AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, October 3, 2022
1:00 p.m.
Hybrid- WebEx Virtual Meeting
and in-person at
Aurora Center for Active Adults
30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair at 1:03 PM

ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeannie Davis, Chair; Sandy Thomas, Vice-Chair; Juanita Audre, Frances Dollard, Frankiema Perry, Barbara Schneller; Commissioners, attended in person. Delfina Ashley-Baisden, Commissioner, attended via WebEx.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: George Bain, Commissioner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space; Ronald Roulhac, Facility Program Supervisor ACAA, ACFOA Liaison; Lori Sanchez, Recreation Program Supervisor; Elvia Tovar, Admin Specialist; Betty Richard, guest; Maryann Chaffin, guest; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA attended in person.

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

SPEAKER: Jenalise Danise, Cofounder – Colorado Resilient Life Center Foundation (CORLC), was not able to attend the meeting, but she will present at the November meeting.

BUDGET REPORT: Ron reported there is $266 left in the 2022 budget. At the last meeting, a suggestion of refrigerator magnets was made, and prices are being looked at. A request can be put in prior to the end of the year to have the magnets by next year. A suggestion was brought up about getting some magnets for this year to start.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults – Ronald Roulhac, Supervisor
- Spook-A-Fair will be on October 27th from 10 a.m. - 11:15 p.m. at the Aurora Center for Active Adults.
- Veterans Salute will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. Free parking is available. Registration is required.
- Veterans events will be happening at Aurora Center for Active Adults on November 2nd and the 9th. This consists of two films with veterans followed by a Q & A.
- The Aurora Center for Active Adults will be a polling place from November 2-9.
- There will be a free live “radio show” event on November 18th at Aurora Center for Active Adults. This is a simulation of an old-time radio show.
- Hotel Colorado is a Seniors ’88 musical held at Heather Gardens Clubhouse on November 18, 19, and 20. Tickets are $10 per person.

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

- No report.

**Aurora Senior Circle – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner**

- The Arapahoe County Public Library speaker focused on resources that are available for older adults. The second speaker spoke about transitioning older adults that have been incarcerated and are now reentering society.

**Ward Meetings – All Commissioners**

- Jeannie encouraged Commissioners to attend their assigned ward meetings and provided the Commissioners with their respective Ward meeting dates.
- Jeannie and Sandy informed the Commissioners they would like updates given to the City Council members during their respective Ward meetings regarding the Scope of Work and the Needs Assessment project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Legislative – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner**

- DRCOG will be holding virtual Colorado regional candidate interviews.
- Advocacy rack cards are in the graphics department.

**Transportation Solutions – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner**

- No October meeting yet.

**Public Relations – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner**
• The purpose of the interest and intergenerational surveys is to bring programs to the older adult community with focus on their specific interests. The event on Colorado/Aurora History at the Mission Viejo Library was well attended by all ages. A five-question feedback survey was created to evaluate the speaker and topic. Almost everyone responded to this survey, but results are not yet fully compiled.

• The interest survey was also distributed at the Heather Gardens event. Many responses were received, and the topic most asked for is Safety. The second topic is the Colorado/Aurora History, the third topic of interest is health issues, and the fourth topic is caregiver issues. Results on method of presentation, virtual workshops came in last.

**Intergenerational Support – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner**

• The Mission Viejo Library is interested in what other topics can be hosted there.

• Presentation by Jodie Waterhouse from Anschutz was made. They have a program where medical students interview older people. There is a flyer at the Aurora Center for Active Adults with more information if interested in participating in the program.

• Nancy Baum from the Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) contacted a high school to ascertain interest in an intergenerational project. There are no preschools within walking distance of the ACAA, but it might be possible to put together an intergenerational program for next year.

**Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner**

• The Fraud Prevention rack card has not been submitted to graphics yet.

• At the Heather Gardens event, the 18th Judicial District had its table set up next to the ACFOA table. Sandy and Fran visited with the representative and noticed informational documents printed in small print and filled to the brim with information. Sandy and Fran notified the representative at the 18th Judicial District table about the ACFOA rack card creation with contact information and tips. The representative showed great interest and asked to have a stack of rack cards, when completed, to help distribute at events they participate in.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Eppley – Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space**

• Next meeting with Eppley will be on October 10th, in-person at Moorhead Recreation Center. The Housing and Community Services and Planning Department planners will be attending to give insight on what services are provided and where gaps might be in their planning initiatives.

**Aurora Older Adult Forum Wrap-up – Barbara Schneller, Commissioner**
Speakers at the forum were knowledgeable in their respective topics and attendees were engaged. Many surveys were returned. Vendors also received good feedback.

Jeannie mentioned that there were requests for future forums to start at 8 a.m. and for the speakers to start at 9 a.m. to give participants enough time to visit vendors and look at the schedule for topics they would like to attend. Ron added that feedback provided by attendees included having the forum more often, trying different recreation centers and different retirement homes. An option discussed was to do one to two forums in smaller groups.

Brooke agreed with having the forum take place at a different location and suggested one of the recreation center gyms.

**Collaborative Partnerships – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner**

- Working collaboratively with other older adult commissions or councils was narrowed down from the Metro area to the Tri-County area only.
- Commissioners Jeannie, Sandy and Juanita attended the September 30th DRCOG Regional Summit of Older Adult Commissions and Councils in Golden.
- Jeannie, Juanita, Barbara and Ron attended and staffed the Mission Viejo Library event on October 1st.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed 2023 COA Budget – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner**

- Sandy asked Brooke for more details on upcoming programs for older adults, referencing the Special Programs narrative in the proposed 2023 budget talking about programs for the elderly. Brooke stated the word “elderly” needed to be changed to “older adults.” She responded to her knowledge there is no specific budget established for new programs. Lori Sanchez and Nancy Baum have been asked to investigate possible programs that could be developed for older adults at different recreation centers.
- Morning Star is a program that was eliminated. There is still revenue from this program funded by general funds that can be used for new programs developed for older adults.

**Leading Age Annual Meeting and Expo – Jeannie Davis, Commissioner**

- This conference will be held from October 16th-19th. There will be various presentations and workshop sessions offered at this event. Lori Sanchez will attend the conference on behalf of the Commission.

**Nominating Committee – Sandy Thomas, Commissioner**

- Juanita, Barbara and Sandy make up the Nominating Committee. They had a discussion where Juanita and Barbara asked Sandy if she and Jeannie were willing to serve another term. Jeannie and Sandy had previously discussed the possibility and are willing to run for another term to see the Needs Assessment completed. However, Sandy made it clear that anyone interested in running for Chair or Vice-Chair let her know so they can be added to the ballot for voting at the November meeting.
**Speaker Calendar Update – Jeannie Davis, Commissioners**

- For the November 7th meeting, Jenalise Danise, Co-Founder of Colorado Resilient Life Center Foundation will be the speaker.

**NEXT MEETING**
Date: November 7, 2022  
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 3:00 PM.

Jeannie Davis, Chair  
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

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Elvia Tovar,  
Administrative Specialist and Secretary

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