



AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS (ACS)

Monday, January 4, 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, Kathy Newton, Christina Hollister

ACS MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Jan Hamburg, Supervisor, Youth Services Development; Ronald Roulhac, Recreation Supervisor; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Supervisor; Beth Yacono, PROS (Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces) Acting Supervisor of Recreation Programs; George Bain, prospective ACS member; Officer James Seneca, Senior Resource Officer SVU (Special Victims Unit specific to Elders)

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair at 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: All the above introduced themselves. Beth Yacono stated she has been with COA for 18 years and is new to our program. Today is her first day. Jan stated that she is now the Supervisor for Youth Services Development program, and she attended this meeting to inform us of her new position. She expressed heartfelt thanks to ACS commissioners and Ron Roulhac for the Commission's work and praised the progress the Commission had made during her time with the group.

ADOPTION OF ACS MINUTES: The Commissioners acknowledged reviewing the minutes from December 7, 2020. Upon motion, second and unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

INTERVIEW OF NEW CANDIDATE: Ron introduced George Bain, a candidate for a seat on the Commission. The Board asked Mr. Bain questions to include his background and interest in serving on the Board. Mr. Bain works with older adults at a finance company in the area of



reverse mortgages. He applied for the Board position because he is interested in all aspects of educating older adults on programs and services offered by Aurora as well as areas that older adults need to have more information about. He is particularly interested in financial education for older adults. He states he is drawn to volunteering and provided a list of organizations he has volunteered with as well as information about a foundation he founded himself many years ago. He stated he is able to contribute approximately 20 - 30 hours a month for Commission work. Following the presentation, by Officer Seneca, the Commissioners discussed the interview with Mr. Bain. Following discussion, upon roll call vote, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to offer Mr. Bain a seat on the Commission if approved by City Council. Ron requested that the Commissioners send to him their completed questionnaires for his files.

SPEAKER: Officer Jim Seneca, APD Senior Resource Officer. Officer Seneca covered the history of the Unit explaining that it was mandated by the City in 2014 to receive reports of neglect and abuse to Aurora residents age 70+ years of age. This unit is responsible for investigating the reports. Since that time, the department has grown to include one detective, five investigators, two volunteers, and one administrative person. Sgt. Robin Thompson has recently been appointed to head up the Unit. Officer Seneca's office remains at ACAA. He stated that there has been a large increase in reporting of fraud, exploitation, and scams largely due to COVID. Officer Seneca responded to questions including that the Unit's outreach includes the APD website, talks to churches and HOAs. A large issue Officer Seneca mentioned is dementia related diagnoses, which can complicate investigations and outcomes. The Chair thanked Officer Seneca for his work and for his presentation to the Board.

BUDGET REPORT: Ron reported that ACS has an annual budget of \$926.00 this year. Unused funds are forfeited at year's end. Ron noted expenditures for the last four calendar years with \$414.00 spent in 2020. This year, to date, \$250.00 has been spent on the Commission's membership fee for Colorado Senior Lobby. Ron stated that certain printing expenditures remain under the umbrella of ACAA and are not drawn from ACS dollars.

LIAISON REPORTS

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

- Ron is happy with the revised agenda format. Ron thanks all involved in the update.
- Ron stated ACAA mail had not been delivered to the change of address for Expo Rec Center.
- One of the resources ACAA partners with (AARP) had been doing the yearly tax preparation for seniors. Many seniors did not get taxes completed for 2019 causing them to not get tax



document related funds. There is a big push to get this service up and running at Expo for this tax season.

- Food disbursement programs continue at Expo. Ron stated a survey showed 27% of folks have food scarcity concerns, he suggested ACS members help disseminate information about the available services.
- Ron informed ACS our name change request will go before a city council committee in February.
- Barbara reiterated her contact with Councilperson Coombs regarding the Emergency Card sleeves. Barbara stated an Emergency Card sleeve is in the purview of PROS, Ron asked us to forego further Councilperson contact about this issue as we are under PROS. Ron will take charge of the project.
- Ron states there is a new newsletter, ACAA Buzz, which will be coming to us very soon.

Legislative Committee: Sandy Thomas

- Sandy states CSL continues to have regular meetings. The new Legislative session will convene on February 16, 2021.

Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCoA): Barbara Schneller

- No Report.

Senior Circle: Jeannie Davis

- No report; next meeting 3/10/2021

Committee Reports

Transportation Solutions: Christina Hollister

- Christina attended meetings with DRCOG (Denver Regional Council of Governments); RDMAC (Denver Regional Mobility Access Council); and TSAC (Transportation Solutions Arapahoe County). Christina is still assessing the efficacy of the above mentioned entities and whether ACS membership would be valuable. Ron and Christina were just made aware of COA making \$80,000 available for transportation services. Jeannie asked Ron and Christina to send her an outline of the recommendations for her to review prior to Ron and Christina attending the meeting on January 15, 2021.

Public Relations: Juanita Audre

- Juanita asked about an update from Library System contact, Midori Clark. Jan interjected suggesting a Chair to Chair consult would help. Jan gave three (3) additional names. Ron stated he would follow-up on this issue.



WARD MEETINGS

- No Commissioner attended November meetings. No Ward meetings were held in December.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kathy and Barbara confirmed the Emergency Card information was emailed to Lauren O’Connell, (Colorado Coalition on Aging representative) who attended our November 2, 2020 ACS meeting.
- Juanita asked Ron for update regarding dissemination of ACS information to the Rec Centers. Ron reiterated Beck and Moorhead Rec Centers have bulletin boards and Central has an easel/stand alone for flyers.
- Organizational name changed was discussed in Ron’s report
- Commission vacancies to be filled as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Speaker Calendar for 2021; we have Claudine McDonald from Department of Community Relations and Inclusion scheduled for February 1, 2021 meeting. Jeannie requested ACS members review the list of COA departments for ideas for future guest speakers. Ron suggested we have Lori Sanchez speak at a subsequent meeting, Commissioners agreed.
- Due to time constraints Jeannie Davis and with commission consensus decided to table the remainder of New Business topics until the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday, February 1, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, a second and consensus of the commission the meeting was adjourned.

The motion passes at 3:18 p.m.

Jeannie Davis, Chair

Aurora Commission for Seniors

Jeannie Davis

Date 9-27-21

Gloria Shea, Commissioner and Recording Secretary

Gloria Shea

Date September 21, 2021

ADOPTED February 1, 2021