

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**January 17, 2018**

Chair Linda Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:04. Board members present were Susie Elmer, Dora Cash, Dale Rottschafer, Pat Benhmida, Sue Seitz, Harriet Lorence, and Alia Andrew.

We immediately moved to our guest speaker who would have been attorney Tamara Seaver, who was a member of the Southglenn Country Club. She was unable to be with us so her colleague in Icenogle, Seaver, Pogue, PC, attorney, Ed Icenogle, presented an explanation of exactly what constitutes a General Improvement District (GID) and a Special District. A GID is a temporary district with a specific project to be completed. Once completed, taxes are collected until debt incurred to finance the project is paid off. The City of Centennial manages these districts. A Special District is formed under Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 32. These are frequently referred to as a Title 32 District which can be a metro (offering multiple services) or parks and recreation entity. This kind of district has a board of from 5 to 7 members, depending on population being served, and works in cooperation with its city. Such a district can levy a property tax, determine fees for facilities (It is permitted to have a reasonable surcharge for folks not living in the district), and issue general obligation bonds or incur debt. The best district for us to establish is a parks and rec. Of course, this would require a favorable vote of those people living within the boundaries of the district. Those who own property in the district that is taxable are eligible to vote. This means an individual and his or her spouse can vote. The owner and the tenant of a property may vote. Anyone at least 18 years of age and residing in the district may vote. All such individuals must be registered to vote. In order to establish the district 50% + 1 of those who vote must vote in favor. A board of directors of 5 with 4 year terms staggered every 2 years will be voted on. The boundary can be whatever those who are establishing the district wish. After the district is established, the board of directors would determine if an area is to be included or excluded. Capacity load for facilities would be determined by the board of directors. We should test the waters to see how people feel here in Southglenn. We must also determine who owns the property (an attorney would handle). Although a district is a public entity, it is also a business and should be run in the most efficient way possible. If the SRD were to take over the Country Club, it would take on the bonded indebtedness of the Club which needs to retire its debts if it conveys the property to an

SRD. We would have to have South Suburban's permission to run the facility such that it would not be in competition with South Suburban's facility offerings. That should not be a problem.

What are the risks? How much will it cost? Tax exempt entities require an evaluation by an investment banker. Not a lot of engineering review is necessary, but there must be a survey of the boundaries of the SRD. Legal counsel would be our biggest cost. There are the costs associated with court filings and legal counsel in order to get the SRD on the ballot. Then there are ongoing costs such as fees, continuing legal counsel, debt, operating monies, etc. In order to cover these expenses, a mill levy that would generate \$300 to \$350 per household is the initial good faith estimate.

There would be 3 questions on the ballot: the establishment of the SRD, the tax to be levied, and the bond/debt to be incurred. In addition, the nominees for board of directors.

This concluded Mr. Icenogle's presentation and answers to questions from those present.

Because of time limitations, the December minutes, treasurer's and Cencon reports were postponed.

**Old Business:** Dumpster Day Bill – We have yet to receive a bill for last year's Dumpster Day, but the owner says we do not owe anything. We would like to clarify and resolve this issue before this year's Dumpster Day which will be July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:** There was a quick presentation about the Civic Association's membership drive and the campaign to establish the SRD.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be at Clarkson Park on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

We are in need of volunteers to deliver the newsletter. There are several routes open. Please contact Linda Nixon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association

February 21, 2018

The joint meeting of the Southglenn Civic Association and Southwind Civic Association was called to order at 7:08 by Treasurer, Dale Rottschafer, treasurer of the Southglenn Civic Assoc. in the absence of Chair, Linda Nixon. Other board members present were Vice-Chair, Susie Elmer, secretary, Dora Cash, and directors, Dorothy Mauro, Pat Benhmida, Harriet Lorence, and Alia Andrews. Dora Cash, secretary, read the January minutes. Dale moved and Pat seconded approving the minutes as read. Dale gave the treasurer's report. There is \$13,135.76 in savings, \$2,722.57 in checking. SGCA is also currently holding \$10,987.84 from 98 households in support of the formation of an SRD. The SRD committee has asked to use monies from this account for ongoing expenses in support of creating an SRD. Susie moved and Pat seconded acceptance of the treasurer's report. Dorothy reported on CENCON, and asked if someone else would like to attend these meetings with her.

