



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, June 5, 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: Jeannie Davis, Chair; Juanita Audre, Frances Dollard and Barbara Schneller, Derrick Vaughns, Karen Jorgensen, Caroline Kim, Commissioners.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: George Bain, Commissioner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Sanchez, Interim Facility Program Supervisor ACAA, ACFOA Liaison; Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent; Rian French, Project Manager; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the May 1st meeting minutes were approved.

SPEAKERS: Aurora Police Department – Interim Deputy Chief of Police, Heather Morris; Investigations Division Chief, Mark Hildebrand; Senior Resource Officer, Jim Seneca; Manager of Community Relations, Josh Nicholas. Interim Deputy Chief Morris spoke about her experience as a police officer in Houston and Miami. She connected with the Commission by using examples of situations, including fraud and scams, that may affect them as adults growing older. Officer Seneca touched on the Mandatory Reporting Law and how this helps adults over the age of 70 not be easily victimized. In 2015 the APD created the Special Victims Unit (SVU) to focus on the care of older adults in the City of Aurora. When crime reports have a victim over the age of 70, the reports are sent to SVU. With the different scenarios spoken about, Officer Seneca added that he has a presentation where he talks about these real-life scenarios. Investigations Division Chief Hildebrand mentioned Commander Forums are held every month by district, by requests and as often as possible. This information is pushed out on different



platforms like social media and apps such as Ring and Next Door. The Aurora Police Department is open to suggestions on where and how best to communicate this information to the older community. Derrick suggested using the Aurora Commission for Older Adults to get the information out to more people through flyers at the Aurora Center for Active Adults. Interim Deputy Chief Morris added that if the Commission had suggestions, she would love to hear from them and figure out what can be done. Questions from the Commission were answered by the Aurora Police Officers throughout this conversational presentation.

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTNERSHIP: Jeannie and Josh spoke on the possibility of a tour of the Police station and the 911 Center at District 3 as a Lunch and Learn for the Commission. Division Chief Hildebrand offered an idea, to have a community room set up when a Commander Forum takes place so a group can get together if they can't travel far. The Commission can help APD find locations that would benefit from a setting like this. Interim Deputy Chief Morris offered tips to let the older community know on how to protect themselves against crime. Officer Seneca will help Jeannie create a tip list for a rack card for distribution to the community. Josh suggested the Commission do research and find programs that might resonate in Aurora. This would help the police department to get together with their partners and bring additional resources. Josh also suggested applying for the Community Police Academy and/or a Ride Along with a Police Officer to get better insight on what APD does daily. Another suggestion was brought into the conversation for a sub-committee dedicated to talking about quality-of-life issues impacting aging adults in Aurora. An off-site meeting will be approved once the Commission comes up with a date.

BUDGET REPORT: Lori announced the arrival of the promotional items. The total cost is \$1,936.03.

LIAISON REPORTS:

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

- On Thursday, June 8th, Stephen will host a town hall at ACAA to talk about what programs the center needs and what patrons want to see new or removed. This is for programs all over the city and not just at the ACAA.

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

- The speaker, Ed Nelson, is the owner of End Elder Fraud. Barb shared a draft of an informational flier. ACCOA plans to open presentations to a larger audience.



Aurora Health Alliance – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Next quarterly meeting is July 19th at Del Mar Park from 10-11:30 a.m.

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- Some Commissioners agreed to attend a different Ward meeting than the one they reside in so that the Commission covers all wards within the city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Sandy Thomas has resigned from the Commission.
- Commissioner Karen agreed to chair the Legislative Committee.
- SB23-002 Medicaid Reimbursement for Community Health Services and SB23-064 Continue Office of Public Guardianship have been signed into law.
- SB23-031 Improve Healthcare Access for Older Coloradans and SB23-058 Job Application Fairness Act have been sent to the governor for his signature.

Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- The final Transportation Solutions Arapahoe County (TSAC) strategic plan will be voted on soon.
- Brooke Bell has released the \$80,000 funding from the city of Aurora to DRCOG. Councilmember Lawson requested an additional \$170,000 for a pilot transportation project, but no updates have been given. Jeannie is creating a list of transportation alternatives for Brooke for research and further review.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Mission Viejo Library is still hosting *Bringing Older Adults Together* (BOAT) events on Mondays.
- The supervisor at Mission Viejo Library is proud of the partnership between the library and the Commission and was chosen to give a presentation at the Colorado Association of Libraries annual conference. This will be held in October in Loveland, Colorado.

Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Derrick and Caroline volunteered to be part of this committee.
- The Intergenerational Committee reviewed the Circle Talk program after a presentation by Sheila Anthony who is a trainer for Circle Talk. They recommended ACAA implement the



program. Juanita will get together with Lori to talk about the program and see if it is a good fit for ACAA.

Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – George Bain, Commissioner

- Beth advised there is no update on printing the Elder Fraud Rack Card.

OLD BUSINESS:

Needs Assessment Status Update – Rian French, PROS

- Rian French created the memo reviewed and approved by the legal team and Brooke Bell. It outlines the vision of what the proposal review process will be like. The Commission will receive a redacted version of the submitted proposals and any company identifiers will be removed. The Commission will be part of the process except for the interviews. Michelle and Rian will work with the Commission to get information and ask questions on behalf of the Commission during the interviews. The timeline has not been modified, so Rian anticipates moving forward as previously outlined.

ACFOA Candidate Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- All three candidates, Derrick, Caroline and Karen, are officially Commissioners.

Older Aurorans Month Proclamation Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- The proclamation was presented on May 8th by Mayor Coffman. Afterwards, pictures were taken.

Older Aurorans Month Celebration – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- On May 11th, the Walk 'n' Roll took place in the rain. Almost 30 people participated in the event. Jeannie gave kudos to Beth, Lori, Brooke, and the PROS marketing team for the quick turnaround of the event.

ACFOA Rack Card Spanish Translation – Beth Yacono, Recreation Superintendent

- Beth was finally able to find out the tracking for this specific project and it is now in progress.

Forum Speaker Series – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- This year, the Forum will be in the form of a series of programs presented during September, October, and November with three speakers per month. The Planning Committee is reaching out to speakers interested in certain topics.



- Jeannie brought up the idea of having the Aurora Fire Department participate in the series forum, but the Commission suggested they come to a Commission meeting instead.
- Presentations will be offered at ACAA and Tallyn's Reach Library.

Annual Report Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Councilmember (CM) Crystal Murillo gave positive feedback on the presentation. CM Murillo thought it was a smooth and thorough presentation. She likes that the Commissioners all agree on goals and share the same vision. CM Murillo invited the Commission to speak at one of her Ward I meetings. CM Murillo asked if the Commission would consider a presentation about structural updates on the Highline Canal. Jeannie will talk to Deb Burcham and CM Murillo to find a speaker for the forum series on the Highline Canal. Councilmember Ruben Medina is interested in the Circle Talk program and would like to participate when it is all set up. CM Medina invited the Commission to his Ward III meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Housing Committee Discussion – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Derrick gave a quick overview of the vision he has for this Committee, the importance of the Committee, and the dedication it will take to be successful.
- Juanita put forth a motion to establish the Housing Committee. Karen seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous vote, the Housing Committee was created with Derrick as Chair.

ACFOA Vacancy – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- The Nominating Committee includes the vice chair, Juanita, and Barbara. In the absence of the vice-chair, Jeannie will talk with the committee about the nominating and election process.

Aurora Gateway Rotary Club – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie gave a presentation at the Rotary Gateway Rotary Club on June 2nd about the Commission. The presentation was well received.

New Commissioner Orientation – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie has been in communication with Tristen from the City Clerk's office to get advice and guidance on updating the orientation.



NEXT MEETING

Date: July 10, 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 3:05 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 12-4-23

Adriana Valles Morales,
Administrative Specialist and Secretary

Adriana P.P.

Date 12/4/23

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