Minutes
Election Commission
City of Aurora, Colorado

September 25, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Fletcher Room

Members Present:
Carolyn Boller
Jessica Chauvin
Scott Irvin
William McCartin
Joanna Floribus

Staff present:
Steve Ruger, City Clerk
Barbara Shafer, City Clerk Analyst

The Chair Carolyn Boller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The minutes of the, August 21, 2019 meeting were approved as presented. Moved by Scott, seconded by Bill.

Old Business

   Election Update-
   Campaign Finance reports are up and going well. Steve has made the reports more user friendly on the website. We have four additional committees submit Campaign Finance Registrations. They are:
   Independent Colorado Contribution
   Conservation Colo Grass Roots Action fund
   Neighbors for Aurora
   Aurora Residents for transparency

   Steve updated the Election Commission regarding the Write in candidate and pending lawsuit. Our legal team is confident we will be winning but we did discuss the possibilities of the “What-if's”. The judge quoted Ms. Grays lawsuit as “Unintelligible and inaccurate”.

   The Candidate forum is Oct 8th and it is open to public from 5:00-8:00 pm
   This will not be broadcast live.

   Steve talked about the issue with the cure periods and the requests to get more time after the cure period had expired. There are NO special circumstances.
   We discussed the idea of giving a longer length of time.

   Who is going to bear the cost? WE do pay for our portion. We shouldn’t be double charged.
   Should the county have to pay? This shouldn’t be a shock to the counties. They should be prepared. The 14 Jane Does on her petition.

   Steve showed the Commission the Petitions from Ms. Grays. The Commission expressed concern with the numerous appearance of “Jane Doe” signatures. Does she have to be a registered elector prior to
Election Code needs updated. Our code states that you can be registered by the date of the election. This is one of the many things that need updated in the code. WE will add this to our 2020 goals.

M&F Report- September that was postponed- Concerns regarding rank choice voting. Someone raised the campaign finance reports, did not see any in-kind contribution for volunteers. Some have mistakes on their reports. Who is the editor? No one. Volunteers are volunteers. They do not need to be reported. Need a legal opinion on this. If you are on City Council and there is not an ordinance, Council Requests. Item of real or personal property. Example - Watermelon donation is an in-kind. If it were money, that would be an in-kind donation. This will be clarified this in the 2021 candidate handbook.

New Business
Commissioner Floribus nominated Scott Irvin to serve as the Vice Chair and Commissioner Irvin seconded. Mr. Irvin was voted as Vice Chair unanimously Congratulations to Commissioner Scott Irvin.

No meeting in October, Next meeting is November 20, 2019.

November 25th is the newly elected official training.

We will have no meeting in December and reconvene in January. Wednesday, January 15th is our next meeting.

Adjournment - 7:45 p.m.

Carolyn Boller, Chair