### Old Business:

**Easter Egg Hunt:** It is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in Clarkson Park, rain, snow or sunshine. Hopefully the latter. Dorothy asked for approval from the board to purchase replacement signs for the Easter Egg Hunt since some disappeared before we could pick them up. Dora made a motion to approve the expenditure which was seconded by Dale.

**Garden Club:** We have no details yet, but the Southglenn Garden Club is planning to meet March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Dumpster Day:** Linda Nixon has confirmed that Dumpster Day will be July 21<sup>st</sup>. There was continued debate by members of both civic associations as to how best to make Dumpster Day better for residents. The use of reservations to help avoid congestion and long waits and to determine whether to order a 3<sup>rd</sup> trash truck were discussed at length. No decision has been made yet, but will be brought up at the next meeting. We need to find a middle ground and be able to maintain flexibility as we proceed with plans. We will investigate having metal recycle again and the possibility of a wood chipper which would reduce the volume of debris put in the trash trucks.

### New Business:

**Fire Protection District consolidation** – Southwind has invited representatives to speak and to answer questions at the April meeting about the proposed merger of the Littleton and the South Metro fire departments. This plan will result in tax increases.

The joint meeting was then adjourned though Southwind was invited to stay if they wished.

**Special District:** Pat and Dale also gave an update on the SRD and entertained questions from those present. They reported that of the 1,332 homes in Southglenn, they have only heard from 300 households. At the information sessions they have averaged 0 to 4 people in attendance. People do express their opinions more freely in these small groups which is good. Then Dale introduced Kim Seter and Elizabeth Dauer with Seter, Vander Wall P.C. who work to help establish and represent special districts. They conducted a question and answer session for residents about how the district would be created and maintained, what kind of problems are generally encountered and how they are resolved.

Dale informed those present that before moving on with the SRD, we need to determine if the Country Club will indeed convey the property to the SRD. To that end, the committee is proposing gathering sufficient signatures from residents to require the Country Club to bring this question to a vote of Country Club members and Southglenn residents who also are stakeholders in the Club. Assuming the club goes forward with this special meeting of their members and Southglenn residents to vote on the resolution to turn the club over to the SRD, if the SRD is created, it will take a two-thirds yes vote of those individuals who vote to assure that the Country Club will turn the club over to the SRD. Currently the plan is to have this meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> at Mark Twain which accommodates many more people.

The meeting adjourned around 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**March 21, 2018**

The joint meeting of the Southglenn Civic Association and Southwind Civic Association was called to order at 7:03 by Dale Rottschafer, treasurer of the Southglenn Civic Assoc. in the absence of Chair, Linda Nixon. Other board members present were directors, Dorothy Mauro, Pat Benhmida, Harriet Lorence, and Alia Andrews.

Guest: Jim Albee – Director for Littleton Fire Protection District

Jim discussed the proposed merger of the Littleton Fire Protection District into the South Metro Fire Protection District to be voted on May 8. The merger with South Metro creates scale and redundancies that will result in a higher level of service and shorter response times. The merger should not affect operational staffing; there will be some administrative redundancies that could result in eliminations. All 3 unions are in favor – no one will lose rank or time/service years.

Jim explained that given the continual rising costs and the competition for personnel with surrounding districts, a tax increase was inevitable. The last tax increase for Littleton Fire was in 2004 for 1 mill. If Littleton Fire increased taxes, it would be to maintain services, not improve services the way this merger is expected. The proposed merger will increase mill levy from 7.678 to 9.25. This translates into roughly \$33-45 per year for house values of \$300,000-400,000.

ISO Rating is a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule with a scale of 1 to 10 with Class 1 given to exemplary fire departments and Class 10 to departments that do not meet minimum criteria. Littleton is currently Class 2. South Metro is Class 1 with expectation that merger will maintain the Class 1 rating for entire (including annexed) service area. This could potentially result in lower homeowners' insurance costs. Call your agent to determine if your rates could be lowered to help offset the tax increase.

Election for merger is May 8. It is a polling place election that will take place at Station 14, next to Newton Middle School from 7am – 7pm.

In absence of Secretary, Dora Cash, Dale read the February minutes. Dale moved and Pat seconded approving the minutes as read.

