



AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS (ACS)

Monday, May 4, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Via: Micro Soft Teams

MINUTES

ACS MEMBERS PRESENT: Juanita Audre, Chair; Barbara Schneller, Gloria Shea, Sandy Thomas Kathy Newton, and Christina Hollister

ACS MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Davis, Vice-Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Roulhac, ACS Liaison and ACAA Recreation Supervisor; Lori Sanchez, Morning Start Recreation Supervisor; and Jan Hamburg, Special Services Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER: By Aurora Commission for Seniors Chair, Juanita Audre, at 1:00p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: None needed

ADOPTION OF ACS MINUTES: The Minutes from March 3, 2020 were approved with a motion by Barbara Schneller and a second by Gloria Shea.

LIAISON REPORTS

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

- Ronald Roulhac informed group of:
 - The closure of Aurora Recreation Center in May and June
 - The submission of a safe Re-Opening plan for the ACAA and that it is a fluid document
 - The health of the ACAA FTE's – they all are well and working on different project
 - The ACAA/VOA meal program - distributing and delivering meals to seniors every other week
 - The facility and custodial cleaning work being done in the building (floor in 111 and 107)



Legislative Committee: Sandy Thomas

- Reported that bills that were slated for seniors were put on hold. When the legislature reconvenes, it will prioritize the budget bill, public school funding bill, and corona virus related bills.

Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCoA): Barbara Schneller

- No meetings - No report. Many meetings happening virtually

Senior Circle: Jeannie Davis

- No meetings - No report. Many meetings happening virtually

Transportation Solutions: Christina Hollister

- No meetings - No report. Many meetings happening virtually

Public Relations: Juanita Audre

- No report.

WARD MEETINGS

- Happening virtually. Posted on line. Connection to be determined at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2020 Annual Quality of Life Report
 - Committee reviewed and approved the annual report as last reported
 - It was noted that Juanita wanted to ensure that the ACS got some kind of communication to seniors, about seniors in the Water Bill.
- Free Ride Program
 - Ronald reported that:
 - The Free Ride Program will not be refunded this year due to the COA projected budget shortfall
 - DRCOG put out an RFP (for Federal Transportation dollars) for transportation entities to apply for grants to expand their vehicle fleet, and create additional services for rides for Seniors, Veterans, Disabled and the Low-Income population. There are several transportation companies applying for these grants of \$25,000 and up. Ronald spoke with Travis/DRCOG and when the awards come out in 2021, Ronald would get that information and communicate it to the ACS, ACAA, and Seniors in Aurora.



New Business

- Commission moving forward (through COVID-19)
 - Meetings – Continue to have regular scheduled meetings via Micro Soft teams. Sandy suggested that we continue to have this option of allowing people to attend the ACS meeting virtually after we are allowed to reconvene or in person meetings. Juanita noted that the Commissioners should still attend the meetings in person.
 - Filling open positions – The commission will interview applicants who apply during the time we are having virtual meeting. Ronald suggested doing some mock interviews in preparation of actual interviews with candidates.
 - Juanita requested that information about vacancies be put in the COA newsletter that
 - Speaker invites – Invites to be submitted to Chair and Vice chair and discussed with the commission. People suggested for Ronald to invite:
 - Shelly McKittrick, Homeless Coordinator
 - John Ralston, COA Housing Program
 - Nancy Fingerhood, Community Outreach Consultant with, Changing the Narrative in Colorado. Ageism Workshop
 - Aisha Fields, Registered Nurse with PACE
 - There was a request to invite Gov. Jared Polis and the Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera to the Aurora Senior Forum in October.
- Orientation – There was discussion that the orientation will be held in either July or August after compiling all the necessary information. Christina will work with Ronald to get it done. Ivy Hontz will be asked to present the Orientation.
- Commission assignments based on 2020 goals
 - There was discussion about getting the emergency card done by either ADT, or the COA.
 - The card does not have to be called the Card of Life
 - The card does not have to have the same information on it
 - Kathy has presented and email information from her research
 - The commission can submit content of what they want on the card and submit it to COA Graphics for pricing as well as get pricing information from ADT
 - Sandy agreed to work on Legislative and Homelessness goals
 - Barbara will continue to work with ACCoA and Public Relations goals of getting information to seniors, like the emergency card, etc.
 - Christina will work on transportation goals
 - Juanita will work on Communication and Seniors staying in their homes goals
 - Kathy will work on Ageism and isolation goals
- Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm



- Next Meeting: 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2020

Juanita Audre, Chair
Aurora Commission for Seniors

Juanita Audre
9/23/21

Date

Gloria Shea, Commissioner and Recording Secretary
Aurora Commission for Seniors

Gloria Shea
9/21/2021

Date September 21, 2021

ADOPTED August 3, 2020