



**AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS (ACS)**

**Monday, July 6, 2020**

**1:00 p.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

**ACS MEMBERS PRESENT:** Juanita Audre, Chair; Jeannie Davis, Vice-Chair; Gloria Shea, Sandy Thomas, Kathy Newton, Christina Hollister

**ACS MEMBERS ABSENT:** Barbara Schneller

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ronald Roulhac, Recreation Supervisor; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Supervisor and Lucas Palmisano; Intergovernmental Relations Manager for COA

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Aurora Commission for Seniors Chair, Juanita Audre, at 1:06 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** ACS Commissioners, Lori Sanchez, and Lucas Palmisano. Meetings are still being conducted virtually.

**ADOPTION OF ACS FOR SENIORS MINUTES:** The Minutes from June 1, 2020 adopted, minutes from May 4, 2020 remain tabled

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Lucas Palmisano, Intergovernmental Relations Manager for COA  
Luke was introduced at 1:09 for his presentation. Mr. Palmisano watched and enjoyed COA slide presentations. Mr. Palmisano took position January 2020; he is the liaison with Denver City Council, Aurora City Manager, the Governor, and Colorado's State and US Congressional members. He reviewed the State's Legislative session dates and introduced bill activities. Many issues for 2020 were placed on hold for COVID and Police reform legislation and because of funding. He is part of a lobbying team; they form study groups and determine a stance to either support or oppose various legislation; he notes majority vote rules the final position taken. He is happy to work with us on proposals; he notes it is still important for us to keep in close contact with our various COA Councilpersons, State Advocacy Groups (ex. CSL) , and our State Elected officials. Aurora's Committee meets monthly after City Council sessions and Angela Lawson (At Large COA City Council) is the Chair of that committee. Juanita introduces Sandy



Thomas as ACS Legislative liaison. In the months of September to November the Legislative bodies round out the topics for the next legislative session; so this is the time for ACS to be especially watchful of new proposals. A general consensus by ACS that Mr. Palmisano's presentation was very enlightening and helpful as ACS moves forward with issues that meet the ACS program goals and our Senior Citizens. Juanita would like for other folks to have access to Luke's presentation.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

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

- Ronald Roulhac states opening for ACAA still tentative. Remodeling continues. Status of forum to be determined by end of July.

**Legislative Committee:** Sandy Thomas

- Sandy Thomas reports not much new at most recent CSL meeting. Sandy would like ACS to move forward on setting up Senior "Corners" at the COA Recreation Centers and Libraries. All ACS members present concur.

**Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCoA):** Barbara Schneller

- Barbara Schneller absent

**Senior Circle:** Jeannie Davis

- Jeannie Davis meeting to occur on 7/8/20

**Transportation Solutions:** Christina Hollister

Christina Hollister reports that Transportation Solutions Arapahoe County redid their bylaws, they recognize the vast issues for seniors and disabled, and the need for greater visibility. The Chairperson now working on this is Andrea Suhaka. Christina will continue to follow progress by this group for transportation issue updates. The Committee comprises multiple municipalities. Christina has left messages for Uber and Lyft.

**Public Relations:** Juanita Audre

- Juanita Audre states no real update at this time

### **WARD MEETINGS**

- Many Ward Meetings are either cancelled or are virtual. ACS members vow to keep focus on their respective Ward Councilpersons and activities of the City Council. Juanita asked each of the Commissioners to contact their respective City Council Ward Representatives and to get updates



regarding COA City Council Activities and Agendas and report those activities at each ACS meeting .

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Juanita Audre asks where we are on speakers. There is lots of discussion about status of speakers but it was finally determined that we want Nancy Fingerhood from: "Changing the Narrative", for August then John Ralston Home Renovation to keep seniors in their homes, in September.
- We are still hoping to Shelly McKittrick regarding homelessness, Niasha Fields, NP regarding PACE program
- Kathy would like us to focus on speakers that help further our goals.
- Ron sent e-mails, in the course of this meeting to set the definite line-up of speakers, Nancy Fingerhood for August and John Ralston for September.
- It is determined that the ACS wants only one speaker per meeting as we need ample time for the speaker and still complete Commission business
- Lengthy discussion regarding all the above bullet points, speakers that we may want to subsequently speak at the Senior Forums or other programs for our senior population.
- Emergency Cards. Kathy reports nothing new; there has been no update from the print shop or information about funding this project.
- Bylaw presentation by Barbara Dahl to be set up for a subsequent ACS meeting.
- ACS Vacancies, much discussion about how to expand messaging to the populace about vacancies and other ACS issues. In the course of the discussion, Ron notes he has sent an e-mail to Barb Dahl. He notes Barb Dahl states there is a COA webpage that sends updates to the local "Next Door" sites and Barb or Marketing will add ACS vacancies and updates as a topic on those next door sites.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Juanita Audre and Sandy to collaborate on the "Senior Corner" at the various facilities.
- Sandy to follow-up after Luke's presentation on legislative issue and will bring back a report/plan.
- Gloria wants to add to acronym lists COA and CSL, Ok per ACS and Ron. Addendum: Jeannie notes that COA already has a next-door function so Barb Dahl or Marketing will send posts about ACS vacancies and other various topics. The issues of hard copy attendance and signed copies of minutes will stay as is unless COA dictates a different procedure. Christina notes she has access to "Docu-Sign" and could get signatures. Jeannie thinks that unless COA demands it we will leave attendance to be documented in the minutes.
- September meeting to be 9/14/20 due to holiday.



**NEXT MEETING**

Date: Monday, August 3, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora Co. 80011

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jeannie makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sandy seconds it.

The motion passes at 2:29 p.m.

Juanita Audre, Chair  
Aurora Commission for Seniors

Date 9/21/21

Gloria Shea, Commissioner and Recording Secretary  
Aurora Commission for Seniors

Date September 21, 2021

ADOPTED August 3, 2020