Dale gave the treasurer's report. There is \$13,135.76 in savings, \$5,657.88 in checking. SGCA is also currently holding \$9,805.60 Good Faith Legal Funds in support of the formation of an SRD. The SRD committee has asked to use monies from this account for expenses to hold a Special Meeting. Dale moved and Dorothy seconded acceptance of the treasurer's report.

Dorothy reported on CENCON. There was proposal for a hotel at Yosemite and Dry Creek that CENCON didn't approve. Intersection is a high accident area. Dorothy would like someone to attend these meetings with her.

#### **Old Business:**

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Lots of families came out, over 100 kids participated. There were too many eggs for ages 0-2, not enough for ages 3-5; will need to make adjustments next year. Need to find a new Easter Bunny – guy who does it now has kids who have aged out, and he no longer lives in neighborhood.

#### **New Business:**

**Eric Spaulding** – Eric Spaulding and his wife Keisa attended. Eric was recently asked to join SGCC board due to a resignation. He has been a resident for 18 months. His first SGCC board meeting was March 20, 2018. He wants to get a better understanding of SGCA and community. SGCC – driving membership is top priority.

**Special District:** Discussion of SGCC mailer sent to neighborhood with questions for the SRD. Dale and Pat plan to answer the questions in the upcoming newsletter. Group discussed upcoming special meeting, what to expect, etc. Pat received question from resident if there would be security or law enforcement there. Asked group their thoughts on matter. Consensus was it is not necessary. In fact, some thought just the presence of security may be self-fulfilling prophecy need for security. Alia pointed out that there are many current and retired law enforcement officers in neighborhood who will attend – there probably are no security needs beyond that.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Rottschäfer, Treasurer (filling in for Secretary)

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**May 16, 2018**

Linda Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:05. Board members present were Linda Nixon, chair; Susie Ohle, vice-chair, Dora Cash, secretary, Pat Benhmida, Harriet Lorence, and Alia Andrews. Also present were community residents, Greg and Kitty Nierling, Melissa Thacker, Louise Bridges, Stephanie Maxey, and Shea Simpson.

**Denver Water Board** – Eddie Hernandez of the Denver Water Board gave a presentation on the current and future work being done to replace aging water mains. The need is mainly driven by the age of the pipes, the metal used, and our clay soil. He encouraged residents to go the website for information on streets that will be affected and when work is projected to be done and when it will be completed.

**Elections** – The election of members to the Southglenn Civic Association Board takes place every May. Linda Nixon, Susie Ohle, Sue Seitz, Harriet Lorence, and Dorothy Mauro were all re-elected, and Stephanie Maxey was nominated and accepted a position on the board. Board members serve a 2 year term.

**City Issues** – Shea Simpson who has spearheaded an effort to slow down traffic on Clarkson and get people to obey the stop sign at Ogden Way and Clarkson and Susie Ohle spoke about the city's response to his concerns. Shea will have to get sufficient (50%) signatures from affected homeowners to move a plan to a vote. Then, there must be a 2/3 vote of approval from homeowners in order for the city to go ahead. In order for the city to do anything, changes will have to be made all the way from Dry Creek to Easter rather than just the area of Clarkson alongside Clarkson Park from Ogden Way to Geddes Ave. This may make it impossible to even undertake as it is not what residents may really want particularly those north of Geddes Ave.

**Garage Sale Days** – We will need to get out banners for our July neighborhood garage sale which Steller Realty organizes for us. So far, we do not have an organization willing to do a charity pickup of items leftover after the garage sale.

**Dumpster Day** – The plan this year is to limit to 1 drive-thru per household for Dumpster Day until 11:00 at which time folks will be allowed to come with another load. We hope to accommodate more of the community in this way. There will also be a metal recycler and a wood chipper to dispose of tree limbs, etc. We hope to find someone who will take electronics.

**Old Business:**

**Storage** – The Civic Assoc. has been in need of someplace to store its items such as signs for various events, etc. Harriet Lorence has kindly volunteered her shed to house our “stuff”. “Many thanks, Harriet.”

**Southglenn Country Club** – We also want to extend a round of applause and our sincerest thank you to Dale Rottschafer and Pat Benhmida who spent countless hours working on the proposition of an SRD in order to preserve our neighborhood country club. Their tireless efforts have made the community aware of its financial situation and galvanized many in Southglenn to try to figure out a way forward for the club. It was brought to our attention that Brian Ewart, superintendent of LPS, has mentioned in his forums that the district would like to have the country club property if it were to become insolvent. It is incumbent on the community to work together to keep our country club on a sound financial footing. The good news is that community membership is up and growing.

