



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, December 4, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Aurora Center for Active Adults

30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair at 1:00 PM

ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Jeannie Davis, Juanita Audre, Caroline Kim, Barbara Schneller, Fran Dollard, and Karen Jorgensen.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners George Bain and Derrick Vaughns.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Sanchez, Facility Program Supervisor ACAA and ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA. Bill McCartin, Theodis Hall, Tina Lamberth, and Jan Harris, guests. Frances Lofton and Victoria Vaughns, volunteers.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Upon motion, second, and vote, the November meeting minutes were approved.

BUDGET REPORT: *Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison*

- Lori has shirts for the remaining Commissioners. Name tags have been ordered and should be in soon.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) – Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison

- December 14th is the Christmas Mingle & Jingle event. It is Hawaiian themed. There will be light snacks and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures.

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

- Barb brought flyers for Commissioners. Presentation by “Beneficent,” long term care educators serving the state of Colorado. This for-profit organization presented a



questionnaire for the audience. Barb shared the questionnaire with the Commission who in turn appreciated the questions and correct responses.

Aurora Health Alliance – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie spoke with Johanna (Jo) Glaviano about the value of the Commission being a participant with the Aurora Health Alliance. The quarterly meeting will be in January and Jeannie will attend to stay in touch with the group.

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- No ward meetings in the month of November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Karen Jorgensen, Commissioner

- Karen participated in a virtual conference with the Department of Regulatory Agencies regarding homeowners' insurance affordability in the state of Colorado. It is likely there will be legislative action soon. Parametric insurance was mentioned which would pay on predefined triggers regardless of actual loss due to a catastrophic event. Karen will keep the Commission up to date on any other meetings.
- Fran let Karen know that she is interested in any HOA-related state bills that Karen may come across.

Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie will attend the December 19th meeting and report back to the Commission.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita had a table for the Commission set up during the ACAA quilt sale.
- Fran, Karen, and Juanita attended the Aurora Election Commission meeting.
- Caroline inquired about message retrieval from the ACFOA phone number. Caroline wanted to make sure it was agreed who would check the messages. Jeannie and Lori clarified that Lori would check the ACFOA voicemail once a week and relay any messages to the Commission or appropriate Commission member. Caroline asked if a city employee had to be the person who checked voicemails or whether a Commissioner could check for messages. Beth and Lori will follow up on this and let the Commission know.

Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita sent the Commission a final draft of the fact sheet regarding the benefits of intergenerational programs. The committee will brainstorm ways the fact sheet can be distributed. Juanita encouraged the Commission to read through the fact sheet. The committee wants to send the fact sheet to caregivers in nursing homes, assisted living, etc.
- Juanita spoke to Stephen about having retired musicians hold jam sessions at the ACAA. She feels



there are retired musicians sitting at home with their instruments idle and a program like this would be beneficial.

- Beth let the Commission know that there are a couple of programs called *Jammin' with Friends*, that will be held on March 29, April 26, and May 31, from 1-4 p.m. These programs are free, but registration is required. Registration opens at the end of January for the Spring programs.
- Lori provided an update on the *Reading to Preschoolers Program*. This has been approved by the Preschool Director. There are two preschools interested in this program. Coordination with dates is still on-going and Lori will notify the Commission once dates are available. The reading program would be held onsite at the preschools.

Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – George Bain, Commissioner

- No update.

Housing Committee – Derrick Vaughns, Commissioner

- No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Living Your Best Life Speaker Series – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Lori gave an overview of the Speaker Series to the Commission. Four sessions were canceled for different reasons. The sessions at Tallyn's Reach Library had fewer people in attendance than those held at ACAA.
- Lori suggests the Commission look at having a one-day event rather than multiple sessions during the fall season.

Election Commission Voter Engagement – Bill McCarty, Aurora Election Commission

- Bill is a Commissioner with the Aurora Election Commission and is currently in the first year of his second term. There are a total of five Commissioners.
- One of their responsibilities is to advise the City Council on new options. The Commission also helps determine the winner of an election when there is a lock for Councilmember and/or a mayoral position. The Election Commission oversees creating the district ward map for city council approval. This review happens in years ending in three and nine.
- Aurora is situated in Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas counties, which are responsible for the distribution of election ballots. The City of Aurora has an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the counties to run the election. The City has investigated running the election itself, but the cost would be about six (6) times more than what is paid for the counties to run it.
- The Election Commission would like for the ACFOA to help think of ways to get more people to vote locally. People 60-77 years of age vote at a higher rate than any other age group. Overall, voting is less than 40% of the population.



NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Speaker Topics – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie asked Commissioners to email her ideas, topics, and/or speakers of interest to continue working on the speaker schedule for the next year.

Needs Assessment Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie reported that Erick del Angel and Rian French (PROS planners) have requested the Needs Assessment Vision Team hold bimonthly meetings. The consultant (JSI) would like to formally meet the entire Commission. The Commission agreed to schedule a special meeting to fulfill this request. The date and time will be determined.

NEXT MEETING

Date: January 8, 2023

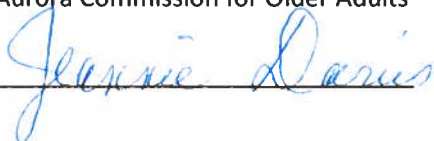
Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

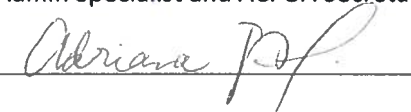
Upon motion, a second, and consensus of the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults



Date 1-8-24

Adriana Valles Morales,
Admin Specialist and ACFOA Secretary



Date 1/8/2024

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