is redeveloping an office building near Belleview & Monaco into 143 low income apartments paid for by private activity bonds from Englewood, Centennial, Denver, state, & federal funds.
- Snow removal: we've passed an amendment to our snow clearing ordinance: commercial properties must clear their outer sidewalks (on the street) of ice & snow within 24 hrs., money penalties have been increased. You can see where plows are on our web-site.
- The City had a snowplow naming contest to name 43 plows.
- About 10K people attended Centennial-sponsored events in Center Park.
- The Citizen response phone is 303-325-8000. They received 21,000 calls Jan-Nov., 2024. There were 2000 web requests.
- Check our website to see what's happening where in the city.
- This will be a Centennial election this year: mayor is term limited & one seat in each district is up for election.
- Over the next week, they will be doing the Point in Time Count for unhoused people.
- Centennial has been recognized internationally on how we handled pickleball issue.
- 2/6, 5:30-7, @ Isaac Newton MS, an open house on the Colorado Blvd. Multimodal Mobility Study, Dry Creek to Arapahoe.

F. Whelan on the CenCON Survey

- See the item attached along with these minutes.

4. Planned Program

- Cherry Creek Innovation Campus, Steve Day, Principal
- We opened 2019. with 7 pathways: 2 on aircraft, auto mechanics, CNA, RN, hospitality & culinary, AI programming, OT & PT, construction, manufacturing & product design. We have a lot of industry partners. We host a hiring fair in April.
- We'll add 130K sf to our facility. We're currently at 127K sf.
- 80% of those students who come through our program go on to college but, we offer industry certifications in each pathway so they can go out & get a job right after high school.
- We bring every 8th grader in the district through for a tour. We require applications and about 1,000 students get chosen.

5. Plans, Rhonda Livingston, 2nd Vice President

- Please check in at www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Have-Your-Say-Centennial to see what's currently happening in land planning.

6. Adjourn: Adjourned at 8pm for a fantastic tour of the building.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2025

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