



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, May 1, 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 1:00 PM

ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeannie Davis, Chair; Juanita Audre, Frances Dollard and Barbara Schneller, Commissioners. Derrick Vaughns and Karen Jorgensen, Commissioners in waiting.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: George Bain and Sandy Thomas, Commissioners.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space; Lori Sanchez, Interim Facility Program Supervisor ACAA, ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent; Nicole Ankeney, Manager of Planning, Design and Construction (PD&C); Michelle Teller, Senior Planner; Rian French, Project Manager; Karin "K-Lo" Rivale, Marketing Coordinator; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the April 3rd minutes were approved as amended.

SPEAKER: Julia Beems is a Senior Instructor and the Assistant Technology Program Outreach Coordinator and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with the Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Colorado Denver at Anschutz Medical Campus. Currently, she provides services across Colorado to people with disabilities including but not limited to their families, professionals, emergency response agencies and the public. She brought different unique items to show the Commission that are available to help older adults in



different situations such as knotty shoelaces, toothbrush pillow, arthritis ball for writing utensils, rolling scissors, etc. Questions from the Commission were asked and answered during the presentation.

2023 SPEAKER CALENDAR

- June 5th – TBA
- July 10th – Fraud Prosecution (TBA)
- August 7th – Shirley Proppe
- September 11th – Jean Bogar
- October 2nd – TBA
- November 6th – Clinical Trials (TBA)

BUDGET REPORT: Beth reported that the promotional products should be delivered the week of May 8th. The name of the Commission has been corrected on the pen that was originally quoted on.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults – Lori Sanchez, Interim Facility Program Supervisor ACAA

- Officially, the Acting Liaison for ACFOA is now Lori Sanchez. Lori is also the Interim Facility Program Supervisor for ACAA.
- There is a new staff member, Stephen Bryant, who oversees the educational programs that Nancy Baum used to cover.

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

- Barbara attended the meeting at Garden Plaza. The topic was medical transition services and options counseling. It's a program trying to get people on Medicare to get back into the community.

Aurora Health Alliance – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- The meeting was about mental health related to older people.
- Next quarterly meeting is July 19th.

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- Jeannie attended the Ward II meeting with Councilmember Sundberg. There were five speakers at the meeting and Jeannie was able to place door knockers and emergency cards for people to take. Topics were consent decree with Aurora Police Department, Aurora Water restrictions, oil and gas fracking, Solar Technology and Acceleration Center on Solar Tack, update on hazardous



traffic intersections. There was also a briefing from the Aurora Police Department and the Aurora Fire Department. Jeannie passed some flyers to the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No updates.

Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Starting in May/June, RTD will reduce fees on buses and passes. The monthly pass will be lowered to \$89/month. A campaign called “Code of Conduct: Now Respect the Ride” will start soon to help fix their negative image. Cameras will be upgraded throughout the system to help Transit Police.
- Jeannie attended the Active Aging Expo at Malley Recreation Center and distributed ACFOA rack cards.
- Brooke Bell reported that the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department has been researching what other municipalities are doing on transportation for older adults. Wheat Ridge, Arapahoe County, Westminster, and Littleton are a couple of the municipalities being looked at. Via Mobility is a non-profit organization that has a Social Enterprise Business Format, meaning donations are requested and depending on how much they receive, the agency can provide services that focus on older adults that vary from going to dinner, doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc.

Westminster just finished a year-long pilot program with Via Mobility that provided 600 trips, for residents over 60 years old. Westminster funded \$166,000 to the program that included grant money. Services are M-F 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Brooke spoke with Arapahoe County and found out that most rides are coming from Aurora residents. Via Mobility will take rides from anyone, but they need financial support from municipalities and non-profits to hire more drivers. Wages for drivers have increased and vehicles have been made available. Via Mobility’s cancellation rate is now lower than 6-8 months ago.

Brooke mentioned that Councilmember Lawson made a request to Council for a 1-year pilot program for mobility services for older adults in the amount of \$170,000, which Council



supported. Brooke said PROS will be reaching out to Via Mobility and talking to them about providing those monies and getting an agreement with them. This will be in addition to the \$80,000 DRCOG funding, which won't be affected during this year. DRCOG will continue to provide their service as usual. Brooke indicated that Via Mobility is the most viable company seen according to the counties they've looked at. Jeannie asked what other programs are being considered and Brooke replied she would continue to do research on other programs, but right now this seems like the best idea.

