



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, November 6, 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, Derrick Vaughns, Juanita Audre, Caroline Kim, Barbara Schneller, Fran Dollard, and Karen Jorgensen.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner George Bain.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Sanchez, Facility Program Supervisor ACAA and ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent; Officer Jim Seneca, APD; Nicole Ankeney, Manager of Planning, Design, and Construction (PD&C); Curt Bish, Planning Supervisor; Rian French, Project Manager; Erick del Angel, Planner; Michelle Teller, (*virtually*), Planner; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA; Neta Sanders, guest.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Upon motion, second, and vote, the October meeting minutes were approved after amendment to correct the spelling of Karen's last name.

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT: *Jim Seneca, Aurora Police Officer*

- The Aurora Police Department (APD) will be visiting the Veterans Hospital.
- Chief Art Acevedo has made many changes within the department. APD is still about 100 officers down.
- This year, about 120 different events were held trying to fill the gap between the community and the police department. On November 9th, the Community of Faith Academy will begin. These meetings will be used to build relationships and resources within the community.
- It'll be about a year before the new police recruits are ready to go. It is the largest class seen in years by APD.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE: *Rian French, Michelle Teller, Erick del Angel, PROS Staff*

- Michelle will be leaving the city soon and Erick will help Rian with the Needs Assessment.



- Negotiations have been completed. Final stages of signatures are in process. Once received, the purchase order will be ready to begin the project.
- The PD&C Team is not sure if there will be any new announcement by the December meeting. Rian hopes by the first week of December there will be a Management Kick-Off Team with JSI, along with the Project Vision Kick-Off Team. These can only be created once a signed contract is in hand.
- Derrick and Jeannie will represent the Commission on the Project Vision Kick-Off Team. Rian will send any invites and information to both Derrick and Jeannie.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES UPDATE: *Nicole Ankeney, Curt Bish, PROS Staff*

- The PD&C Team is still moving forward with the Micro-Transit Pilot Project. Curt and Nicole have an interdepartmental meeting set to discuss whether the focus should be on a smaller geographic area for the pilot project. There's also a city-wide Transportation and Mobility Plan being created. Nicole and Curt will be working closely with this team to make sure it is all well-coordinated.
- In the October City Council meeting, an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) was brought up for the City of Aurora to work with Arapahoe County.
- Nicole, Curt, and Erick will be wrapping up the analysis portion soon. There has been a lot of research into this project including Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to help in the construction of the draft for the Scope of Work (SOW).
- The PD&C Team will create a draft of the SOW based on feedback provided by the Commission. Once created, the Commission will be able to review the draft of the SOW.
- Erick will be creating a summary of all the research that has been done. The team would like to have a snapshot of the different municipalities and counties in the front range area and what they are doing.

BUDGET REPORT: *Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison*

- Lori has been trying to get in contact with the shirt vendor. A definitive answer on the shirt order will be provided in the December meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS:

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

- November 17th is the Give Thanks event.
- November 17th - 19th is the Seniors '88 Fall Show at Heather Gardens.
- November 30th, through December 2nd is the Quilt Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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

- No update.

Aurora Health Alliance – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie spoke with Johanna (Jo) Glaviano to talk about the value of the Commission being a participant with the Aurora Health Alliance. There was a conversation about things that can be done jointly, such as a workshop or a seminar specific to the older adult community. An intergenerational panel discussion in healthcare was also brought up by Jo. The Coast It program at the University of Colorado Hospital is of interest to Jo and she will look more into it.

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- Barb Schneller attended the Ward V meeting. Based on reports given, residential robberies are down by 33%. There are 17 new firefighters, and 12 new paramedics. A Crisis Response team, a Violence Response team and a Walk-in Clinic are being created. Derrick will be attending the November 20th Ward II meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Karen Jorgensen, Commissioner

- Karen will participate in a Zoom meeting with the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) about senior housing issues.

Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Chrissy Breit, program coordinator of the Front Range Passenger Rail District, was the speaker. It's a program initiated by the state and RTD is involved. It will run around Aurora, but not through Aurora, which might be an add-on sometime in the future.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita expressed concerns about the unresponsiveness from Commissioners to emails and requests sent out. Juanita asks Commissioners to become more active in responding and helping staff the display table at events.
- Caroline suggested posting more information about the Commission on City of Aurora social media sites.

Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita has a copy of the letter that was created to solicit support for intergenerational programming by community organizations. It will be edited by the committee and then will be given to the Commission.



- Juanita spoke with Stephen to get an update on the Reading to Preschoolers Program. Background checks need to be performed on volunteers for this program.
- The Intergenerational Split event was very well responded to at the CALCON conference. There seemed to be a good amount of interest in this activity.

Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No update.

Housing Committee – Derrick Vaughns, Commissioner

- The shelter that Derrick manages usually serves about 50 migrants a week. Right now, there is a huge influx of migrants where 180-300 people a day are being served. All shelters are overfilled. Many migrants are young individuals with children, and many are also older adults. Five weeks ago, there were 500 total people served. Now, it is about 200 migrants a day, not including the regular people served. Derrick believes that out of 1,000 people, almost 200 are aging adults. Derrick expressed his frustration at the injustices done against those that need help in housing. He hears the same complaints and injustices every day from the homeless entering his shelter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Living Your Best Life Speaker Series – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie informed the Commission on some mishaps; however, people have been signing up for the sessions overall.

December Commission Luncheon – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie asked Commissioners to think of games for their holiday luncheon. Jeannie also asked for donations for gifts/prizes for the games.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Topics – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie asked Commissioners to email her ideas, topics, and/or speakers of interest to them to start working on the speaker schedule for the next year.

ACFOA Orientation – Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison

- Lori presented an overview of what the Commission is about and the expectations of each Commissioner.



NEXT MEETING

Date: December 4, 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 2:25 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 12-4-23

Adriana Valles Morales,
Admin Specialist and ACFOA Secretary

Adriana P.M.

Date 12/4/23

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