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AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS

Monday, July 1, 2019

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MINUTES

AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS MEMBERS PRESENT: Juanita Audre, Chair; Jeannie Davis, Vice Chair; Ivy Hontz, Leo Gross, Gloria Shea and Cassandra Thomas,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donita Rafferty, Barbara Schneller and Mario Reza

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Roulhac, Recreation Supervisor; Commissioner; Officer Jim Seneca, APD; Lee Ann Morning, Census; and Sharon Forde, Clerical Assistant

GUEST SPEAKERS: Sergeant Erick Ortiz, Special Victims Unit, Aurora Police Department; and Natriece Bryant, Department of Local Affairs, Deputy Director, Executive Directors Office

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Aurora Commission for Seniors Chair, Juanita Audre at 1:00 pm.
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS:** – Cassandra (Sandy) Thomas, New Commissioner
- III. **ADOPTION OF AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS MINUTES:** The Minutes from June 3, 2019 were reviewed with a motion to adopt by Juanita and seconded by Sandy Thomas.
- IV. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Sgt. Erick Ortiz, Special Victims Unit, Aurora Police Department; and Natriece Bryant, Department of Local Affairs, Deputy Director, Executive Directors Office.
 - **Guest Speaker Sgt. Ortiz spoke first and introduced himself.** He is a 16-year veteran of the Aurora Police force and spoke on the development of his SVU career, the CARES program (Colorado At Risk Elder System) and the Elderly Law enacted for the Intellectually Disabled People (IDP), Adult Protection Services (ADP) and the elderly.

- Reported that the elderly is at risk for scams, abuse and neglect and statistically, crimes against the elderly are 1 out of every 44 people.
- Elaborated on the CARES program process and its Mandatory Reporting System. Noted that crimes go unreported because seniors are afraid and lack of knowledge.
- Discussed abuse and abandonment. Caregivers are rarely abusers; it's usually someone in the neighborhood or a family member.
- Colorado was the 48th state to enact the Elder Law (due to lack of funding). This law became effective July 1, 2019. Currently there is no program to stop abuse.
- There was a request in April by the ACS for resources to help the SVU. A response has not yet been received from Quality of Life Committee.
- Guest Speaker Natriece Bryant was the second speaker. She introduced herself, spoke on the various departments she oversees and their function(s).
 - Oversees the Operational Perspective on the state level. Received \$77 million For affordable housing focuses
 - Oversees Regional Tours Information and Stakeholder meetings
 - Oversees Board of Assessment Programs Initiatives with a focus on online training, videos of hearings. And working on transparency
 - Oversees the Census
 - Chairs the state committee
 - Colorado stands to gain a congressional seat
 - \$13 out of \$883 billion dollars may be allocated to Colorado
 - Bill 19-1239 will allocate \$6 million dollars for outreach to areas that are hard to count such as children under 5, the disabled, immigrants, Indians, seniors 60 and over; and transient and the homeless.
 - Grant submission deadline is September 15, 2019 and funds must be awarded by November 1, 2019
 - Ronald summarized the June meeting on the ACAA's assistance center and how he'd like the ACAA's Computer Lab to be an assistance center for Seniors with instructors and high school students as part of the grant to work the assistance center. No ACAA staff would be working for the Census.

V. Liaison Reports:

- Aurora Center for Active Adults: Ronald Roulhac
 - Discussed the new recreation center in SE Aurora
 - Must encourage seniors to attend
 - Need open house to get seniors view
 - A separate entrance for seniors is being considered

- **Legislative Committee: Leo Gross**
 - Jeannie asked about the status of the house bills discussed by Sgt. Ortiz
 - Leo said he couldn't access the website without a password so he couldn't verify the information.
- **Arapahoe County Council on Aging: Barbara Schneller**
- **Senior Circle: Gloria Shea**
 - Stated budget person came to meeting
 - Discussed capital, budget and brief
 - Can look up online at auroragov.org/budget
 - Shared the Hub paperclipping regarding a senior forum
- **Transportation Solutions: no report**
- **Public Relations: Juanita Audre**
 - Juanita has been handing out transportation fliers
- **Individual Ward Reports: No reporting at this time**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Status of Absentee Commissioners

- Ronald spoke with Mario and Donita. Mario will send an official letter of resignation.
- Donita can't get the day off
- There is an opening. Ronald will communicate with Barbara Schaffer. Applications will be out in August; with interviews possibly in September

Scheduling and Training for commissioners

- Ivy will be sending out an email to Jeannie and Juanita with a PowerPoint information she used in 2017

Report of Presentation of Annual Report

- Excellent, well organized
- Councilmen Hilts and Richardson were in attendance
- Meets one hour per month
- Nicole Johnson will be followed up with for a request for a new meeting

Forum Committee Report

- Jeannie is looking for a solicitation letter for King Soopers gift certificates
- Ronald will reach out to Deborah for letter
- Copy of previous letter will be provided to Deborah with specific zip codes to include Tallyns Reach, Central, Moorhead, and Martin Luther King library as pick up areas

Implementation of Goals

- Exhibitors are the focal point now (e.g. medicine, caregivers)
- Potential future meeting of 7/22-7/23

Schedule of speakers and actions taken to implement goals

- Will be discussed at a later date (which includes patio opened, more police, Census, Neighborhood services, etc.
- Tables will range from \$50 up
- 2nd Senior Forum will be held Friday, October 11, 2019
- Gloria to attend next meeting of 7/22-7/23. Would like to be on committee

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Postponed by Juanita Audre, Chair, until next meeting
- LeeAnn Morning left Census folders for committee members/officers

VIII. Next Meeting:

Date: Monday, August 5, 2019

Time: 1:00 pm

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Leo Gross; seconded by Jeannie Davis, Co-Chair at 3:08 pm.



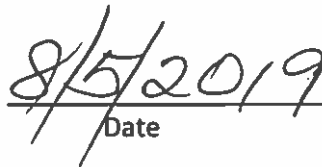
Juanita Audre, Chair
Aurora Commission for Seniors



Date



Sharon Forde, Acting Recording Secretary
Aurora Commission for Seniors



Date

ADOPTED August 5, 2019

