



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

Monday, June 7, 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; Juanita Audra; Barbara Schneller; Kathy Newton; Christina Hollister; and George Bain, Commissioners.

ACS MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Roulhac, Facility Supervisor ACAA, ACS Liaison; Beth Yacono, Acting Superintendent Recreational Programs; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Supervisor Morning Star and Overseeing Registration System for Recreation Programs and Classes.

CALL TO ORDER: By Jeannie Davis, Chair at 1:00 PM

INTRODUCTIONS: Attendees and Jodi Waterhouse, guest speaker.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The Commissioners acknowledged reviewing the May 3, 2021 minutes. Upon a motion, second, and unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

SPEAKER(S): Jodi Waterhouse, Program Manager and Outreach Director, CU Anschutz Multi-Disciplinary Center on Aging. Ms. Waterhouse gave a Power-Point presentation about her department. She described the Four Pillars of Activity which is the main focus of the Center. They are Research, Clinical Care, Education and Training, and Outreach and Engagement. Ms. Waterhouse will forward the PowerPoint presentation to the Commission. Under the topic of Clinical, Ms. Waterhouse gave the current clinic sites and the clinic enrollment criteria. She expounded on the role of a Geriatrician and the importance of this discipline in caring for Older Adults. During the COVID Pandemic, their clinics increased many outreach activities and expanded out-of-state. The program is also breaking ground on Elder Abuse monitoring



(COAST-IT), ageism, local and national AARP activities, and Age Friendly University. We had a session of Q & A. Ms. Waterhouse noted she is delighted to work with this Commission in any way we would find helpful. <https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/center-on-aging>

BUDGET REPORT: Ronald anticipates upcoming expenditure for “Transportation Solutions” membership.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults – Ronald Roulhac, Supervisor

- Ronald reported ACAA re-opened May 3, 2021, with fitness classes ongoing. Currently there are seven classes needing no pre-registration and the billiards area is open. The Center is running with minimal staff and many services/activities are limited at this time.

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

- Barbara reported mostly announcements presented, which included Senior Law Day in October at Schwab.
- Consumer Fraud information was presented by James Burroughs.
- Information about the Fall Prevention service through NYMBL was presented by Nathan Estrada. Additional info at www.nymblescience.com

Aurora Senior Circle – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie reported the next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021. Speakers will be Lisa Doctor, Colorado Respite Care. And Collette Kufuss, CU Dental School “Senior Smiles.”

Community Stakeholders – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie reported the group met May 25th. Primary discussions centered around past race and bias issues experienced by participants in breakout sessions via Zoom.

Ward Meetings - All Commissioners

- Ward 3 (Gloria) - Greg Hayes, Aurora City Budget Officer discussed City financial issues and several other speakers announced activities.
- Ward 5 (Barbara) - Joel Floyd, Manager of the Aurora Town Center Mall talked about renovations to that facility.
- Jeannie will begin attending Ward 2 meetings as there is currently no Commissioner residing in that Ward.



- Kathy reported Ward 6 meets every other month with the next meeting being in July and should be an in-person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner

- Sandy reported the CSL changed their name to Colorado Center for Aging and is now a 501(c)(3).
- The group has expanded into rural areas and established a Colorado Center Advocacy Committee.
- SB 21-118, which we supported, passed and Sandy hopes Arapahoe County will be selected as one of the pilot counties to participate.
- The Senior Property Tax Homestead Exemption is still being reviewed for continuation. Any Commissioner interested in this can contact Chris Kennedy at 303-866-2951, chris.kennedy.house@state.co.us

Transportation Solutions – Christina Hollister, Commissioner

- Christina reported the SB21-260 will raise \$4 billion over the next 10 years. Additional Federal funds may go for expanding access and Medicaid transportation services.
- The GoGoGrandparent transportation program was discussed. Jeannie requested a flyer so Commissioners might begin passing the information along to our constituents.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita asked for a follow-up briefing from Beth Yacono on access to Channel 8 and various other channels for increasing public relations activities. *(See Old Business)*

Intergenerational Support – Kathy Newton, Commissioner

- The group wants to have an ice cream event called “Chill With A Commissioner.” They plan to produce and distribute a survey asking Older Adults about their concerns during this event. Ronald mentioned ACAA is planning an Ice Cream Social and “Chill With A Commissioner” could fit into that event. Ronald will investigate this and relay dates for the event and how the budget would be used.



Virtual Workshops - Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie polled Commissioners and by consensus presentations by Jodi Waterhouse and Laurie Lovedale were deemed candidates. Ronald stated these programs need to be offered in the Recreation Guide and we need to adhere to the guidelines for that publication. Jeannie will follow-up with those presenters for availability.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Commission name change.** The change to Aurora Commission for Older Adults was approved May 3, 2021 by City Council and will go into effect June 26, 2021. It was mentioned verbiage will be changed in multiple COA documents going forward. We can proceed with projects that were awaiting approval of the name change for print work.
- **Annual Report** was very well received, Councilpersons Marcano and Coombs, City Attorney, Director of Communications, and Director of Libraries and Cultural Arts especially supportive.
- **Speaker Calendar.** Topics and speakers are set for remainder of calendar year 2021. **July** - Ombudsman Program; **August** - Jarett Hughes, Senior Policy Advisor on Aging, Office of Governor Jared Polis; **September** - Councilperson Alison Coombs (DRCOG); **October** Jeannette Hensley, Lead Lobbyist - Colorado Center for Aging (formerly CSL); **November** City of Aurora ADA specialist (*TBA - Beth Yacono*).
- **Regarding Channel 8.** Beth Yacono reported obtaining spots on the Aurora TV station is a complex issue requiring various levels of approval. She will have someone from the Marketing Department call Juanita.
- **ACFOA website.** Ronald stated updates are in progress.
- **BUZZ Newsletter.** Ronald stated due to limited staffing publication schedule was changed. He will review article submissions (3) already received from Commissioners and let us know the progress.
- **Backburner Items.** Recreational Center Displays; Library Proposal; Emergency Cards

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ralph Charlip, Chairperson for Veteran's Affairs Commission.** Jeannie and Sandy will include him in other partnerships and may ask him to speak at an ACFOA meeting.



- **Collaborative Partnerships** with other Metro Area Commissions. Jeannie and Sandy plan to send survey to Tri-County senior commissions utilizing Survey Monkey tool.
- Sandy has put together a new **Commissioner Orientation** package.
- **Commission Vacancies** discussion tabled for next meeting.
- **Older Colorado Month (May 2022)** discussion tabled for next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Date: July 12, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 9-27-21

Gloria Shea, Commissioner
and Recording Secretary

Gloria Shea

Date September 21, 2021

ADOPTED July 12, 2021