



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, January 8, 2024

1:00 p.m.

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: Commissioners Jeannie Davis, Karen Jorgensen, Juanita Audre, Barbara Schneller, Caroline Kim (virtually), Fran Dollard (virtually).

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.

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

BUDGET REPORT: *Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison*

- Name tags were ordered and received, but the Commission title was incorrect and had to be re-ordered.

LIAISON REPORTS:

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

- January 26th is the Sneak Peek. The Commission will have a table set-up.

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

- No update.

Aurora Health Alliance – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- The next meeting is January 17th. Speakers for this meeting are Michele Ebendick with



Arapahoe County Public Health, Maternal Child Health (MCH) programming and partnerships; Jeannie Dixon with Children’s Hospital, Black Health Initiative; and Lauren Lapinski, Veteran Health Administration on reducing veteran homelessness. Jeannie Davis will talk to Derrick about joining the meeting.

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- Jeannie coordinated with the Commission on who will attend what ward meetings to cover all six wards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Karen Jorgensen, Commissioner

- The only update for the week was regarding the legislative budget.

Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie attended the meeting December 18th. An RTD spokesperson talked about the transportation fee reduction for RTD services. Fees were reduced starting January 1st, making it the first time for RTD to ever reduce their fees. The monthly pass for adults over the age of 65 is now at \$27 when it used to be \$88. A virtual town hall meeting is planned for anyone to participate. Andrea Suhaka, chairperson for Transportation Solutions Arapahoe County (TSAC), will be attending the Arapahoe County Transit Forum. A Via Mobility representative announced that the organization will be moving to a new facility. Barbara Boyer, Executive Director of AgeWise Colorado also presented at this meeting.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Jeannie asked Juanita to write the goals of the Public Relations Committee and any updates needed since the last time it was updated.
- The Commission was asked for interest in becoming chair for this committee once Juanita finalizes her term. Barb volunteered to chair the Public Relations Committee.
- Juanita commented on the good relationship between the Mission Viejo Library and the Commission. Jeannie hopes this is a good start in building relationships with the other libraries.

Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Jeannie asked the Commission who is interested in becoming the chairperson for the Intergenerational Support Committee. Caroline volunteered to chair the committee following Juanita’s departure.



- The Office of Youth Development (OYD) has been working with the Adaptive Recreation and Inclusion Services for Everyone (ARISE) with the idea of Future Warriors. This would be an intergenerational program where volunteers would go on field trips with the ARISE group during the summer.
- There are five (5) preschool sites with different availability. Lori will work with Stephen Bryant to schedule a date with each site, once a month. The goal is to start the program in February.
- Jeannie shared with Caroline the Young RYLA leadership program and offered to reach out to the chairperson at the Aurora Gateway Rotary Club to find any programs that ACFOA can partner with.
- Jeannie spoke to the Commission on all the achievements that Juanita has brought forth as chair for both the Public Relations and Intergenerational Support Committees.

Elder Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- George Bain's term concludes at the end of January. Jeannie urged the Commission to deliberate whether this committee should stay, the selection of a new chairperson, or its potential removal.
- Karen showed interest and will communicate to Jeannie if there are specific areas of more interest to continue with this committee.
- Jeannie emphasized to ACFOA members that the subject of fraud and abuse consistently garners interest from participants in Commission surveys.

Housing Committee – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie will speak with Derrick about his continuation on the Commission and as housing chairperson due to his recent promotion at the homeless shelter he now oversees.
- Juanita expressed concerns relating to older adults needing better healthcare.

OLD BUSINESS:

2024 Topics – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Commissioners shared numerous topics of interest to be addressed throughout the year.

ACFOA Voice Mail Retrieval – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie and Lori had previously addressed that Lori will be retrieving voicemails on a weekly basis.

Aurora Police Department Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No update.



Needs Assessment Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- No update.

Visit Aurora – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie will reach out to Visit Aurora to obtain an update on marketing to conventions and conferences tailored to older adults in the City of Aurora.

NEW BUSINESS:

Developmental Pathways – Lori Sanchez, ACFOA Liaison

- Lori gave a short update on Developmental Pathways and their role this year with the residents of Colorado. Every few years, the state puts out an RFP on bid for an organization to be the single-entry point for Medicaid. Developmental Pathways (DP) used to be a Community Center Board that handled the Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver. Now, Colorado has decided to combine all waivers. Developmental Pathways sent in a proposal and was awarded. DP will now be Colorado’s single-entry point for Arapahoe, Douglas, and Elbert counties. Having an advisory board is required, and needs to be configured of providers, people in the industry, and people receiving these services. The board needs to be put in place by the beginning of February. Currently, DP is researching who receives these services that can participate on the board. Once settled, the board will be looking at how to move forward, reviewing complaints, and building a foundation for the board itself.

JSI Special Meeting – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Commissioners were reminded of the initial meeting with the Needs Assessment consultant on January 10th.

2023 Annual Report – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Jeannie and Lori will determine the timeline to have the report finished by and present.

Older Aurorans Month Proclamation – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Commissioners feel that the proclamation should automatically be designated every month of May eliminating the necessity to request it every year. Lori will get back to the Commission if this is something that can be done.

Walk N’ Roll Event – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Beth is working on the details to have this event included as an annual city occurrence. The



event in May 2023 was last minute and well received, so the Commission would like to have it again this year.

ACFOA City Website – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner

- Caroline volunteered to go through the website and communicate with the Commission her findings and opinion on the look, information on the site, and clarity of the site for the ACFOA.

NEXT MEETING

Date: February 5, 2024

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 2:35 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeannie Davis

Date 4-1-24

Adriana Valles Morales,
Admin Specialist and ACFOA Secretary

Adriana Valles Morales

Date 1/8/24

ADOPTED _____