**Welcome Bags** – Alia Andrews reported she has welcome bags about ready for delivery to new homeowners in Southglenn. She is asking for volunteers willing to deliver them and spend a little time introducing new residents to our Southglenn neighborhood. She passed out bags and flyers to volunteers who were present. She looks for delivery to start sometime during the first part of June.

**Entrance signs to Southglenn** – Signs are currently on hold.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**June 20, 2018**

Linda Nixon, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:06. Board members present were Linda Nixon, chair, Susie Elmer, vice chair Dora Cash, secretary, Dale Rottschafer, treasurer, Harriet Lorence, Stephanie Maxey, and Pat Benhmida. Likewise present was Diane Rapue, president of the Southwind Civic Assoc. The first item of business was to ask who would be willing to continue in certain positions on the board. Linda said she would continue as chair, Susie, Dora and Dale will continue as vice-chair, secretary and treasurer respectively. Pat will continue co-editing the newsletter with Dale, and Stephanie said she would serve as liaison to the Country Club. There was also discussion of CENCON which meets across town from those of us living on the west side. Civic Associations on our side of town would like to see at least half the meetings held closer to us so it is not always such a burden on our CENCON representative. It would also be helpful if meetings were not always held on the night we have our District One meetings. We will continue to push for some kind of accommodation by either CENCON or the city of Centennial. Linda did not ask for a reading of the minutes or a treasurer's report.

Diane said she would present the Southwind agenda items in which both Civic Associations participate so that we could coordinate our efforts. The first items of discussion for both associations are the neighborhood garage sale on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and Dumpster Day on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Steller Realty will once again provide banners and maps for the garage sale. So far, nine people in Southglenn and three in Southwind have indicated they wish to participate. The number will undoubtedly increase as we get closer to the date. Dumpster Day will start at 8:00 to 12:00 or until the trucks are full at Mark Twain. We are encouraging people to sign up and receive an assigned time. Otherwise, we will proceed as usual. Both Southwind and Southglenn will check to see if folks have paid their dues, if not, they will have to pay them to participate. Non-residents can pay \$40 for the privilege of dumping which is still much cheaper than going to the dump. Southwind will have two sets of volunteers for Dumpster Day (Mary and Robin;

Shirley and Bill). Diane will be in and out all morning. Southglenn will have its cadre of volunteers to process Southglenn residents. We need to contact Dorothy for the Dumpster Day signs which are put out in the neighborhood.

Southwind will host its annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike and Dog Parade. Southwind provides all the treats and prizes for the parade and we will split the costs (75% - Southglenn / 25% Southwind). The parade will start promptly at 10:00 at the corner of Penrose and Geddes. All are welcome.

The last major item on both agendas was FunFest which will be Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Southwind will start recruiting volunteers from its ranks. They will contact the magician to perform again. Southwind picks up the tab for the magician. Southwind will provide the grills, tables, tents, jugs and coolers of water as well as coolers for the meat. They will also provide 25% of the baked goods for the cake walk. Southglenn will contact South Suburban for 12 tables and a good number of trash cans for FunFest. Southglenn is planning on barbecued beef and chicken as well as hot dogs and hamburgers. We need fewer chips, but will work on having plenty of apples and possibly grapes and watermelon as well as salads which were a huge hit last year. There will be cookies for dessert. Beverages will be water and lemonade just like last year. For the children there will be the magician, face-painting by Rachel, the South Suburban Activity Bus, and the Bouncy House. For the adults, there will be a band, car show and visits from the Arapahoe County Sheriff and the Fire Department. Of course, there will be the cake walk. We will try to have at least 100 cakes donated. Other details are being finalized. We will charge \$5 per person or \$15 per family for those people who are not residents of either Southwind or Southglenn.

Finally, Linda thanked those folks who have delivered WELCOME bags to new families in Southglenn. It seems to be going smoothly. Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**July 18, 2018**

Chairperson, Linda Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:06. Present were board members: secretary, Dora Cash, treasurer, Dale Rottschafer, Sue Seitz, Steph Maxey, Alia Andrews, Pat Benhmida, and Harriet Lorence.

