



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

Monday, July 12, 2021

1:00 p.m.

**Aurora Center for Active Adults
30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, CO 80011**

MINUTES

ACS MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeannie Davis, Chair; Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chair; Gloria Shea, Recording Secretary; Juanita Audre; Barbara Schneller; George Bain, Commissioners.

ACS MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Rouhlac, Liaison and Aurora Center for Active Adults, Supervisor; Leah McMahon, Colorado Ombudsman Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER: By at 1:01 PM by Jeannie Davis, Chair

INTRODUCTIONS: All the above

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The commissioners acknowledged reviewing the June 7, 2021 minutes. Mis-spelled names were discovered. Upon a motion, second, and unanimous vote, the minutes were approved once the spelling errors are corrected.

SPEAKER(S): Leah McMahon gave a wonderful presentation to the Commission about Colorado's Ombudsman Program. An Ombudsman (resident directed activist/advocate) is assigned to all care facilities after the 1972 Older Americans Act was signed into law during the administration of Richard Nixon. This National program oversees care, identifies issues and concerns, compliance to Federal and State laws, licensure of facilities and staff, and investigates complaints from residents and family members of residents residing in nursing homes and assisted living facilities (all ages are covered by this program). Colorado has 16 area agencies on aging and there are 65 Ombudsman in the state. A residents consent is mandatory for any activity on the part of an Ombudsman. Ms. McMahon gave an overview of the education and qualifications needed to be an Ombudsman. Ms. McMahon offered a Q&A during and after completing her presentation. The Ombudsman mantra is "Different, Better or More" in getting



services/issues remedied. Colorado is open to volunteer Ombudsman. For additional inquiries contact the program phone number 303-862-3524 or online coombudsman.org.

BUDGET REPORT: Ronald reported that the budget, now designated to ACFOA, has same amount of money. There will be expenditures for new shirts and name tags with the Commission name change, sizes elicited from each Commissioner.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults – Ronald Roulhac, Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) Supervisor

- Ronald reported once approved by the COA, ACFOA meetings will resume in house. There are HVAC and roofing updates still needed and Safety of the public and Staff is the number one concern of the ACAA/COA.
- There has been a steady increase of ACAA activity. The triad of Budget, Staffing, and Programming still the driving force for additional activity increases. The Newsletter will be drafted and published as often as possible.

Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCoA) – Barbara Schneller, Commissioner

- Barbara reported she did not attend the meeting, the topics were Reverse Mortgages.

Aurora Senior Circle – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie reported

Community Stakeholders-Jeannie Davis, Commissioner and Chair

No report. Next meeting will be September 8, 2021.

Ward Meetings- All Commissioners

Jeannie reported Ward II was having their new replacement to be sworn in at the Council meeting tonight.

Gloria reported the next Ward III meeting is Marsha Berzin's picnic, she will take information about the Commission and be available to Ward III residents attending the picnic. That picnic is scheduled for July 24, 2021.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner

Sandy reported she reviewed all the review and Ronald will post pertinent information on the Legislative board at the ACAA.

Transportation Solutions – Reported by Jeannie Davis, Chair/Commissioner

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Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- No Report. Juanita asks Beth and Ronald about updates regarding flyers and Marketing activity.

Intergenerational Support – Reported by Jeannie Davis, Chair/Commissioner

- No report

Virtual Workshops-Jeannie Davis Commissioner

Jeannie and Sandy will meet with Ronald on what may be possible before year's end. This meeting will also discuss Channel 8 activity and include Juanita.

OLD BUSINESS

- Speaker Calendar. No confirmed ADA speaker.
- Channel 8 and Brain Trust (Beth Yacono). No report. All activity goes through Marketing.
- Marketing Department
- ACFOA website update. Ronald stated some aspects have been completed and other portions of these changes still in progress. Ronald has a spreadsheet list of all changes as they come about.
- BUZZ Newsletter publication dates. Discussed earlier in Ronald's ACCAA Liaison report.
- Emergency Card update. Ronald reported graphics department pending. Ronald had asked for old railcard from any Commissioner to be forwarded to the Graphics Department.
- Annual Aurora Senior Forum Update. Ronald reported there is to be a Staff meeting on July 13, 2021 where that specific topic will be discussed. He will update us next ACFOA meeting.
- Collaborative Partnerships. Sandy and Jeannie drafted a survey and sent a copy to all of the Commissioners for their perusal and comments. When approved it will have a Jeannie and Sandy signed cover letter and be placed on ACAA letterhead and submitted to the Committees/Commissions of Douglas County, Centennial, Adams County, Commerce City and the Aurora Veterans Commission.



NEW BUSINESS:

- ACFOA Vacancies. As of July 1, 2021 Commissioner Kathy Newton resigned her position. As of July 5, 2021 Commissioner Christina Hollister resigned her position. Jeannie Davis read their letters of resignation during this portion of the meeting. They each updated their respective committees and their gratitude to the Commission for its work. Jeannie asked Ronald to check on extending Commissioner Barbara Schneller and Juanita Audre's terms. Jeannie also asked Ronald be more proactive getting our vacancy needs out on the water bill and Next Door or any other resources. Beth will also work with Marketing on this issue.
- Orientation Document Review. Jeannie and Sandy generated an ACFOA Orientation Document. This document was distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting for subsequent discussion and critique. A discussion about the document ensued; George suggested a condensed version of this document be distributed to potential ACFOA applicants during that process.
- Aurora Veterans Commission Report. Sandy presented to that group what ACFOA does and some of our goals. Ralph, the Chair of that Commission, wants to be involved in the Forum.
- Resource List-Establish Ad Hoc Committee. Jeannie researched the websites of the above and they were detailed. Sandy looked at our website resources and it is lacking. It was recommended that ACFOA create a detailed resource list and a committee be established. This is related to resources on the ACFOA website.
- Age-Wise Colorado Inclusion Request. A statewide list of resources. Jeannie, Sandy, and Ron will review the survey and decide if ACFOA should request membership.
- Older Colorado Month (May 2022). Tabled
- Backburner Items: Recreation Centers and Library Proposals. Tabled.

NEXT MEETING

Date: August 2, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, a second, and consensus of the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.



Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 9-27-21

Gloria Shea, Commissioner
and Recording Secretary

Gloria Shea

Date September 20, 2021

ADOPTED September 13, 2021