



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Thursday, August 17, 2023

1:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair at 1:02 PM

ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeannie Davis, Chair; Juanita Audre, Derrick Vaughns, Karen Jorgensen, Caroline Kim, Barbara Schneller, Fran Dollard (*virtually*); George Bain (*virtually*), Commissioners.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Sanchez, Interim Facility Program Supervisor ACAA and ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent; Officer James Seneca, Aurora Police Department; Nicole Ankeney, Manager of Planning, Design, and Construction; Curt Bish, Planning Supervisor; Adriana Valles Morales, Secretary for ACFOA and PROS Admin Specialist.

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT – *Officer James Seneca, Community Relations*

- Around 30 new police officers will begin their training in September. The Aurora Police Department (APD) is still having personnel issues, losing about 100 officers each year.
- Crime is still prevalent. There can be 30-40 calls waiting for a response from the police at a time. These calls are ranked by priority and patrol officers attend the most serious calls first. Due to the personnel shortage, non-emergency calls can take 4-5 hours before they are addressed. Some calls may not even receive a police response.
- Heather Gardens still struggles with different crimes. If security needs assistance, they reach out to the APD. When Officer Seneca has meetings at Heather Gardens, he advises as much as possible on the different challenges residents may have.
- There are plans for the APD Tour for the Commission in September. Officer Seneca will work with Jeannie and Lori on the date.



- There have been discussions about starting a Volunteer Police Unit. To the knowledge of Officer Seneca, these are only discussions and have not gone forward. Many steps must take place for this to occur.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES UPDATE – *Nicole Ankeney; Curt Bish, PROS Staff*

- Nicole gave the Commission an overview of what was agreed upon at the August 7th meeting. The Commissioners and the Planning, Design and Construction (PD&C) division in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) department, continued working on the details for the Scope of Work (SOW) for the transportation pilot program. There will be more research into what economic and geographic areas will be best suited. Curt shared with the Commission tools that can help in deciding the geographic area. Nicole will email Jeannie a report with the information from municipalities and their transportation projects.

BUDGET REPORT – *Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison*

- A new box of ACFOA business cards will be ordered. There is no update on shirts and badges.

LIAISON REPORTS:

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

- The annual Sneak Peek was held on July 28th. More than 100 individuals registered for this event. Moving forward, registration will no longer be required.
- Lori will email the list of programs that resulted from the meeting Stephen held in June about the kind of programming patrons want to see at the ACAA. One of the main results shows patrons wanting to see programs expanded to other recreation centers.

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

- No update.

Aurora Health Alliance – *Jeannie Davis, Commissioner*

- On July 19th, a one-of-a-kind meeting was held at Del Mar Park. Representatives from Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas County Health Departments.

Ward Meetings – *All Commissioners*

- Commissioners attended the following Ward meetings in July: Karen (Ward IV), Caroline (Ward VI, and Derrick (Ward II). Each Commissioner brought 2023 Speaker Series flyers for residents to take. Barb will be attending the Ward 5 meeting on August 22nd.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Karen Jorgensen, Commissioner

- No update.

Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie will be attending the meeting on August 21st.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Mission Viejo Library is still hosting *Bringing Older Adults Together* (BOAT) events on Mondays. Many people within the 40-50 age group have been attending.
- Juanita participated in the Sneak Peek with a table for the ACFOA.
- Juanita, Derrick, Fran, and Jeannie staffed the Commission's display table at the Mission Viejo Library Block Party event on August 5th.
- A scholarship application was submitted for Juanita to attend the Colorado Association of Libraries Convention (CALCON). Scholarships will be awarded in September.
- Juanita would like to host a "Chill with a Commissioner" event. This is to engage the Commission with the community where they can be physically seen and interact on a more personal level.

Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Stephen is working with preschools to provide a reading program where volunteers would be transported to the preschool to read to the children. Now that school has begun, Stephen is waiting to hear from the preschool directors. Adults reading to the children need to be registered as volunteers and will go through the background check before participating in the reading program.
- Members of the committee will contact people to make them aware of the Commission's support for intergenerational activities and programming. An informational sheet on the benefits of intergenerational programming will be put out at ward meetings and other activities that the Commission attends.

Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- The rack cards have been distributed and are available for pick-up at the Aurora Center for Active Adults.

Housing Committee – Derrick Vaughns, Commissioner



- Volunteers are allowed to participate on ACFOA sub-committees. They must be registered in the city's volunteer database.
- The Housing Committee wants to research where the problems are when it comes to housing. This includes disability issues, homelessness, walkability, crime rate, etc.
- Karen volunteered to join the committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACFOA Rack Card Spanish Translation – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- Both the emergency card and the rack card translations have been printed. Lori gave each of the Commissioners a copy of both cards.
- Another print request has been submitted for the English version of the emergency card and the rack card.

Living Your Best Life Speaker Series – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie previously emailed Commissioners the speaker schedule.
- Commissioners signed up for dates and times to introduce speakers and staff our display table.

ACFOA Orientation – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- The Office of City Clerk will be providing an orientation for anyone serving on a board or commission. Jeannie will work with Lori to develop an orientation specific to the ACFOA.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACFOA Vacancy – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- There is still a vacancy on the Commission. Jeannie asked the Commission to share info with others they feel would be interested in applying.

DRCOG Area Agency on Aging – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- DRCOG and the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) reached out to the Commission for their support in asking Governor Jared Polis for an increase of \$5 million in the General Fund to support the State Funding for Senior Services line item in the Department of Human Services.
- Juanita made a motion to support the request by the Area Agency on Aging to increase the General Fund. Karen seconded the motion. All Commissioners in the meeting supported the motion.



Newsletter Distribution – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie forwards various newsletter emails to the Commission and asked the Commissioners to sign up for them if interested. She will stop forwarding emails in September.

NEXT MEETING

Date: September 11, 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 2:59 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 12-4-23

Adriana Valles Morales,
Administrative Specialist and Secretary

Adriana P.M.

Date 12/4/2023

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