



**AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)**

**Monday, June 6, 2022**

**1:00 p.m.**

Hybrid- WebEx Virtual Meeting

And In-person at

Aurora Center for Active Adults

30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Chair at 1:09 PM

**ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeannie Davis, Chair; Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chair; Juanita Audre, George Bain, Frankiemae Perry, Frances Dollard, Deborah Bowditch, Delfina Ashley-Baisden; Barbara Schneller; Commissioners.

**ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brooke Bell, PROS Director; Ronald Roulhac, Facility Program Supervisor ACAA, ACFOA Liaison; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Program Supervisor; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Sandy Thomas had one correction. Barbara Schneller attended the Aurora Commission for Older Adults meeting on June 6, 2022. Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as amended.

**SPEAKER:** Travis Noon, Senior Program Specialist, DRCOG. There are three main funding sources that DRCOG receives: Older Americans Act/State Funding for Senior services (OAA/SFSS), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Denver-Aurora, and Human Services Transportation set-aside of DRCOG's Transportation Improvement Program (HST-TIP Set-Aside). Funded services include, but are not limited to, traditional paratransit, transportation vouchers and capital projects. Services provided in 2021 through April 2022 show people have been more comfortable using vouchers such as HopSkipDrive, Uber and RTD bus tickets. DRCOG anticipates serving more clients in the future. DRCOG distributes free local RTD tickets under its voucher program including Access-A-Ride as well as discounted and regular priced tickets. These tickets are mailed weekly by DRCOG staff, Senior Support Services and Southwest Improvement Council. DRCOG alone distributed more than 10,000 bus tickets



for the 2021 fiscal year. So far in fiscal year 2022 through April, more than 28,000 bus tickets have been distributed. In January, the City of Aurora provided DRCOG with \$80,000 to fund resident trips. About \$10,000 is used a month for services in Aurora alone. The use of funds gets reported monthly to the City of Aurora showing number of rides, usage of rides, etc. City of Aurora alone had 7,440 trips representing 315 unduplicated clients. HopSkipDrive has a 10 personal ride cap per month per person. HopSkipDrive provides a detailed report on what rides are used for to include medical, personal and legal. Anything reported under the Older Americans Act is reported on a client-basis that gets reported to the state and tracked on a per-person basis. DRCOG reported that recruitment and retainment of drivers, loss of volunteers, catalytic converter thefts, and rising gas prices have created challenges with the program. DRCOG is anticipating a fiscal cliff in 2025 starting July 1, 2024. Throughout the pandemic, DRCOG received money that will run out by July 1, 2024. DRCOG is looking at options to create partnerships with more providers to help fund these services. At the end of presentation, questions were asked and answered accordingly.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Ron reported \$700 starting amount for meals is now down to \$232 not including today's meal. He was given approval to submit a proposal to add to the budget. The tablecloth purchase needs to get approval from his supervisor after additional research on types of cloths and cost.

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

#### ***Aurora Center for Active Adults*** – Ronald Roulhac, Supervisor

- ACAA is still working to bring patrons back with different activities.
- Volunteer Appreciation Day is on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- A fitness event and cookout will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- A pickleball demonstration will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Rackets and balls are available at ACAA that patrons can use if needed. Pre-registration is required. Sponsors will be in attendance and there will be giveaways.

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

- Barbara reported on the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. She was not able to attend the May meeting. DRCOG reported being in the planning stage for an AAA Summit of regional commissions/councils for the fall of 2022. This legislative session, 618 new bills were introduced; 102 bills were voted down; 117 were signed into law.

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

- Next virtual meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. with two speakers. One speaker will be from the State Demography Office and the second speaker will address the Economic and Social Consequences of Colorado's Aging Population.

#### ***Ward Meetings*** – All Commissioners



- Jeannie provided Ward meeting dates to all Commissioners.
- Frankiemae attended the Ward III meeting. A Code Enforcement Officer spoke about staff shortage and prioritizing complaints.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- No report.