The first order of business was to hear from Diane Rapue for Southwind who reported on Southwind's July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike and Dog Parade which had its best turnout ever with approximately 135 participants. Southwind organized and ran the parade, and Southwind and Southglenn shared the costs. Diane also reported that the Garage Sale with Steller was a success in Southwind, and that Southwind will have volunteers ready for Dumpster Day. Finally, Diane reported that for FunFest Southwind has membership table /check-in volunteers lined up as well as their wonderful grillers and other volunteers for Funfest. Diane also said that Southwind would provide 25 cakes for the cake walk. They will also have the magician return to entertain the children. They will pay the fee. Diane also provided a list of the items that Southwind will bring to the park to run the Funfest picnic.

After Diane's report, we moved on to the Southglenn agenda. Dora read the minutes of the June meeting, Dale gave the treasurer's report. Then, Dora read the audit committee's report for the Civic Association. Committee members, Sue Seitz, Dora Cash, and Jim Cash reported a few minor errors, but found no problems with the financial report submitted by treasurer, Dale Rottschafer. Dora reported for Dorothy Mauro that the Civic Association needs to have new signs made for Dumpster Day. The current ones are in very bad shape. The board heard that the Country Club has 150 new members and that they are trying to find a sweet spot for a dues increase that will help the club but not discourage these new members to renew. The Country Club will have a booth at FunFest and their swim coaches are really excited about finding new members for the swim team. The Country Club is also planning a Halloween Haunted House event for Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. The Country Club will have its annual meeting in November as usual.

The balance of the meeting was given over to discussion of FunFest. Linda reported that things are going well as far as booths, prizes, and activities and games for the children. We still need to work on lining up volunteers for set-up, Funfest itself, and clean-up. We also need to make sure we have enough cakes for the cakewalk. As far as food, we agreed with Southwind to provide at least a dozen black bean burgers for vegetarians. We are planning on burgers, hot dogs, shredded pork and chicken as well as brown beans, green salad, pasta salad, apple slices, chips and cookies. There will be water and lemonade to drink. Linda also announced there would be a contingent of old cars in the park for folks to admire.

We finished the meeting with Alia Andrews reporting on the Welcome Bag committee's first efforts to deliver the bags to new Southglenn residents. Alia felt that as a whole it has been going well although sometimes it has been hard to catch people at home. New residents seemed pleased to be contacted by our volunteers. Alia hopes that we will be able to stay abreast of new residents and contact them in a timely fashion. She thanked all her volunteers for their diligence and persistence.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association

August 15, 2018

Linda Nixon, chair person, called the meeting to order at 7:15. Present from the Southglenn board were Linda, chair person, Dora Cash, secretary, Dale Rottschafer, treasurer, Pat Benhmida, co-editor of *Southglenn Living*, and Alia Andrews. Diane Rapue, current president of Southwind Civic Assoc., delivered her report on the Garage Sale survey results in Southwind and our joint effort for Fun Fest.

**DUMPSTER DAY:** Looking at the response to our joint Dumpster Day, we concurred that Dumpster Day needs to be earlier in the summer to help residents with landscaping debris and to avoid extreme heat. It was suggested that June 8<sup>th</sup> would be a good date for Dumpster Day. We will be sure to have a wood chipper as well as the trash truck next year. We will have to decide whether to have one or two trucks available.

**GARAGE SALE:** The overall response to the garage sale survey in Southwind was positive. We decided that July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> would be good dates for next year's garage sale. We extend our thanks to Steller Realty Group for all their work in helping set up our neighborhoods' joint garage sale and in drawing a crowd to attend the sale.

**FUN FEST:** It was generally agreed that Fun Fest was once again a great success, but there are items we can either improve on or change altogether. The vegetarian option was well-received, but we should have listed it on the menu. We need to list that it is by request until we run out. We can keep a tally of those who request after we run out, and then we will have a better idea of demand. We need more hot dogs. We ran out very quickly. If we decide to offer brown beans again, we must have some sturdy pots to heat them in so we don't make a mess of the grills. We also need more tins to keep hamburgers and hot dogs nice and hot. We must also make sure that the food line starts promptly at 5:30 as advertised. We can't wait for someone who is late in delivering food.

