



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, August 2, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair at 1:07 PM

ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeannie Davis, Chair; Sandy Thomas, Vice Chair; Gloria Shea, Recording Secretary; George Bain, Commissioner

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: Juanita Audre, Barbara Schneller, Commissioners

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Roulhac, Facility Supervisor ACAA, AFCOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Acting Superintendent Recreational Programs; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Supervisor for Morning Star; Jarett Hughes, Senior Policy Advisor on Aging, Governor's Office; Frankiemae Perry, visitor; and Peter Lewis, visitor.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Due to a lack of quorum, approval of July 12, 2021 minutes was tabled until the September meeting.

SPEAKER: Jarett Hughes gave a power-point presentation. He champions public policy that will benefit the needs of older adults in the state of Colorado. His power-point highlighted demographics showing population shifts over the next decade. Following his presentation, Mr. Hughes answered Commissioners' questions.

BUDGET REPORT: Ronald reported no funds were expensed at this time. We anticipate an expense for "Chill with a Commissioner" refreshments, re-branded shirts, and name tags for the commissioners. An expenditure for membership to the TSAC (Transportation Solutions Arapahoe County) is pending approval and an ACFOA liaison being assigned.



LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults – Ronald Roulhac, Supervisor

- Ronald stated the Center is not at full staff. There may be a possible increase in activity starting in September.
- ACAA has reopened the card playing /lobby area. Staff created new signage for ACFOA, revised rail-cards, and the “Chillin’ with a Commissioner” activity posters. The new examples were reviewed.
- Sponsors have been welcomed back, and new patrons are enrolling for classes and day trips.
- Meals on Wheels and Food Bank of the Rockies pick-up activities continue, and the Seniors 88 program will start rehearsals soon.
- At the July 13, 2021 ACAA staff meeting, staff reviewed planned upcoming activities.

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

- No report

Aurora Senior Circle – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Next meeting September 2021

Community Stakeholders– Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No Report

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- Jeannie read the upcoming Ward meeting schedule.
- Gloria reported that Ward III picnic was well attended. Gloria had a variety of flyers for the participants. Ward III City Councilperson will term out, and there will be an election before year’s end.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner

- Sandy is drafting a door knocker for Citizen Lobbying.

Transportation Solutions –

- Jeannie read an email from Christina Hollister regarding her last activity with TSAC (Transportation Solutions for Arapahoe County). The point person for that organization is Andrea Suhaka. Jeannie had contacted Andrea and was sent an email regarding the TSAC. The email related a mission statement, local partners, and a work plan. The program’s goals are to have a community based, work sustainable, person



centered rider provider service to help principalities understand the citizenry needs, and attend Town Hall meetings to promote the organization and elicit other possible resources. Three members of TSAC are Love Inc., ViaMobility, and Dove Tisdale (RTD). Their fiscal year started July 1, 2021.

- Commission involvement will be limited until a new committee chair has been named.
- Gloria noted an update on GoGoGrandparent. A client must pre-register and there is a fee tier. The least expensive cost is \$10 per month; the most expensive is \$500. Gloria will follow-up with more information.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Jeannie read Juanita's report: The July Ice Cream Social went well, and Juanita and Gloria represented ACFOA. Thirteen surveys were completed with five persons giving contact information. Literature was available for participants. Officer Seneca was present with a brochure about fraud prevention, and several other vendors were present.
- Two more events are planned on August 18, 2021 and September 16, 2021 and will be ACFOA only.

Intergenerational Support –

- No report

Virtual Workshops – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Ronald, Jeannie, Sandy, and Juanita met to decide what the proposals will require. A proposal outline was prepared to be completed by prospective speakers.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Speaker Calendar:** September will be Councilperson Alison Coombs, Ward V and City Council liaison to DRCOG. October will be Jeanette Hensley, Lead Lobbyist for Colorado Center for Aging. November tentatively will be a speaker from COA and will be an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) specialist.
- **ACFOA vacancies:** In the recent Chair-Liaison meeting, the many possible advertising outlets were discussed. Marketing is setting a timeline for various publications. Ronald submitted an ACFOA application form. Jeannie will draft a cover letter for the application, and it will be available for the Commissioners to disseminate at any upcoming public function.
- **Age-Wise Colorado Form Submittal:** Ronald stated he has started filling out the form. He will complete and submit to Age-Wise Colorado for the Commission.
- **Resource List:** The ad hoc committee did meet at ACAA. The ad hoc members are Jeannie, Sandy, Juanita, and Gloria. Initially, the group will use the resource topics as listed on the COA website. The resource topics were divided among committee members. The committee elicited George to



aid with the topic of financial resources. The committee members will compile and confirm the validity and authenticity of the sites they find and present their findings at the next ad hoc meeting, which will be September 23., 2021

- Collaborative Partnerships Update: A survey has been created and will need to go to communications, marketing, and graphics for approval prior to final completion.
- Channel 8 Proposal: Tabled.
- Senior Forum Update: The Senior Forum in its usual format will not be held this year. What has been proposed is a series of “meet and greets” that would introduce vendors and service providers to ACAA. These activities would be held in the parking lot. ACAA staff and COA are working on details; new details will be emailed to the commissioners.
- BUZZ Newsletter update: ACAA staff will be meeting next week. The specific publication dates for the BUZZ newsletter are to be determined.
- Recreational Center displays: The new drafts for the rail-card and meeting time and date flyer were presented for any revisions needed. The term “Older Adults” will take the place of the word “Senior,” and the statement about the minutes being the only form of communication with City Council by ACFOA will be eliminated. Ronald will edit the changes and submit to graphics.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jeannie received an email from a constituent of Alison Coombs. Naomi Kushner is an MSW student at Metropolitan State University. She and a fellow student are researching the resources for older LGBTQ community members, and they would like to work with ACFOA. A discussion followed, and we will try to work with these students. Jeannie will invite them to a future commission meeting to discuss their project.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday September 13, 2021 to be virtual

Time: 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson, Jeannie Davis, ended the meeting.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Seniors

Jeannie Davis

Date 9-27-21



Gloria Shea, Commissioner
and Recording Secretary

Gloria Shea

Date *September 21, 2021*

ADOPTED *September 13, 2021*