



**AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS (ACS)**

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

**1:00 p.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

**ACS MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeannie Davis, Chair; Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chair; Gloria Shea, Recording Secretary; Barbara Schneller; Christina Hollister; Kathy Newton

**ACS MEMBERS ABSENT:** Juanita Audre

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ronald Rouhlac, Facility Supervisor ACAA, ACS Liaison; Jan Hamburg, Supervisor Youth Services Department; Beth Yacono, Acting Supervisor Recreational Programs; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Supervisor Morning Star; Lauren O’Connell, Representative from Colorado Coalition on Aging.

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Chair 1:03 PM

**INTRODUCTIONS:** All the above. Jeannie gave ACS group instructions on meeting etiquette and use of the mute, chat, and raised hand functions for the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The commissioners acknowledged reviewing the January 4, 2021 minutes. Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

**SPEAKER(S):** Claudine McDonald, Chief Community Relations Manager, COA (APD). Ms. McDonald introduced herself and informed the group that her position is new to APD. She then presented her program via a power-point presentation titled “The New Way”. The Five Pillars of her program are Operating, Leadership, Service, Accountability, and Engagement. Ms. McDonald gave examples of activities and sponsorships for each of the pillars.

Following Ms. McDonald’s presentation, the commissioners discussed ways to integrate senior/youth interactions. Jan stated that she is the staff liaison for the Aurora Youth



Commission and at an upcoming meeting she will discuss with her board possibilities for joint activities with ACS.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Ron stated there were no new expenditures.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

***Aurora Center for Active Adults*** – Ronald Roulhac, Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) Supervisor

- Ronald stated ACAA remains closed with all activity still being held at Expo Recreation Center. COVID testing continues out of the physical ACAA building/parking lot.
- Ronald stated ACAA staff are sponsoring a “Drive-by Valentine’s Day Celebration” that will be on Thursday February 11th. There is a need for volunteers, and commissioners’ attendance is very welcome. Registration is recommended. Jeannie, Barb and Sandy volunteered to help with the event.
- Ronald received flyers from Brothers Development (non-profit service provider) for house painting services. Services will be performed free of charge to 1,000 residents. “Paint-a-thon” registration is required for these services. Flyers will be distributed to residents during food distribution on Wednesday 2/3/21/and 2/11/21.
- The tax preparation service is still planned.
- Ronald expanded on the ACAA Buzz newsletter; Jeannie has prepared the column for March. He wants ACS to continue to submit a column for each publication.

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

- Jala Sanchez Horn from DRCOG (Denver Regional Council of Governments) spoke to a variety of topics accompanied by a power point presentation. There are 16 Colorado Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), with numerous programs and all are working within their borders to improve programs. Although millions of dollars have been provided for a large variety of programs, more money is needed for the AAAs.
- Barb attended the Democrats meeting featuring Jason Crow and Allison Coombs. Barb stated that Ms. Coombs wants to work with ACS. She is also planning a Homelessness Forum. Barb will provide more information as she receives it.

***Aurora Senior Circle*** – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Next meeting 3/10/2021



## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### ***Legislative Committee – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner***

- Sandy attended the Colorado Senior Lobby Legislative Committee meeting on 2/1/21. Gina Pingenot (Colorado County Inc.) She discussed a potential bill to be submitted to the legislature. The bill would provide for pilot programs in up to 15 counties. Presently, investigations are a “one size fits all” with an investigation and a required finding of fault. The pilot program would eliminate the need for these two components for low risk calls, and instead there will be a collaborative result with no finding of fault. Megan Dollar (CO Municipal League) Ms. Dollar discussed that her organization will be submitting a bill to reinstate local governments’ right to require that developers include a certain number of affordable housing units into new developments. Presently, the number of affordable housing that is included in new developments is voluntary as agreed upon by the government and the developer.
- Representative Leslie Herald, (Joint Budget Committee) reported that the JBC will be prioritizing funding for stimulus projects and to restore cuts made in 2020 to the funding.
- Jarrett Hughes (Governor’s Office Older Adults) discussed various issues the Governor's Office is looking at for the 2021 legislative session to include livable communities, building a dementia infrastructure act, and funding of the Area Agencies for Aging. February 8-10, 2021 is “Virtual Older Coloradans Week” sponsored by CSL. Information can be found at the CSL website.

### ***Transportation Solutions – Christina Hollister, Commissioner***

- Christina continues to look into the various available resources. Current data from Lyft suggests that GoGoGrandparent (GGGP) is the most helpful resource for rides for older adults. This ridership expands beyond rides for grocery shopping and medical appointments. Four levels of activity currently available: bus passes, via-mobility, and access-o-ride then the GGGP. Federal dollars are available. A DRCOG point person may be named at a later date specific to transportation issues.

### ***Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner***

- no report

## **WARD MEETINGS:**

- All meetings upcoming. Jeannie did attend Ward II meeting with Councilwoman Nicole Johnston. Jeannie gave an overview of the purpose and programs of ACS. Councilwoman Johnston welcomed the chance to assist with ACS activities. Brittany (Aurora Arts Committee) wants to volunteer to help with upcoming events. Since two ACS members represent Ward IV, Jeannie will attend Ward II meetings.



### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Candidate follow-up. Ronald reported he received the evaluation paperwork from all commissioners. Ronald spoke with candidate George Bain, and sent a letter to Patricia Varney. Ronald invited George to participate in subsequent ACS meetings. Ronald anticipated City actions regarding Mr. Bain's approval will be finalized in March or April.
- Organizational Name Change. This is moving forward, we anticipate a resolution in March.
- Library Proposal Update. This will move forward but is stalled due to library occupancy and COVID restrictions. Library Director Midori Clark and library staff will move forward with the ACS recommendations as soon as possible.
- Establish Nominating Committee. Sandy is Chair of this Committee. Per the bylaws two commissioners need to be elected to the Committee. Kathy Newton and Gloria Shea will join Sandy to complete the Committee.
- Ronald updated the information on the Recreation Centers /Older Adult Corner ideas. He noted loop monitors are at some of the centers and may be a more viable solution. More information on expansion of this idea will follow.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Review of 2020 Goals. In discussion, the Board determined that it partially met its 2020 goals. Unmet goals will be included with the 2021 goals (Ageism, Information Dissemination, Education, Transportation and Legislative). The commissioners discussed the topic of homelessness, which was listed as one of the 2020 topics. Following discussion, upon motion, second and unanimous vote, Homelessness was removed for 2021. The 2020 Annual Report will be due in the next two to three months and includes the 2021 goals, which the Board will continue to work on at the next meeting.
- During the discussion of 2021 goals, the Board discussed that the City's Marketing Director is vital to ACS accomplishing some of its goals. Ronald will follow-up on who might be the Marketing point person for ACS.
- Speaker Calendar TBD. Commissioners will review the list of COA Departments for ideas. Rozalyn Reese with Colorado Alzheimer's Association and Lori Sanchez (Aurora/Morning-Star) were listed as possible speakers.
- Discuss Quarterly Virtual Workshops: tabled until next meeting.
- Discuss Collaborative Partnerships with Metro Area Senior Commissions: tabled until next meeting.
- Discuss topics for monthly ACAA BUZZ Newsletter column: tabled until next meeting.



**NEXT MEETING**

Date: March 1, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion, second, and consensus of the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson  
Aurora Commission for Seniors

Jeannie Davis

Date 9-27-21

Gloria Shea,  
Commissioner and Recording Secretary

Gloria Shea

Date September 21, 2021

ADOPTED March 1, 2021