The City of Aurora is still working on the details of the pilot program. Brooke can keep the Commission updated on what has been learned and what the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) looks like. The Commission can give advice and provide the names of transportation companies to look at. Jeannie brought up the Montbello Connector program and asked Brooke if it's possible to look at other programs outside of Via Mobility. Barbara shared GoGoGrandparent as another option. Brooke is open to researching other programs the Commission is aware of.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Juanita went to the Active Aging Expo at Malley Recreation Center to get info from vendors for the upcoming "Forum."
- Mission Viejo Library is still doing Bringing Older Adults Together (BOAT) events on Mondays.

Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- An information sheet is being worked on detailing the benefits of intergenerational programs with suggestions for implementing such programs. Juanita hopes a draft will be available for the next meeting. The goal is to have it available in July.

Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent

- No update on the Elder Fraud Rack Card.

OLD BUSINESS:

Needs Assessment Status Update – Michelle Teller and Rian French, PD&C Division

- Michelle Teller spoke about the Scope of Work (SOW) that was worked on collaboratively with the Commission. There are some minor modifications that are proposed to help cut back on data provided. Michelle went over the modifications with the Commission.



In the SOW, there is a background section where Parks, Recreation and Open Space wants to reference the main domains, such as livability, health, transportation, housing, etc. This will be more in line with what DRCOG has and to strengthen future partnerships.

The 2nd modification is to the timeframe. At the start of the SOW with Eppley, the timeframe was set at 18 months. Now, with the 2022 Community Assessment Surveys for Older Adults (CASOA) reports from DRCOG, they are looking at 1 year for the timeframe. Ultimately, the consultant that does the proposal will give a better timeframe.

There is a lot of demographic data available through the City of Aurora and DRCOG. Originally, the SOW mentioned the full analysis of demographics within the older adult community. The proposal is to create a summary using the data that already exists to better use money towards other things like more engagements with older adults.

The 4th modification is about building on the questions asked in the CASOA report. This way, the same questions won't be asked and questions that haven't been asked can be included.

The last modification is to ensure recommendations outside of this project align with the recommendations from DRCOG.

- Rian French provided an update on the schedule. Rian, Nicole, and the Purchasing department got together and finalized a schedule. The RFP is anticipated to be distributed to the Rocky Mountain ePurchasing webpage on June 26th. The deadline to receive proposals is August 4th. The review process will happen during the weeks after August 4th. The awarding and agreements are anticipated for the week of September 20th. Shortly after the agreements are signed, the Needs Assessment will be kicked off. The Commission will be involved in reviewing the proposals received. A process will be developed to make sure that no confidentiality issues are crossed.

ACFOA Candidate Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- All three candidates have been submitted to the City of Aurora and are scheduled to be presented at the Council Study Session on the evening of May 1st.

Older Aurorans Month Proclamation Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- The proclamation will be read on May 8th at 6:30 p.m. by Councilmember Angela Lawson.

Older Aurorans Month Celebration – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner



- On Thursday, May 11th, the Walk 'n' Roll event will be held at the Aurora Center for Active Adults. The arrival time is 8:30 a.m. and the walk will start at 9 a.m. Registration not required.
- K-Lo with the Marketing and Special Events Department provided the Commission with details about the Walk 'n' Roll event.

ACFOA Rack Card Spanish Translation – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No updates.

Aurora Forum for Older Adults – Barbara Schneller, Commissioner

- This year, the Forum will be in the form of a series of programs presented during September, October, and November with two speakers per month.

Annual Report Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Annual report is completed and has been submitted.

BACKBURNER ITEMS:

Collaborative Partnerships – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie met Barb Ziegler at the Active Aging Expo at Malley Recreation Center. Barb used to own a business for older adults with special needs. An 80-unit apartment building was built just for special needs adults and named the Trailhead Community. Jeannie thought it to be an interesting concept and shared the information with the Commission.
- Colorado Legal Services is interested in speaking to the Commission in the future. Jeannie will speak to them and set up a date.

ACFOA Commissioner Resignation – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Delfina Ashley-Baisden has resigned from the Aurora Commission for Older Adults effective April 30th.



NEXT MEETING

Date: June 5, 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 3:02 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 12-4-23

Adriana Valles Morales,
Administrative Specialist and Secretary

Adriana p.f.

Date 12/4/23

ADOPTED _____

