

Aurora Civic Engagement Commission

Regular Meeting

October 4, 2023 (6pm – 8pm)

Central Library

14949 E Alameda Pkwy

Aurora, CO 80012

Attendees

Commissioners: Corbari, Moore (Chair), and Rosen (Vice Chair).

City Staff: Harris, Rael-Trujillo

1. Call to Order (6:05pm)

2. Roll Call

- Present: Moore (Chair), and Rosen (Vice Chair) Kelly
- Absent: Atkinson

3. Officers Report

- Moore attended a legislative conference in D.C. last month, met with legislators.
- Moore intends to have further discussions regarding teen violence shootings in the future after the recent shooting in the Smoky Hill and Park Southland area.
- Rosen concerned about the ongoing youth violence and school lockdowns.
- Rosen discusses living in Ward 4, and the increase in HOA fees due to the property value increasing, her neighborhood is becoming unaffordable. Moore suggested Rosen speak with local legislators and council.
- Commissioner Kelly has nothing to add.

4. Minutes Approval

- A Volunteer will review the minutes before approval going forward.
- Minutes for September approved.

5. Public Comment -

- Moore calls attention to challenges particularly happening within Ward 1, but also within Ward 2,3 and potentially 4, and proposes the questions "What is our mission?" "What is our vision?"
- Rosen proposes offering education similar to the academy, but that is not time-consuming to patrons.

6. Civic Engagement Academy Discussion

- Members discuss options for filling the empty seats of the committee board.
- Members come back to the Cheat Sheet topic (addressed in prior meeting), there is one that exists that members may use.
- Members discuss Youth commission. The goal is to partner with this commission in order to help make the transition from youth commission to adult commission flow smoothly for those who are interested.
- Members discuss Alumni Association survey results. Feedback will be provided to all members (and the public) at a later date.

- Habitat for Humanity project.

7. Commissioners Discussion

- Chair Moore suggests bringing Emma Knight, the Director of Homelessness, to give a presentation to the civic engagement commissioners.
- Commission discusses potential growth to the Homelessness section of the Academy.
- Commission discusses third-party involvement, such as APD, to partner with in hopes of better assisting the community.
- Rosen proposes suggestions for enhancing public relations, particularly when it comes to the media promoting the many free, amazing programs that the city of Aurora has to offer.

8. Old News, New News, Initiatives, Next meeting

- Old News:
 - Commission discusses homelessness issue further.
 - Harris mentions the upcoming charette and getting community input.
- New News: No new news at this time.
- Initiatives
 1. Commission discusses social media outlets to further community awareness. Moore suggests a Facebook page. Moore hopes to come back to this topic further in the near future.
 2. Rosen hopes to keep academy attendees engaged by inviting them to a civic engagement meeting in the future.
 3. Commission discusses options to recognize other commissioners state-wide, perhaps a meet and greet. Commissioners will come back to this discussion at the next meeting.

- **Next Meeting:** November C.E.C Regular Meeting – 11/01 6pm

9. Meeting Adjourned 7:57

Minutes Recorded By: Stephanie Ostler