



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, October 4, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Vice-Chair at 1:01 PM

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

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Davis, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Roulhac, Facility Supervisor ACAA, ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Acting Superintendent, Recreation Programs; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Supervisor, Morning Star and the Activity Registration Program; Jeanette Hensley, Lead Lobbyist, Colorado Center for Aging (CCA), Co-Chair of CCA Advocacy Committee

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

SPEAKER(S): Jeanette Hensley discussed the change from Colorado Senior Lobby to Colorado Center for Aging (CCA), a 501(c)(3) statewide organization working on older adult issues. The mission of the CCA is to lobby and educate the public, community leaders, organizations, and individuals, and to make information accessible and understandable regarding the legislative process. The CCA strives to make voters more aware of the issues impacting their daily lives by providing well researched fact sheets regarding legislative bills. Ms. Hensley, through a power-point presentation, discussed ways that voters can prepare and present their views to public officials about issues at the local, county and state level. Colorado legislative sessions are from January through mid-May. Ms. Hensley provided her contact information; (P) 303-249-5598; (E) JLHens@hotmail.com. Ms. Hensley will share her power-point presentation with ACFOA.



BUDGET REPORT: Ronald reported \$38.00 was spent for “Chill with a Commissioner” activities.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults – Ronald Roulhac, Supervisor

- Ronald presented to the ACCoA group about the ACAA.
- Ronald reported that the City of Aurora stated that 66% of Aurora employees are vaccinated against the COVID virus.
- Classes are resuming, and sponsored trips are expanding.
- Because fitness classes are expanding, fitness instructors are in the process of being hired.
- ACAA is looking to expand its staff at some point when attendance increases.
- Pop-Up events continue but are not city-wide advertised to maintain safe numbers of guests. The next activity will be the Spook-A-Fair on October 21, 2021.
- The food service programs, Food Bank of the Rockies, Meals on Wheel, and frozen meal box distribution continue. Ronald noted that food insecurity is still a huge problem and encouraged Commissioners to help any resident in need to get signed up for the programs.

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

- Barbara reported on the meeting. Ronald Roulhac gave a presentation to the Council about the ACAA and our Commission Activities.
- Bob Epstein, a citizen lobbyist, provided information about the Homestead Act and transportation bills that will be part of the next legislative session. Transportation services are very difficult to offer at this point due to lack of qualified drivers.
- A representative from the Malley Recreation Center in Englewood provided information regarding its programs.
- Website information was given for the Centennial newsletter, centennialco.gov.

Aurora Senior Circle – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner, No Report

Community Stakeholders - Jeannie Davis, Commissioner, No Report

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- Barbara attended Ward V with Councilperson Coombs. A candidate forum was held.
- Gloria Attended Ward I with Councilperson Murillo. Meg Allen provided handouts regarding surveys on Aurora’s use of the COVID recovery money. Gloria sent these notifications out via e-mail to the Commissioners.



- Sandy read the dates for the upcoming Ward meetings. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend their respective meetings. No Ward meetings are scheduled for December. We currently do not have Commissioners from Ward 2 and Ward 6.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner

- CCA has various sub-committees that study the implementation and funding of the bills passed last session. The sub-committees also research topics that may be presented at the next legislative session.

Transportation Solutions – Gloria Shea, Commissioner-

- Gloria reported she met Andrea Suhaka at the Heather Gardens Resource Fair. Andrea stated she would continue to send invite e-mails and that Gloria will attend TSAC meetings.
- The topic of UBER vouchers (303-480-6700) was addressed; Gloria will call and get information for the next meeting about that service.
- Sandy requested information about TSAC and our Commission's involvement. Ronald stated TSAC is a longtime organization; it serves Arapahoe County for all citizens, not just older adults. The membership dues for ACFOA would be \$25.00. Sandy requested that we discuss our continued involvement with this organization at the next meeting.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita reported that she and other ACFOA members have been staffing tables at the various ACAA functions.
- Thirty seven patrons have completed the surveys. Nineteen of the respondents have expressed interest in further information about the Intergenerational Committee. Juanita will tabulate and offer survey results at our next meeting.
- Juanita asked for a calendar of events so she can be prepared to staff a table for the ACFOA. Ronald will send all the commissioners event information.

Intergenerational Support –

- Barbara reported she did have a phone conversation with Jan Hamburg. Ronald noted the times students might be available does not coincide with AFCOA activity times, but continued efforts will be made. The Commissioners discussed being willing to hold coordinated events when the youth commissioners are available.
- Barbara reported that she contacted the Boy Scouts main office, but she has not heard back yet. Juanita reported that she contacted the Girl Scouts main office and is waiting for a response. Gloria stated she is



aware of a Girl Scout troop that may be interested, she will follow up. Barbara will continue to follow any possible joint ventures with Boy Scouts and report at the next meeting.

Virtual Workshops – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Sandy reported Jeannie had submitted the questionnaire and a cover letter to Ronald. He will follow-up with marketing about putting the documents on City letterhead. .

OLD BUSINESS

- Speaker Calendar: Naomi Kirshner (MSW Metro State University student on LGBTQ+ issues) is scheduled for November.
- ACFOA Vacancies: The application cover-letter submitted by Jeannie to Ronald needs to be put on City letterhead. Ronald will follow up on this issue. Ronald stressed recruitment efforts are actively ongoing. Julie Patterson from marketing sent out press-releases, and Ronald is working with her on additional strategies. Patricia Varney is also actively recruiting. ACAA can publish in the periodicals, 50+, Aurora Sentinel, and Prime Time with information about our vacancies. The process for Frankiemae Perry's Commission position is in progress.
- Age-Wise Colorado Form Submittal Update: Ronald is tasked with completing the form and has a point-person for that process.
- Resource List: The ad hoc committee members are working on their lists.
- Collaborative Partnerships Update: The questionnaire and cover letter need to be placed on City letterhead. Ronald will follow-up on this.
- Channel 8 Proposal: Juanita continues to work on this project.
- Sponsor Day Events Update: ACAA is sponsoring Spook-A-Fair on October 21, 2021.
- Emergency Card Funding Update: Beth stated she will review the document prepared by the committee. She and Ron will meet with Barbara and Juanita to finalize this project with production and budget. A plan for distribution of the finished product will also be formulated.
- BUZZ Newsletter Update: The newsletter has not yet been published.
- Older Coloradans Month (May 2022) Update: The Commissioners need to decide if they want to participate in some way. There is money and various options. If the Commissioners decide to participate, planning needs to start soon.



- Stepping On Program Update: E-mails have been sent to Juanita and Gloria by Laurie Lovedale for participation in a program being offered October 6th & 7th. Gloria and or Juanita will report about the event at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Special Victims Unit Update: George was given Officer Seneca’s phone number, and he will contact Officer Seneca.
- ACFOA Membership: George described his idea for a membership list. Ronald and Beth discussed that it may need to be called an “Interest List.” George will meet with Ronald to discuss his idea further.

NEXT MEETING

Date: November 1, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, second, and consensus of the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Date _____

Gloria Shea, Commissioner
and Recording Secretary

Date _____

ADOPTED: November 1, 2021