

South Glenn Civic Association Minutes for July 25, 2013

In the absence of chair, Dorothy Mauro, Linda Nixon, vice-chair called the meeting to order at 7:10. Present were board members Linda Nixon, June Martin, Chris Haller, Dale Rottschafer, Kevin Simbeck, and Dora Cash. Southglenn resident Merry Snyder also attended the meeting. Minutes of the June meeting submitted by Vern Sybesma were approved after a correction of the time of the start for Fun Fest this year. Dale Rottschafer, treasurer, reported income of \$1.35 and expenditures of \$1,373.60 between June 27th and July 25th leaving us with a balance of \$8,796.96. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Old business: June Martin who made a suggestion at the June meeting to limit the number of times a board member may serve in the same capacity as an officer over a period of ten years, will write up a motion for this suggestion to be discussed at the August board meeting. June also would like to have board meetings taped as a reference for the secretary's minutes. We will need to have a recorder for this purpose.

Fun Fest – August 6th: In Dorothy Mauro's absence, Dora Cash reported what Dorothy has already arranged and taken care of for Fun Fest. Signs announcing Fun Fest will go up this Sunday across the Southglenn neighborhood. Dorothy also has volunteers for the food and activities planned. June Martin will be unable to run the Bike Parade, so we will need to find a volunteer to handle this. June will provide all the necessary information. The board brainstormed and discussed other details for the Fun Fest to be a success. Prizes will have to be either donated or purchased for the Bike Parade winners and the winners of the games that Susie Ohle will run. Board members will need to provide cakes for the cake walk or the board will need to purchase cakes. Treasurer, Dale Rottschafer, will need change, a cash box, and hand stamps for Fun Fest. Cones will need to be set up along the parking on Clarkson to make sure the Fire and Sheriff's Department have space to park their vehicles. Linda Nixon and Dora Cash will coordinate and follow up on all aspects of Fun Fest. Board members should plan to be at the park by 4:00 to start setting up since Fun Fest will start at 5:30.

New Business: Merry Snyder was interested in how the Civic Association differs from a Homeowners' Association. Linda Nixon explained our function as a civic association.

June brought up the matter of signage for Southglenn which has been perennially on the board's agenda. We would like to put up signs similar to those of other neighborhoods, but we cannot get the City of Centennial to answer our questions about placement, etc. This still should be pursued. We have set aside money several times for this, but to no avail.

Chris Haller reminded all board members to submit articles for the *Reporter*, the more the better.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, Secretary of SGCA

+Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association

August 22, 2013

Board members present were Dorothy Mauro, Linda Nixon, Dale Rottschafer, Christopher Haller, and Dora Cash. Dorothy called the meeting to order at 7:10. Dora Cash, secretary, read the minutes which Linda Nixon moved to approve and Chris Haller seconded. Dale Rottschafer submitted the treasurer's report which was approved and seconded. Dale told the board that a resident, Joan Miller had sent us a check for \$150 to make up for not paying civic association dues for many years. We were all appreciative of her generosity.

Cencon: Dorothy reported that on Sept. 14th there will be a Dog Day at Centennial's City Park, located near the City of Centennial's office buildings. Dorothy also related that the park is very, very nice and encouraged us to visit it. In the Cencon report, it was noted that City Council, in order to encourage business development, has approved a move to make high speed internet service more available to the residents of Centennial. This effort by the city will be carried out without raising taxes.

Newsletter: Chris reminded us that articles must be in by Saturday, August 24, to make the September newsletter.

Fun Fest Report: Dora Cash who coordinated Fun Fest this year reported that the Civic Association served around 300 residents a hotdog supper along with a variety of activities for children: Go-Karts that the Boy Scouts provided, a bouncy castle, cake walks, a trike/bike parade, face painting, hula hoop and gunny sack races. Wild Wings which rehabilitates injured raptors brought some of its birds for residents to see. There was also an assortment of classic cars which residents brought for everyone to enjoy. In conjunction with National Night Out, both the sheriff's and fire department stopped by the park to visit with those in attendance. The Civic Association extends a heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who made the evening a rousing success.

Old Business: June Martin had brought up the question of signs at the entrance to Southglenn which we have worked on for a long time. Dorothy agreed that we need to pursue this and get it done in a timely fashion. Linda Nixon will assist her.

New Business: After discussion, the board moved and approved to donate \$50 to Twain Elementary to thank them for the use of the school parking lot for Dumpster Day and to give \$50 to the Boy Scout troop that provides the Go-Karts for the children at Fun Fest.

The board is now planning for the October Open Forum. It was suggested that perhaps we have someone from the City's Public Works division come and address residents' concerns. WATTS was also mentioned as a possibility. We will also have to decide on an optimal date for the forum.

A letter needs to be sent to Kevin Simbeck to inform him that he will be dropped from the board for lack of attendance and failure to pay his Civic Association dues.

