



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

**Monday, April 3, 2023**

**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 1:02 PM

**ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeannie Davis, Chair; Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chair; Juanita Audre, Frances Dollard, Barbara Schneller, and Deb Bowditch; Delfina Ashley-Baisden, attended virtually.

**ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT:** George Bain, Commissioner.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space; Beth Yacono, Interim Facility Program Supervisor ACAA, ACFOA Liaison; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Program Supervisor; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the March 6<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**SPEAKER:** Jeannie presented speaker Theresa Bloom, MOL, BSN, owner of Peaceful Advance Planning and author of "Preparing the Way: A Practical Guide for Survivors Loss." Theresa lost her husband of 37 years to cancer in February 2020. Theresa wanted to create a healthy and safe space to talk about death as a normal part of life. Three tips for peaceful planning include: giving others grace in hard situations, careful planning and gathering information, leaving a legacy. In Theresa's book, there are pages where you can include important information you want your family to have readily available. There are sections in the book where you can add documents to keep them all together. The Commission thanked Theresa for making her trip from Grand Junction to attend the meeting in-person



**2023 SPEAKER CALENDAR**

- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Audrey Krebs
- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Health Month (TBA)
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – Fraud Prosecution (TBA)
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Shirley Proppe
- September 11<sup>th</sup> – Jean Bogar
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – TBA
- November 6<sup>th</sup> – Clinical Trials (TBA)

**BUDGET REPORT:** Beth will order the promotional giveaways this week.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

***Aurora Center for Active Adults – Beth Yacono, Interim Facility Program Supervisor ACAA***

- Ronald Roulhac has resigned his position with the City of Aurora at the Aurora Center for Active Adults. Ron attended the meeting and Commissioners expressed their gratitude towards him.
- Volunteer Recognition will be the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a quilt sale on May 5-6.

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

- Barbara brought the first newsletter from Heather Gardens to show all Commissioners. The newsletter is available online at HeatherGardens.org.
- A presentation on OLLI (Osher Lifelong Institute) was given.

***Aurora Health Alliance – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- Next quarterly meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

***Ward Meetings – All Commissioners***

- Barbara attended the Ward V meeting at Heather Gardens. The topic was about rural water.
- Jeannie plans to attend the Ward II meeting with Councilmember Steve Sundberg at Central Recreation Center.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- The Advocacy Rack Card will be submitted this week by Beth.



- Sandy received an update from Councilmember Angela Lawson. She stated SB23-31 “Improve Healthcare Access for Older Coloradans” was approved by the city Council Intergovernmental Policy Committee to be sent to city Council for support. The remaining three bills that were included in the memorandum were sent to all department directors to review and give their input on how each bill benefits the city. Councilmember Lawson will send Sandy notes made by the directors on these three Senate Bills.

***Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- The next meeting will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- No updates were available on the DRCOG Funding and Transportation Alternatives.

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

- Updates in the next meeting.

***Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner***

- Generational Split Event was a success.
- The Youth/Schools project will be put on hold for the time being.

***Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner***

- The Elder Fraud Rack Card will be submitted this week by Beth.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Needs Assessment Status Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- Rian and Michelle will provide an updated status on the Scope of Work at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

***ACFOA Vacancy Interviews (3) Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- Three candidates have been interviewed. The memorandum has been sent to Joe Sack to review and sign before it goes to Brooke Bell to review.

***ACFOA Rack Card Spanish Translation – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- Ron submitted the Spanish translation for the ACFOA rack card, along with the My Thread card to the Graphics Department. Beth is waiting to hear back on an update.

***Older Adult Month (May) Proposed Proclamation and Activities Update– Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***



- Brooke Bell notified the Commission that it is too late to have a large event but will investigate getting a small budget for a small event. The Commission spoke on the different activities that can still be done with the limited time left. Commissioners agreed that having a walk around the Aurora Center for Active Adults and/or Del Mar Park would be best. Brooke Bell will reach out to Jeannie with a summary of dates, vendors, and EMT information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Aurora Forum for Older Adults – Beth Yacono, Interim Facility Program Supervisor ACAA***

- As of now, the Forum will be held. Currently, no further details are available.

***Annual Report – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner***

- Commissioners were asked to submit their input for the annual report by April 5<sup>th</sup>. This report is for the year 2022.

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: May 1, 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 3:00 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson  
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 12-4-23

Adriana Valles Morales,  
Administrative Specialist and Secretary

Adriana Valles Morales

Date 12/4/23

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