



AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS (ACS)

Monday, April 5, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

ACS MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chair; Gloria Shea, Recording Secretary; Juanita Audra; Barbara Schneller; Kathy Newton; George Bain, Commissioners

ACS MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Davis-Chair; Christina Hollister, Commissioners

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Roulhac, Facility Supervisor ACAA, ACS Liaison; Jan Hamburg, Supervisor Youth Services Department; Beth Yacono, Acting Supervisor Recreational Programs; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Supervisor Morning Star and Overseeing Registration System for Recreation Programs and Classes; Lauren O'Connell, Representative from Colorado Coalition on Aging.

CALL TO ORDER: By Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chair at 1:03 PM

INTRODUCTIONS: The above. Welcome to George Bain as newest Commissioner (Ward 5).

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The commissioners acknowledged reviewing the March 1, 2021 minutes. Upon a motion, second, and unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

SPEAKER(S): none

BUDGET REPORT: Ronald reported no changes or expenditures.

LIAISON REPORTS:

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



- Ronald reported that current ACAA activities remain at Expo. Tax preparation will continue through April 28, 2021.
- Forum planning committee meetings will continue. Committee members will receive meeting invites from Deb Burcham.
- George will get e-mail regarding orientation materials from Ronald.
- Site renovations are ongoing at ACAA building with, new flooring and parking lot restoration. COVID testing will move within the parking area. A tentative reopen date of May 3, 2021 is planned with subsequent staggered levels of activity and occupancy. No classes the first two weeks.
- There was a vaccination clinic on 3/28/21, which was well attended, with second dosing set for 4/25/21.
- No new ACS shirts will be ordered until after ACS name change is completed.

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

- No report

Aurora Senior Circle – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner (reported by Sandy, Commissioner)

- Debbie McCloud from the “Talking Book Library” explained how to access audio books. Myctbl.cde.state.co.us for an application. This program is intended for anyone with any kind of disability/impairment.
- Joann Hirsch represented Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf/Blind. She presented the current resources, materials, and strategies for deaf persons. Most of these services and equipment require MD confirmation of the aforementioned impairments.
- Cherry Creek High School has a program “GenTech”, which provides free assistance to Older Adults on phone and computer management. Contact 303-786-7777 or gentechco.org

Ward Meetings- All Commissioners

Sandy read the upcoming dates for Ward and At-Large meetings. Please attend yours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner



- With regards to SB21-118, Sandy conferred with Officer Jim Seneca and ACS commissioners regarding their comments about the Bill. Sandy then presented those findings about the Bill to the Aurora City Council FSIA Committee. The Committee members voted to support the bill. At the State level, SB21-118 is now headed to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- Ronald acknowledged both Jeannie and Sandy for concise, well received, and succinct presentations to City Council.

Transportation Solutions – Christina Hollister, Commissioner

- Ronald reported for Christina, that there is no new information.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita stated activities for “Senior Corner” and loop monitors are still planned when COA opens up.
- ACS will regroup on production and distribution of topics and resources (flyers) as soon as possible.
- Marketing activities still pending COA personnel.

Intergenerational Support- Kathy Newton, Commissioner

Kathy stated her team is having regular meetings with Jan Hamburg. Jan supplied names of three students from the Youth Committee to Kathy/Committee for contact. Kathy’s committee will next meet 4/6/21 at 3:30 PM. Any meeting of the combined groups has yet to be determined.

The committee submitted an article to Ronald for the ACAA newsletter describing the focus and scope of this new committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Organizational Name Change:** There is to be a Study Session May 3, 2021. Ronald will send additional information for ACS speakers and involvement. Ronald suggested that another ACS member should make the Study Session presentation. This should be the final step in the process for our name change. The new speaker would expand on the past presentation Jeannie gave.
- **Speaker Calendar and Virtual Workshops:** There was much discussion regarding this topic with a list of possible candidates. Jodi Waterhouse, Laurie Lovedale, George Bain, Lori Sanchez, and Jeanette Hensley as possibilities. Barbara mentioned that the ACCOA staff would have wonderful



resources regarding Nursing/Assisted Living facilities for future ACS topic consideration. Gloria will contact Laurie Lovedale for the May 3, 2021 speaker on the topic of "Fall Prevention". Juanita to look for a June guest specific to address Nursing Home/Assisted Living facilities.

- Jeannie and Sandy would like the Virtual Workshops to become a separate Committee. The Virtual Workshops would fall under COA administration and resources. Ronald, Jeannie, and Gloria will continue forward with this project.
- A discussion ensued in regards to a COA Councilperson speaking at a meeting. Beth and Ronald explained there are City policies that will need consideration. Ronald will pursue this and let ACS know. It is important for each Commissioner to develop a relationship with their Councilperson. Lori Sanchez stated whatever committee each Councilperson sits on, our focus should be to incorporate the needs of Older Adults into that committee's agenda. ACS would like to have information about the City Council and the various committees', Ronald will find the information and send to ACS. ACS will review our goals and come up with what we want from City Council.
- Annual Report Presentation: ACS did a line by line review and edit of the document. A final draft will be completed before deadline. A separate meeting will take place for approving final draft.
- Backburner Items: Recreation Center Displays, Library Proposal Update, and Emergency Card will be discussed in more detail when appropriate. The emergency card was not planned for use by EMS staff responding to a medical emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Collaborative Partnership with Metro Area Senior Commissions: Tabled to next meeting.
- June and July ACAA Buzz Topics: Gloria submitted an article on "June is Men's Health Month". A reply regarding the article and needed edits is pending. Barbara will do an article relating to balance and fall prevention for the July issue. Sandy asked George if he might be able to create an article that relates to the topic of finances. (The deadline for article submission is 3rd Friday six weeks prior to the publication date).
- Discussion regarding ACFOA city website: Tabled to next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Date: May 3, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Upon motion, a second, and consensus of the commission the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

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 May 3, 2021