AURORA COMMISSION FOR SENIORS (ACS)

Monday, June 1, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Aurora Center for Active Adults
30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

MINUTES

ACS MEMBERS PRESENT: Juanita Audre, Chair; Barbara Schneller, Gloria Shea, Sandy Thomas, Kathy Newton, Christina Hollister
Virtual meeting call in # 408-418-9388, AC 1260770481#, mbr # 40232293#

ACS MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Davis, VC

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Roulhac, Recreation Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER: By Aurora Commission for Seniors Chair, Juanita Audre, at 1:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: No outside speakers or guests, self introductions only.

ADOPTION OF ACS FOR SENIORS MINUTES: May 4, 2020 minutes tabled pending revision

GUEST SPEAKER: -none

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults: Ronald Roulhac, Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) Supervisor
- Ron reports the ACAA may not open up until August, perhaps July 1. Ron notes many of ACAA staff have been pulled to other COA sites for temporary jobs, Dawn Booth has been pulled from ACAA and will not be Recording Secretary for ACS any longer. Commission discussion and voted ACS will do it’s own minutes and Gloria Shea will take over that duty.
- Ron reports the feedback to him regarding ACS Annual report/presentation was all very positive. Council person Gruber asked “what ACS doing to disseminate information re: COVID-19 issues”.

Other Councilpersons giving feedback, A. Coombs; J. Marcano and Officer James Seneca ACAA PAR officer

- Ron reports the ACAA continues to distribute meals daily and that cleaning and interior repair work at the ACAA is continues

**Legislative Committee:** Sandy Thomas

- Sandy wants to let everyone know that most of the legislation devoted to Seniors has been tabled due to COVID-19 state expenses.
- Sandy reports the Colorado Homestead Act is under scrutiny and may be voided for years 2020-2022 due to huge State budget deficit.
- Sandy will continue to attend CSL meetings. Sandy would like us all to brainstorm and find a satisfactory pathway for legislative issues to be brought quickly to City Council. Ron explains there the best mechanism would be to contact our current Councilperson with a succinct question/issue we would like for them to address. There will be further discussion on this topic.

**Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCoA):** Barbara Schneller- did not attend

**Senior Circle:** Jeannie Davis- did not attend

**Transportation Solutions:** Christina Hollister

- Ron reports that when our questions regarding the “Senior Ride” were brought to DRCOG there were so many issues that the program was turned over to DRCOG for a rework. There was about $4,000 left from the initial $80,000. New program labeled Hop, Skip, & Drive, there are significant restrictions for ridership. Ron believes ACS will remain in the loop regarding information about the new program and further discussion regarding use of the programs even when potential riders may not have cell-phone access, Christine will follow-up on that particular issue. Ron will send DRCOG reports for us to review and subsequently discuss during subsequent ACS meetings.

**Public Relations:** Juanita Audre

- Juanita reports many things on hold pending AACAA reopen.

**WARD MEETINGS**

- All Ward meetings remain virtually and many of us have not attended. Gloria notes in trying to do online view of Ward 3 meeting there was nothing available for Ward 3. ACS will discuss this further at the next meeting in July.
OLD BUSINESS:

- Juanita- Reports the status of the 2020 Senior Forum on hold for now, the June 9 meeting was cancelled by Deb Burcham
- Emergency card production, Barbara and Kathy are the co-sponsors of this project, and continue to pursue pricing and details for the Emergency Card. Pouch and card sizes, name for the card to be determined as there was a lengthy discussion regarding the name for the card. The size of the insert card to be determined as we glean information about what might be done by COA print shop and what may have to be done by an outside vendor. There will also be further discussion about details of the information to be included on the card at the next meeting. (An intervening activity took place, a seminar produced by University hospital regarding Advance Directives and COVID-19). A Plan Of Action for the Emergency Card planned next meeting.
- Several suggestions for speakers to ACS meetings have been submitted to Ron for review and subsequent scheduling of dates for remainder this calendar year 2020. The speakers being considered are John Ralston COA Community Development Division; Barbara Dahl--Clerks office- Bylaws; Naisha Fields, RN-PACE program. Still of concern reiterated by Sandy is a speaker who could help ACS have more impact on current legislative issues at all levels of government, first and foremost our local City Council.
- Barbara brings the issue of in-person meetings to the table. Ron informed us that ACS is to remain closed per stay-at-home, stay-safe orders from Governor Polis and COA mandates.
- Readdress bylaws and vacancies for ACS

NEW BUSINESS:

Speakers, topics and reconstructed plans of action for remainder calendar year 2020

NEXT MEETING
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora Co. 80011
ADJOURNMENT
Sandy makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gloria seconds it. The motion passes at 3:00 p.m.

Juanita Audre, Chair
Aurora Commission for Seniors

_________________________________________ Date ________________________

Dawn Booth, Recording Secretary
Aurora Commission for Seniors

_________________________________________ Date ________________________

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