Besides the food issues, we need to make sure we have sturdier, heavier fencing to keep folks away from the grills as well as plenty of caution tape. We also need to work on keeping tents staked down and secured since it seems we almost always have wind issues which threaten to topple them. We need to make sure that we have plenty of maps of the layout so we can help vendors find where to set up. We need to discuss as well whether the raffle is worth the effort. People seem to enjoy the booths, games and activities and don't seem that interested in the raffle.

Finally and most importantly, we need to take the burden off our chairwoman. We need to find a group of volunteers willing to chair some facet of Fun Fest and be responsible for that facet whether it is the cake walk, the food, the beverages, the registration tables, the games, the vendors, etc. No one person should have to juggle all these aspects of Fun Fest. These individuals should also be responsible for finding a cadre of volunteers to help them. This would reduce everyone's stress if we delegate, delegate, delegate..

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**September 19, 2018**

Chairperson Linda Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:04. Present were Linda Nixon, chair, Susie Elmer, vice-chair, Dora Cash, secretary, Dale Rottschafer, treasurer, and board members: Dorothy Mauro, Sue Seitz, Pat Benhmida, Harriet Lorence, and Stephanie Maxey. Diane Rapue was present from Southwind.

The minutes were read and approved. Dale presented the treasurer's regular report as well as a report on the expenses of Fun Fest. Her report was also read and approved. As of September 19<sup>th</sup>, there is \$13,142.72 in savings and \$1,838.74 in checking plus \$5.56 in the escrow account for a total of \$14,987.02

Dorothy Mauro announced she could no longer attend Cencon meetings and will need someone to replace her. Pat and Dale will get election information from Diane. There was a general consensus that we need to make changes to Fun Fest periodically to keep the community interested in attending. We also need to relieve Linda of some of the burdens of planning Fun Fest. Susie Ohle made a motion which Dorothy seconded to provide funds for Linda to replace the tent and table that she lost at Fun Fest.

Events: Trunk and Treat will be held Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Those who wish to participate should RSVP asap.

Diane also announced that Southwind was also sponsoring a Halloween event on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Volunteer Dinner will be on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Southglenn Country Club will have its annual meeting October 9<sup>th</sup> at which time there will be a vote for 4 positions that are open on the current board of directors.

As a board we discussed what our role should be in disseminating information to Southglenn residents about the upcoming election and the candidates who are running. It was decided that some of the board would attend a forum to meet the candidates and to ask candidates why they wanted to serve on the board and what strengths and skills they would bring to the board.

We also decided to put a flyer in Southglenn Living to let community members know whom we felt would do the best job to strengthen the Country Club. We want to support candidates who live in Southglenn and have a deep interest in the success of the Country Club in addition to the two individuals who are finishing up terms and have demonstrated their commitment to the improved direction of the Country Club.

Linda adjourned the meeting after this discussion. Our next meeting will be our Open Forum on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully, submitted

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association's Open Forum**

**October 17, 2018**

Linda Nixon, chair person, called the meeting to order. Dora Cash introduced the first speaker for the Open Forum who was Jo Feder of the League of Women Voters. Jo passed out the League's pamphlets which discussed the ballot issues before voters. She then went through each of the propositions and amendments, explaining them and discussing the pros and cons and the consequences of approval or rejection of the ballot items. She entertained all additional questions from the audience.

Jo Feder was followed by our two council women, Kathy Turley and Candace Moon, who spoke to issues here in Centennial. Issues addressed included dark streets which really is a question for X-Cel Energy, empty buildings in the neighborhood and redevelopment considerations, and, of course, traffic management which is a huge issue across the metropolitan area. Our particular concern is Clarkson between Dry Creek and Arapahoe Rd. Speed is being mitigated by narrowing streets at intersections. There is also a continuing effort to green up Centennial with the purchase of trees to be planted in public spaces.

After Kathy and Candace spoke, there was discussion of the results of the Southglenn Country Club election. Todd Dreiling and Lily Westphal are on the Country Club board and spoke to the continued improvement of the financial condition of the club since the board has adopted a program aimed at finding the sweet spot that allows more people to be able to afford to join and still maintain financial viability. They need roughly 700 members or about \$450,000 dollars annually to keep the club in good shape and to start looking at taking care of deferred maintenance. Lily is the new treasurer, and she is totally focused on getting the club out of the red. The Civic Association remains committed to helping the Country Club.

The last item of the evening was to remind those present of the Trunk and Treat at the Country Club on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary