



**AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS (ACS)**

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

**11:00 a.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

**ACS SENIORS MEMBERS PRESENT:** Juanita Audre, Chair; Jeannie Davis, Vice-Chair; Barbara Schneller, Gloria Shea, and Sandy Thomas

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ivy Hontz and Leo Gross

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joseph "Joe" Sack, Recreation Services Manager; Jan Hamburg, Special Services Superintendent; Ronald Roulhac, Recreation Supervisor; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Supervisor; and Dawn Booth, Recording Secretary

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Aurora Commission for Seniors Chair, Juanita Audre, at 11:12 a.m.
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Joseph "Joe" Sack, Recreation Services Manager, and Sharon Day, Senior Program Advisor, Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- III. **ADOPTION OF ACS FOR SENIORS MINUTES:** The Minutes from August 5, 2019 were approved with a motion by Jeannie Davis and a second by Cassandra Thomas
- IV. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Sharon Day, Senior Program Advisor, DRCOG
  - Sharon Day describes DRCOG's mission, the regions they cover, and several of the key programs that are offered.
  - Ms. Day informs the commissioners that the transportation program is in the development stage. The funds, totaling \$80,000, provided by the city of Aurora, are currently being used to help support the transportation mission. The current transportation project is called the, "Aurora Pilot Senior Transportation Program."
  - Ms. Day distributes a document, displaying a chart and information, to each commissioner. The chart represents the City of Aurora's funds that have been spent since October 2018.



- Ms. Day informs the commissioners that DRCOG's goal is to use the \$80,000 to expand the transportation program. This program intends to move DRCOG beyond its' current purpose, which is to provide transportation for medical and congregate meal trips. This program expands their service to include trips such as, going to the hair dresser or to visiting a friend.
- Ms. Day describes the process of customer registration, the reasoning behind the chosen trip vendors, the complexity of the delivery and pick-up schedules, the reasoning for the mileage restrictions, and the expense of running the program.
- Ms. Day states that the city of Aurora's funding is being spent on Aurora residents only, in Adams and Arapahoe counties. Currently, Douglas County isn't included. Jan Hamburg tells the commissioners that the city of Aurora will possibly make adjustments concerning Douglas county as the program develops.
- Members of the Commission ask questions and point out discrepancies on the chart. In order to better address the discrepancies, Ms. Day commits to a return visit after looking into several of the commissioners' questions and revising the chart.

## V. LIAISON REPORTS

### ACAA: Ronald Roulhac, Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) Supervisor

- Ronald Roulhac tells the commissioners that on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> members of the Senior Pageant will perform a free show at the ACAA and Ms. Senior Colorado will be in attendance. All commissioners are invited to attend.
- On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> the ACAA will be hosting the Fitness Extravaganza. All commissioners are invited to attend.
- On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the ACAA will have a display table at the Heather Gardens Resource Fair. Volunteers are needed to sit at the table, distribute literature, and answer questions.
- Mario Reza and Donita Rafferty, have officially resigned from the ACS. Barbara Shafer, in the City Clerk's Office, has posted both of these positions.
- The planning committee for the 2019 Aurora Senior Forum (ASF) will meet Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> to continue with plans for the upcoming event, to be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Flyers and posters for the Forum have been created and assembled into folders containing 40 flyers each. Commissioners are asked to take one or two folders and distribute the contents throughout their neighborhoods
- The Forum Committee has planned to set up registration tables at Central Recreation Center, Moorhead Recreation Center, the Martin Luther King building, and at Tallyn's Reach Library. Volunteers are needed to work these registration tables. Juanita, Gloria and Sandy volunteer.



**Legislative Committee:** Leo Gross and Sandy Thomas

- Sandy Thomas informs the commissioners that she has created an informative legislation page to be posted on the ACS bulletin board at the ACAA. Ronald Roulhac will make sure that it gets posted.
- Sandy tells the board that the Senior Lobby meets every week, and at those meetings lobby members decide if they want to support or reject a bill. Sandy would like to attend the meetings on behalf of the ACS. She asks for permission and it is given. Possibly Leo Gross will like to attend the meetings too, Sandy will ask when he returns.
- Sandy has obtained the ACS's access code to the Legislative website, so the ACS board members will now be able to access the web site.
- Sandy suggests the ACS board invite political candidates from the capitol to speak at the ACAA.

**Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCoA):** Barbara Schneller

- Barbara Schneller passes around the book "The Time is Now – Caregiving Checklist" and tells the commissioners that she would like for the ACS to create a similar book. Jan Hamburg asks Barbara to assemble a sample of what she envisions. Juanita Audre would like to add the creation of a book to the ACS focus agenda. Ronald Roulhac points out that the city won't produce or cover the expense of tabs, the ACS would need to find a print source and funding for the project. Jan says she will take the sample book to graphics to see what they think
- Barbara attended the Centennial Car Show and brought the commissioners a poster that was on display. She would like to incorporate the poster into the ACS display at the Forum.
- At the ACCoA meeting the speaker covered the topic of strokes – which is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States.
- At the Bob Roth meeting the Highline Conservancy and the restructuring of Fitzsimons was discussed.

**Senior Circle:** Jeannie Davis and Donita Rafferty

- Jeannie Davis tells the commissioners that the next Senior Circle meeting will be held Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the same time as the meeting for the ASF Forum, which Jeannie plans to attend. Gloria Shea has volunteered to fill in for the Senior Circle meeting.
- Jeannie would like for Gloria to give an update on the ASF, at the Senior Circle meeting. Ronald Roulhac suggests that Gloria take flyers and forms so that she can register participants.



**Transportation Solutions:** No Report

**Public Relations:** Juanita Audre

- Juanita Audre asks the commissioners to promote the Forum at their Town Meetings this month.
- Jan Hamburg updates the commissioners on the status of the new ACS brochure, which is being created by Marketing.
- Juanita states that she would like to have the sample book, provided by Barbara Schneller, on the ACS table at the Forum. Commissioners will be able to reference the book and ask patrons if they would like a similar book for Aurora.

**VI. WARD MEETINGS**

- Gloria Shea, Ward 3, reports that the Aurora Cold Weather Outreach Team will be collecting items such as socks, shoes and blankets for Aurora's homeless population. Please take all items to the Comitis Center.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- Juanita Audre thanks Jan Hamburg for arranging today's guest speaker, Sharon Day. Juanita also asks Jan to follow up with Ms. Day on the promised corrections. Juanita would like for Jan to email the commissioners the information provided by Ms. Day prior to the next meeting, if possible, so the commissioners will be ready to discuss transportation funding constructively.
- Juanita asks Ronald Roulhac if he has prepared the guidelines for the Commissioner Orientation. Ronald indicates that he is still getting the information together. Juanita requests that Ronald email her once the information is ready to be sent to Ivy Hontz.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** none

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

Date: Monday, October 7, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Jeannie Davis makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sandy Thomas seconds it. The motion passes at 1:00 p.m.



Juanita Audre

Juanita Audre, Chair  
Aurora Commission for Seniors

10/6/19

Date

Dawn Booth

Dawn Booth, Recording Secretary  
Aurora Commission for Seniors

October 4, 2019

Date

ADOPTED October 4, 2019

