AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS

Monday, August 5, 2019
1:00 p.m.
Aurora Center for Active Adults
30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

MINUTES

AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS MEMBERS PRESENT: Juanita Audre, Chair; Jeannie Davis, Vice-Chair (via telephone); Leo Gross, Barbara Schneller, and Sandy Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivy Hontz, and Gloria Shea

OTHERS PRESENT: Jan Hamburg, Special Services Superintendent; Ronald Roulhac, Recreation Supervisor; and Dawn Booth, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER: By Aurora Commission for Seniors Chair, Juanita Audre, at 1:03 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS: – Guests and Speakers - none

III. ADOPTION OF AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS MINUTES: The Minutes from July 1, 2019 were approved with a motion by Leo Gross, and a second by Sandy Thomas

IV. GUEST SPEAKER: none

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. Aurora Center for Active Adults: Ronald Roulhac, Aurora Center for Active Adults Supervisor
• Ronald Roulhac asks the board members if anyone would like to attend the Death and Taxes workshop. It will be an all-day event and lunch will be served. Sandy and Gloria say they will attend.
• Ronald Roullac tells the commissioners that the Heather Gardens Resource Fair will be held September 20th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., the set-up begins at 8 a.m., and volunteers are needed to staff the table. Barbara Schneller volunteers to cover 9-10 a.m. and 11-12 p.m., Juanita Audre will cover 10-11 a.m.

• The next Housing Roundtable informational meeting will be held Wednesday July 31st and Jeannie Davis has volunteered to attend. Sandy Thomas went to the first meeting. Sandy tells the commissioners that the meeting was intended to be a focus group, a brainstorming session. It is being conducted by a research committee who is looking at housing issues. Six members were present and they focused primarily on seniors sharing the same home.

Legislative Committee: Leo Gross

• Sandy Thomas says that she would like to be on the legislative committee and volunteers to type up a summary of the bills that are being looked at currently.

• Juanita Audre wants for seniors to be able to go to the A.C.S. Legislative bulletin-board and easily see the issues that are being considered legislatively.

Arapahoe County Council on Aging: Barbara Schneller

• Nothing to report.

Senior Circle: Jeannie Davis and Donita Rafferty

• Jeannie Davis tells the commissioners that the first speaker at the Senior Circle meeting was with the University of Colorado and spoke about advance care planning.

• The second speaker at the meeting was very supportive of the L.G.B.T.Q. community. He has created, and showed the Senior Circle members, a documentary that was about 12 minutes long. It was very interesting! He also provided a link which Jeannie will send to the commissioners.

Transportation Solutions:

• Juanita Audre states that the A.C.S. needs to know about the funding that was given to D.R.C.O.G. for transportation. The commissioners need to know how much of the funding has been spent and who is holding D.R.C.O.G. accountable. The commissioners also need the answers to the initial questions that were submitted to D.R.C.O.G. If that is not possible, then they need answers to the new draft of questions that has been created.

• Jan Hamburg tells the commissioners that a transportation funding representative was invited to attend today’s meeting but was unable to come. The representative will be invited again to attend next month’s meeting on September 9th.
Public Relations: Juanita Audre

- Juanita Audre states that she would like for the commissioners to begin promoting the Aurora Senior Forum. Juanita will contact Brittni Ehrhart this month to get together marketing items for the Aurora Senior Forum C.O.A. table.

- Jeannie Davis tells the commissioners that there is going to be a great show at the Fox theatre, March 15th through April 15th, called “For Peter Pan on her 70th Birthday.” Jeannie asks the commissioners if they would like to get a block of tickets and go together. The commissioners agree that this is a good idea. Jan Hamburg suggests that Ronald Roulhac talk to Elizabeth Childers to have her call the Fox Theatre and block out a date for us to take a trip. The Sunday shows are at 2pm.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- Juanita Audre asks if anyone on the board knows the status of Donita Rafferty. Ronald Roulhac indicates that he has not heard from Donita and that she is not responding to her email.

- Ronald Roulhac asks the commissioners if they would like to vote to resign Donita Rafferty’s position on the commission board. Jeannie Davis moved to have Donita Rafferty removed from the commission. Barbara Schneller seconds the motion. All commissioners are in favor to the motion. Ronald Roulhac will submit the request to fill Donita’s seat.

- Ronald Roulhac informs the commissioners that Mario Reza’s resignation was submitted to Barbara Shafer in the city clerk’s office and she will post the position.

- Ronald Roulhac hands out the Aurora Senior Forum, “Save the Date” post card to the commissioners. At the last Forum committee meeting there was a request to change the picture on the Save the Date card because the seniors pictured aren’t shown as being active. Ronald passes around assorted pictures for the board members to look at. Ronald says that the post cards will not be changed, but it will be possible to place a new picture on the posters and flyers with the sponsor’s names. Ronald has the commissioners pick the top three photos.

- Juanita Audre reminds the commissioners that Brittni Ehrhart was going to work on the development of the ACS web site and asks if anyone knows how that project is going. Ronald Roulhac says that he will call Brittni to see where she is at with the web site updates.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Juanita Audre tells the board that a few of the commissioners will be collecting door prizes for the Aurora Senior Forum. If you are collecting donations, please tell Jeannie Davis where you
plan to solicit so that we do not ask for donations from the same business twice. Juanita will solicit Fantastic Sams, Jeannie Davis will solicit King Soopers, Leo Gross will solicit Great Clips, Barbara Schneller will solicit Lamar Doughnuts, and Sandy Thomas will solicit her yogurt place.

- Juanita Audre suggests the board look at the goals that were set in the 2019 Annual Report, specifically, the mental health goal. She asks if the commissioners would like to provide education about mental health at the forum. The board members agree this would be a good idea. Sandy Thomas volunteers to gather information about the problems of homeless seniors in Aurora, and will contact Shelley McKittrick. Jan Hamburg will let Shelley know that Sandy will be contacting her. Ronald Roulhac indicates that he will get together with Deborah Burcham to make sure that the 2019 goals coincide with the speakers and sponsors at the forum.

IX. NEXT MEETING
   Date: Monday, September 9, 2019
   Time: 11:00 a.m.
   Location: Aurora Center for Active Adults 30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora Co. 80011

X. ADJOURNMENT
   Leo Gross makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sandy Thomas seconds it. The motion passes at 3:01 p.m.

Juanita Audre, Chair
Aurora Commission for Seniors

Dawn Booth, Recording Secretary
Aurora Commission for Seniors

ADOPTED September 9, 2019