



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, October 2, 2023

1:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair at 1:00 PM

ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Jeannie Davis, Juanita Audre, Caroline Kim, Barbara Schneller, and Fran Dollard.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners George Bain, Karen Jorgensen, and Derrick Vaughns.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Sanchez, Facility Program Supervisor ACAA and ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent; Frances Lofton and Victoria Vaughns, volunteers and Celeste Harris, guest.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Upon motion, second, and vote, the September 11th meeting minutes were approved after amendment to add Les Moore as a guest in the meeting.

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT – *Jeannie Davis, Commissioner*

- No update.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE – *Rian French, PROS Staff*

- The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department has successfully negotiated an agreement with JSI. Documents were submitted to purchasing to draft the formal contract. It will take 2-3 weeks until kick-off, at the end of October or early November. Rian will provide Jeannie with updates as they become available.
- After the kick-off, details about future meetings will be discussed. In the Scope of Work (SOW), it was determined that a Vision Team be created to meet regularly about the Needs Assessment.



It is limited to 1-2 Commissioners to sit on the team. PROS staff have reached out to other departments to have a representative on the Vision Team.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES UPDATE – *Rian French, PROS Staff*

- Rian French notified the Commission that Curt Bish and Nicole Ankeney will be providing an update at the November 6th meeting.

BUDGET REPORT – *Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison*

- Business cards have arrived and are available for each Commissioner. No update on the name badges.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) – Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison

- The Fall Dance had about 40 people attend. The feedback provided was about the great job done.
- The Line Dance Social is on October 21st.
- The Spook-A-Fair Halloween Social is on October 26th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The Sneak Peek will be held on Friday, October 27th at 9 a.m.

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

- Jessica Schumann is an optometrist and owner of Mile High Senior Eye Care. It is a mobile optometry practice providing on-site medical eye care to senior communities.
- A current project on the Medicaid Unwinding Process is collecting stories from low-income people that had to move from Medicaid to Medicare and how it affected their financial being from those that lost their Medicaid benefits since the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).

Aurora Health Alliance – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie will speak with a representative of the Aurora Health Alliance to figure out if there is value in attending meetings that are not focused on older adults. The next meeting is in late October.

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners



- Juanita attended the Ward IV meeting. Two of the main topics were pedestrian safety and traffic accidents, adding the fact that 56% of fatal accidents that happen are due to not wearing a seatbelt. Juanita was not able to talk to the attendees about the Commission because the meeting ran overtime.
- Barb and Caroline attended the Ward V meeting. Barb spoke to attendees about the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No update.

Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Kathryn Roy, Executive Director of Love INC (In the Name of Christ), was the presenter. Love INC offers free transportation using volunteers. The volunteer drivers use the “through door” model and will drive 10-15 miles for the ride. This organization is based in Littleton. For more information visit LoveInCLittleton.org.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita believes that by creating programs that serve the older adult community, the programs end up helping the intergenerational need as well.

Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita would like to gather information on the benefits of intergenerational programs to share with the community. This can also help organizations establish intergenerational programming in their own communities. The Mission Viejo Library pilot program is a great example.
- The Colorado Association of Libraries Convention (CALCON) scholarship was awarded at the end of September and Juanita was not selected. Barb Schneller will be presenting at the conference to be held on October 12th.
- Lori will speak with Stephen to get an update on the Reading to Preschoolers Program.

Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No update.

Housing Committee – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No update.



OLD BUSINESS:

Living Your Best Life Speaker Series – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie informed the Commission about changes on who will be making the speaker introductions at some of the sessions.
- Lori asked Commissioners to contact her to make certain the session they are introducing has not been cancelled.

ACFOA Orientation – Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison

- Lori would like for the Commission to attend a City Clerk's orientation from the Boards and Commissions team.
- Jeannie is still interested in having a separate orientation done specifically for the ACFOA. This will allow questions and responses related to ACFOA only.

NEW BUSINESS:

Voter Engagement – Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison

- Lori shared that the Election Commission is looking for ways to increase voter engagement and is interested in collaborating their efforts with the ACFOA. Lori invited discussion, comments, and concerns about the topic and will report back to the City Clerk's office as requested.
- Commissioners voiced their concerns about respect for voting rights, voter fraud for older adults living in assisted living and skilled nursing communities, auditory options for the visually impaired, and transportation options to polling sites.

NEXT MEETING

Date: November 6, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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



ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, a second, and consensus of the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 12-4-23

Lou Sanchez,
Facility Program Supervisor and ACFOA Liaison

Lou Sanchez

Date 12/4/2023

ADOPTED _____

