



**AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)
Special Meeting with JSI Consultants**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

2:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair at 2:32 PM

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

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Derrick Vaughns.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Sanchez, Facility Program Supervisor ACAA and ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent; Nicole Ankeney, Manager of Planning, Design, and Construction (PD&C); Rian French, Project Manager; Erick del Angel, Planner; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA. Laura Gerard, Project Manager; Deepika Kandasamy, Research Lead and Project Manager; Sandra Afful, Project Assistant; Rachel Kohn, Communications Specialist; Margaret Franckhauser, Subject Matter Expert; Therese Ellery, Subject Matter Expert and Contractor.

OVERVIEW OF WORKPLAN, DATES, AND PROJECTED TIMELINE— *Laura Gerard, Project Director*

The JSI internal team meets weekly, the Project Management team meets weekly, and the Project Vision Team meets bimonthly starting in January. The first phase of the plan is called the Environmental Scan which runs from November 2023 – March 2024. In this phase, JSI will look at existing reports and data for the City of Aurora to compile and include with other information. The first phase will also help JSI understand the current landscape of the diverse older adult population in Aurora. The second phase is Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis, running from January – May 2024. In the second phase, JSI will be talking to Aurora residents, including the older adult community. This information will help further understand Aurora's current landscape by identifying community strengths, unmet needs, disparities in access, service gaps, cultural needs, etc. The last phase, Final Report and Presentation, is scheduled for September-October 2024. In the last phase, JSI will find themes in all the data collected to outline needs of the older adult community in Aurora. The information found will then be presented to the community for final thoughts and added to the final report.



PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN – *Deepika Kandasamy, Research Lead and Project Manager*

In the demographics shown to the Commission, the comparisons are between the City of Aurora, City and County of Denver, and the State of Colorado. Some key findings are that in Aurora, only 17.1% of the population are 60 years and older, there is a higher proportion of women than men, and Aurora has fewer older adults 70 years and older compared to Denver and Colorado. Aurora also has a higher percentage of Black or African American and Asian older adults compared to Denver and Colorado. Of those that speak languages other than English, 12.6% are less likely to speak English “very well.” The JSI team is taking into consideration the language barrier when working on this assessment. Large population of emigrants are coming to Colorado, to include Aurora. Emigrant populations often have higher caregiver populations and are not actively looking for resources due to this. JSI plans on reaching out to this caregiving community to make sure their experiences are also taken into consideration. Older adults who have these caregivers have a higher quality of life.

JSI will be looking at the social status of older adults. In Aurora, 53% of the older adult population live in a household with family with 42% living with a spouse, 8% live with grandchildren (higher than in Denver and Colorado), and 43% of older adults live alone. According to research, 53% of Aurora older adults are married. Aurora has a higher civilian veteran population at 17.3% compared to Denver at 11.5% and Colorado at 14.0%. In Aurora, 79% of older adults own their homes and 21% rent their homes. Aurora older adults are more likely to have larger household size, regardless of whether they own or rent. The median gross rent is also higher for Aurora compared to Denver and Colorado.

JSI and the Commission had a great conversational meeting. Questions, comments, and concerns were shared with the JSI team, who greatly appreciated the contribution.

NEXT MEETING

Date: February 5, 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 4:25 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 3-4-24

Adriana Valles Morales,
Admin Specialist and ACFOA Secretary

Adriana Valles Morales

Date 3/4/24

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