#### ***Transportation Solutions*** - TBD

- Jeannie attended the April 18<sup>th</sup> Transportation Solutions Arapahoe County (TSAC) meeting. Readouts were given by Arapahoe County and Centennial on the work being done on their transportation master plans.
- The TSAC membership is paid. Their next meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Juanita suggested attending Ward meetings as they are the best place to give information out about the Commission. Juanita also suggests preparing a short speech on what the Commission does.

#### ***Intergenerational Support*** – TBD

- The Intergenerational Support Committee is refocusing goals on how they will be impacting the City by the results of their events. Next meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Sheila Anthony will give a report on Circle Talk to explore if the committee wants to support or implement it. Ron added that programs are great and suggested focusing on programs that will impact older adults and will enable the Commission to ask City Council for support. Juanita reported she met a woman who implemented an intergenerational program at her local high school. The youth asked older adults what it is they miss the most. Older adults said they miss their front porch, and the youth presented at their City Council to create a program to help provide these porches. Juanita is in contact with this woman to see how to get into schools to offer programs that impact older adults and involve the youth.

#### ***Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee*** - George Bain, Commissioner

- A doorknocker will be created that lists key elements of fraud and prevention tips. Frankiemae attended the 2022 Safety Summit meeting and shared the brochure that was given. A list of speakers and sponsors with contact info and biographies was also included. Frankiemae also brought the new Colorado Senior Law Handbook for Commissioners to look at.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**



***Speaker Calendar Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- There will be two speakers for the July meeting. The first speaker is Eppley, the company that will be doing the scope of work for the Needs Assessment. The second speaker will talk about the PROS Master Plan.
- John Culver, a plaintiff employment attorney, will be speaking on age discrimination in employment at the August 1st meeting.

***Emergency Card Funding and Distribution – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison***

- Ron suggested to have the cards printed now with no jackets as the jackets are \$1.50 each. The Graphics Department will print 500 cards that can be handed out at different events the Commission participates in. The Commissioners approved printing the cards.

***Older Aurorans Month Proclamation – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison***

- Laminated copies of the Proclamation were provided by Ron to Commissioners attending the meeting in person.

***Annual Report Update – Ronald Roulhac, Liaison***

- Juanita, Sandy and Delfina attended the City Council annual report meeting and provided positive feedback about the presentation that Jeannie and Sandy gave.

***Aurora Older Adult Forum Update – Barbara Schneller, Commissioner***

- Ron passed out an informational packet about the forum to give out to potential speakers/vendors that were not on the list to receive a packet electronically. Ron asked Commissioners to call speakers/vendors and check if they are interested or are planning on attending the forum. Speakers are required to provide information on their planned speech. Jeannie asked Commissioners if there are any more suggestions, and many were provided.
- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Forum for Older Adults "Healthy Aging Together" event will be held. All vendors will be outside while the speakers are inside. Rooms will be available for a variety of different programs so that vendors and food trucks can be outside only. This event is from 8:30 am- 12 p.m. (noon). The Forum is looking for more speakers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***New Commissioners Orientation – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- Sandy and Jeannie conducted the orientation with new Commissioners. The existing committees and their goals were discussed. Frankiemae and Deborah had an interest in health and fitness projects. Jeannie asked all Commissioners how that can be incorporated since the topic ties in with the Aurora Center for Active Adults. Sandy suggested thinking about expanding what ACAA brings to the community. Frankiemae and Fran expressed interest in the topic of employer hiring and retention of older adults. Ron



suggested topics that the Commission can ask City Council to help support for older adults with and through ACAA.

- Ron passed out notebooks to the new Commissioners that attended the meeting in person.

***Collaborative Partnerships – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- The Aurora Veterans Affairs Commission has invited Commissioners to attend their June 9<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting at 6 p.m. The presenter is the executive director of the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative.
- The Aurora Human Relations Commission sent an email asking to partner with ACFOA on a community event where they plan to promote awareness, education and celebration of community. Aurora Human Relations Commission asked for support to help with the planning stage. Fran suggested the gaming truck from the Aurora Police Department. All Commissioners are in favor of partnering with the Aurora Human Relations Commission.

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: July 11, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Aurora Center for Active Adults and virtual through WebEx.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion, a second, and consensus of the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chair  
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sandy Thomas, Vice Chair  
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

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