



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, May 2, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Hybrid- WebEx Virtual Meeting

And In-person at

Aurora Center for Active Adults

30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Ron Roulhac at 1:03 PM

ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chair; Juanita Audre, George Bain, Frankiemae Perry, Frances Dollard, Deborah Bowditch, Delfina Ashley-Baisden; Commissioners.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Davis, Chair; Barbara Schneller, Commissioner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Roulhac, Facility Program Supervisor ACAA, ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Acting Superintendent of Recreation Programs; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Deborah Bowditch had one correction. Deborah attended the Aurora Commission for Older Adults meeting on April 4, 2022. Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the minutes were approved with corrections.

SPEAKER: Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director of Area Agency on Aging, Denver Regional Council of Governments, and Travis Noon, Senior Program Specialist, Denver Regional Council of Governments, attended. Ms. Sanchez-Warren gave her presentation. DRCOG offers direct services such as the Aging and Disability Resource Center to receive answers to any question. Phone number to call is 303.480.6700. DRCOG also offers funded services, all non-medical care such as, nutrition, yard work, legal, transportation, in-home care, grandparent support, education and more. The impact of COVID has people asking for assistance due to the isolation which increased dementia, anxiety, depression and decreased mobility. Over the next year, a needs assessment will be done for a 4-year plan on aging. In Colorado, we are the second fastest aging state in the nation. Once the presentation concluded, some questions were asked and answered. Because of Ms. Sanchez-Warren's presentation, the Commission asked Mr. Noon to speak on transportation issues at the Commission's June meeting. He accepted and will be the June speaker.



BUDGET REPORT: Ronald reported lunches for all meetings, including the commission meeting and Older Adult Forum meeting will go through the budget for the Aurora Commission for Older Adults. The budget for shirts has not gone through due to shirts not yet being delivered.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults – Ronald Roulhac, Supervisor

- Has permission to hire more front desk staff and drivers at ACAA.
- The Spring Quilt Sale has started.
- The Older Aurorans Month proclamation will be announced at the City Council meeting on May 9th.

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

- No updates given.

Aurora Senior Circle – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No updates given.

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner

- Sandy reported on SB22-187, to expand the amount of money and number of providers who would provide monitors to wandering adults. Sandy created a memo was formed with everyone’s comments and sent it to Joshua, who at that time was interim head of Intergovernmental Services Department. Information was shared with the Federal State Intergovernmental Relations (FSIR) Committee. Committee voted to actively support SB22-187. The amount of bills supported by the FSIR Committee has doubled from the past.
- SB22-079 for required dementia training for adult day care, assisted living facility, and nursing home staff, passed the legislature.

Transportation Solutions - TBD

- No updates were given.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita spoke about the Meet & Greet at the Mission Viejo Library being eye opening to see the topics residents were interested in. A follow up with the library was made. The library has been working with the



Aurora History Museum about a presentation on CO history that residents were interested in. Juanita is asking for suggestions on other topics for July and August. Ideas were given including, mental health, prevention of falls and staying active. Thank you letters were sent out to everyone that attended the Mission Viejo Library event. Juanita moved to purchase a tablecloth to be used at all meetings and outings for the Commission and Deborah seconded. The tablecloth fits an 8-foot sized table, is about \$100-\$120, is purple with white writing.

Intergenerational Support – TBD

- Lori attended a virtual meeting titled Keeping the Spark of Activism Alive with Generations United, a well-known intergenerational organization. Stories were shared about living in Atlantic City from the point of view of both older adults and younger people. This started in 2020 where students interviewed community elders about their memories on the Civil Rights movement, protests, and their reflections on the history and future of justice and injustice in Atlantic City and beyond. When recording the stories, the organization found that between the Elder and Youth, they were not so different. Juanita will be writing to all school districts to see what is going on for young people to do after school ends. Sandy suggested Boys & Girls Clubs programs. Juanita suggested a co-op food drive with the youth and a program for Grandparent's Day in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speaker Calendar Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Travis Noon with DRCOG will be the speaker at the June 6, 2022 ACFOA meeting. His presentation will include an overview of transportation.
- John Culver, a plaintiff employment attorney, will be speaking on age discrimination in employment at the August meeting.

Commissioners in Waiting Update – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison

- Ron congratulated Deborah Bowditch for being approved by City Council to serve on the Aurora Commission for Older Adults.

Elder Abuse/Fraud Update – George Bain

- George has met with Senator Smallwood who has agreed to supply more information on existing organizations that the Commission can partner with.
- George is waiting to receive a list of the top 10 fraud related incidents from Officer Jim Seneca.
- Sandy moved to create a standing committee on Fraud and Abuse Prevention. Juanita seconded the motion. George suggested that the two not be combined into one committee, but separate it out since they both are issues that can stand on their own. Ron informed Sandy that the City considers fraud and abuse to be one issue, and the committee should reflect this. Sandy provided this information to the



commission. Sandy suggested breaking into sub-committees in the next year or two and focusing on fraud at present. George agreed. Sandy made a motion to have George Bain as the chairperson of the new committee, and it was unanimously agreed on.

- Sandy commented on the flyer sent to her from Officer Jim Seneca regarding the 2022 Senior Law and Safety Summit that deals with law related topics.

Emergency Card Funding and Distribution – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison

- Ron informed the commission that the emergency card is ready for print as no adjustments have been made. The jackets for the cards have not been fully determined. There was discussion on how to distribute the emergency cards and whether to wait for the jacket funding to be determined or to begin distributing the cards without jackets.

Older Aurorans Month Proclamation – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison

- The Older Adults Proclamation, approved by Brooke Bell, Director of PROS, will be presented at the City Council meeting on May 9th.
- For Older Coloradans Month, the Colorado Center on Aging offered three presentations, one presentation per week. They will be held on May 13th, 19th and the 25th.

Annual Report Update – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison

- Annual report presentation was moved from Wednesday, May 25th to Tuesday, May 31st at 11 am.

Aurora Older Adult Forum Update – Barbara Schneller, Commissioner

- On August 26th, a Healthy Aging Together event will be held. All vendors will be outside while the speakers are inside. Rooms will be available for a variety of different programs so that vendors and food trucks can be outside only. This event is from 8:30 am- 12 p.m. (noon). The Forum is looking for more speakers.

Eppley Scope of Work

- Jeannie and Sandy have been researching scope of work for the needs assessment and building a list of resources. Sandy suggested all Commissioners do the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aurora Volunteer Center – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison

- Nancy Baum covers all of the non-fitness classes at ACAA. Nancy also handles all of the volunteer information and will be presenting soon with the Aurora Commission for Older Adults. Nancy is speaking to all of the volunteer committees to show them how to log in and sign up online. If help is needed, call and ask for guidance.

Escribe Meetings – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison



- This is for City staff only.

Collaborative Partnerships – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie and Sandy will send out a cover letter and a survey for a collaborative partnership to, Centennial Senior Commission, Commerce City Senior Commission, Douglas County Senior Council, and the Aurora Veteran’s Affairs Commission.
- Colorado Center on Aging is setting up a seminar for this summer to include senior councils and commissions throughout Colorado. This will help in finding common issues across the state and successful programs.
- The Aurora Veterans Affairs Commission has invited Commissioners to attend their June 9th meeting. The presenter is the executive director of the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative.

NEXT MEETING

Date: June 6, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Aurora Center for Active Adults and virtual through WebEx.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, a second, and consensus of the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM.



Sandy Thomas, Vice Chair
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Date _____

Adriana Valles Morales
Recording Secretary

Date _____

ADOPTED _____