



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

September 27, 2016



Jeff Howell, Economic Development Director for the City of Lone Tree, was the speaker for our meeting. The City of Lone Tree elected a new mayor and all new members to the city council this past May, so they have all new perspective for the city. Lone Tree covers only 10 square miles and was incorporated in 1995. The city has a permanent population of 13,175 which nearly doubles daily with the people coming into the city to work. Median income for the city is \$105,000.

They have and have had several major projects occurring. They are:

I-25 Lane Balancing. The section of I-25 in Lone Tree was a bottle neck for traffic. The road south of Lone Tree had been expanded and T-Rex had expanded the road north of the city. In the Spring of 2016, the expansion of I-25 through Lone Tree was completed. The project added two additional lanes.

C-470 Expansion. This project is getting going. It will be adding express toll lanes in each direction. The toll lanes will be in the middle of the road.

Lincoln Pedestrian Bridge. This bridge will be a pedestrian bridge over Lincoln and will be an extension of the Willow Creek Trail. Construction will start this month.

Light Rail Extension. The existing light rail line will be extended approximately 2.3 miles from the Lincoln Station to the existing RidgeGate park-n-ride at RidgeGate Parkway. The line will have a stop at Sky Ridge Hospital, another one in the area to the SE of I-25 and Lincoln Ave. The third stop will be at RidgeGate Pkwy. Construction has started and is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2019.

The area to the SE of I-25 and Lincoln Ave is going to be developed in the near future and will be called RidgeGate East. It will contain 11 million square feet of office space and 2.3 million square feet of retail space. There will be 7,000 new homes. Total build out will take 30—50 years and it will double the population of Lone Tree.

The current unemployment rate in Lone Tree is 2.6%. The city has annual retail sales of \$1.6 billion. The office rent is the third most expensive in the Denver area at \$27.83/SF.

An area called RidgeGate Commons is under development. It will contain a Sierra Grill, an upscale restaurant, and a Marriott Towne Place Suites hotel.

The area southwest of Yosemite and C-470 is going to be developed and will be called the Yard at Lone Tree. It will have 80,000 SF of retail and restaurant space.

The initial Prime Timers kickoff was on Monday. There were 59 in attendance. The sheriff's department made a presentation on senior safety, which apparently was well received. The initial meeting was a success beyond all expectations.

Members should contact Roxy for planning events for our exchange student Lucio.

The only guest was Wes Shattuck, Don's son.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 4—VICTOR MOSS, AUTHOR
OCT 5—BOARD MEETING
OCT 11—CLASSIFICATION TALKS: NATE ZIPPLE, CHRIS BANTOCK, LINDSEY ROBINSON
OCT 18—RANDY FERGUSON, THE LOVE, COURAGE, AND ACHIEVEMENT PROJECT
OCT 25—RANDY EARNST, QUARTERLY CLUB ASSEMBLY

11/8—CLASSIFICATION TALKS: MIKE TAGTOW, SAMATHA JOHNSON



Apparently a member has been on John McCarty's case for his previous travel gift of used drink coasters from Ireland, some used by John as he tested some of the brews in Ireland. To try and silence his critic, John brought in a new travel gift. His new gift is a peat log.



Tim Eunice tried and failed to find the elusive blue marble. Maybe this next week there will be success.