Dorothy Mauro adjourned the meeting at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, Secretary

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September 26th, 2013

Dorothy Mauro, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were board members, Linda Nixon, Chris Haller, Kevin Simbeck, Dale Rottschafer and Dora Cash. Also present were Southglenn residents, Harriet Lorence, Karen Johnson, and Mike Hanbery.

Dora Cash, secretary, read the August minutes which were approved as read.

Dale Rottschafer gave the treasurer's report which was approved as presented.

Membership: It was reported that we now have 261 memberships paid. It was proposed and approved by the board that residents will be provided a stamped envelope to send in their dues. This will be announced in the December newsletter. Dale will take charge of making cards and providing envelopes. It is hoped that this will increase our membership response.

CENCON: On September 23rd ballot question 2G was discussed. This ballot issue asks for citizen authorization for the city of Centennial to explore the use of fiber optic cable which has already been laid to attract business. County Line Road will see major improvements between University and Broadway.

Newsletter: It was reiterated by the board that the Civic Association will not endorse candidates for office. A paid political ad for the current mayor inadvertently was placed in the newsletter. Chris will contact our printer to make sure this does not occur in the future. On Oct. 4th, there will be a forum for District 1 candidates at the South Metro Chamber offices from 6:00 to 8:30. There will be an LPS board candidates' evening on Oct 1st from 6:30 to 8:30 at Littleton HS.

Historian: June is ill. There is no report

Old Business: Signage at the entrances to Southglenn is still an issue with the city, and Dorothy will pursue this.

New Business: Our annual Southglenn forum will be held on October 17th at the South Metro Chamber of Commerce at 2154 E. Commons Ave. in the Streets of Southglenn at 7:00 p.m. Tamara Gregory from the city of Centennial will be there to explain city ordinances and answer questions.

The board also discussed the need for residents to be aware of theft in the neighborhood. The redevelopment of the Marathon property is also an item of interest for Southglenn residents.

November is the time for the thank-you dinner for our Southglenn volunteers. The board discussed and approved a budget of \$400 to help defray the cost of the food and beverages.

The board also discussed and approved continuation of our holiday lighting contest in December. There will be a prize of a \$25 gift certificate to King Soopers in four different categories: most lights, religious theme, nostalgia, and children's decorations. Information will be in the November newsletter.

Dale informed us that on November 13th there will be a Neighborhood Watch presentation at Mark Twain. There will be information in the November newsletter.

With no further items on the agenda, Dorothy Mauro, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

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Open Forum

October 17, 2013

Southglenn Civic Association hosted its annual forum which was held at the South Metro Chamber of Commerce Bldg. in the Streets of Southglenn. In the absence of chairperson, Dorothy Mauro, Linda Nixon welcomed everyone to the forum at 7:00. She introduced Tamara Gregory from the city of Centennial who spoke to us about code enforcement along with Sean, one of two officers who respond to complaints and enforce municipal code. The first purpose of these municipal codes is the safety of the community. Weeds, vegetation and even turf may be no more than 8 inches in height. Inoperable and junk vehicles must be removed from city streets. The visible accumulation or stockpiling of junk in yards is not allowed. However, it must be visible from the street. Dumpsters can be on private property up to seven days without a building permit. Storage containers (PODS) are not allowed. You may have a business in your home, but there should be no sign of the business at or outside your house. Trees and shrubs must not overlap the public right of way (sidewalks), trashcans must be removed after being emptied. Response by the city to a complaint starts with a knock on the door or a courtesy note and can escalate to a summons. Most situations are handled before they ever get to that point. An individual who makes a complaint should get results. Some members of the audience complained about getting no response to repeated calls about code violation. There is a program to encourage citizens to shovel their sidewalks after a snow and to help neighbors unable to shovel. The city takes care of major arteries. CH2M Hill is the contractor responsible for snow removal from the streets, etc., but adjacent homeowners are responsible for the sidewalk.

One must contact the planning office if there is a change of materials or the site of a fence. Permit cost is a percentage of the cost of materials and or the contractor's cost. All day Thursday there is someone in the Planning Office available to help with obtaining permits for projects.

Centennial is a city with as little government as possible. Most all functions are contracted out. As a result, residents may have to put up with neighbors' unsightly yards, trash, etc. You are welcome to go to City Council meetings to express your frustrations. If there is a public health issue, please contact Tri-County Health. The Saturday after elections, the city will provide re-cycling of political signage. Barking dogs can be reported after 10 minutes during the day, 5 at night. Noises from construction are from seven to seven. Loud noise can be reported just like barking dogs at night. Signage is not allowed on public right of ways. There was some discussion of Southglenn's not being allowed to have entrance signs when other developments can. Ms. Gregory said she would speak to Planning about our continued frustration over 6 years of trying to put up entrance signs to Southglenn.

There was no business meeting following the presentation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash