City of Aurora
Complete Count Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Location: City Hall, 44 E Downer Place, 5th floor
June 26, 2019
7:35 a.m. – 8:26 a.m.


I. Introductions. All in attendance gave self-introductions including by conference line. Deputy Mayor Chuck Nelson provided a welcome to the group. C. Nelson mentioned that the CCC has been established by a resolution approved by the City Council. The City has been working with Councils of Government on Census work and will continue to do so. C. Nelson thanked everyone for attending and being part of this important committee.

II. Overview of Committee- Dan shared outreach strategies, timeline and general information. City officials met with the Census Bureau and a training session is being planned. The city has liaisons with various CCC’s and city boards and commissions. Marketing begins January 2020, actual Census runs April 1-June 30, 2020.

III. Update on City Complete Count activities
a. Metropolitan Mayor’s Caucus - The Caucus has been providing information on the census including grant opportunities. The Caucus has set a peer committee group and will be providing technical assistance.

b. Grants (Forefront and Secretary of State) - City received two grants and possibly a third is in process. Forefront awarded FVUW – City of Aurora a grant for $40,000 for complete count outreach efforts. The Secretary of State’s Office awarded the City of Aurora a grant for $87,500 for complete count outreach.

c. Congressional support. The City has been in contact with Senator Duckworth’s Office and Congressmen Foster’s Office for complete count support. Discussions are taking place for a census briefing event in the fall.
IV. Next Steps
   a. Structure and sub-committees- Discussion on former committees and potential sub-committees consisting of: Housing, Education, Business, Non-Profit, Media, Technology- with categories including: Local Government, Business and Non-Profit. Scope of work and or function should be considered.
   b. Training- provided by Census prior to official start date April 1, 2020.
   c. Developing strategies. Some ideas were shared including utilization of the Bookmobile park sites, open houses at schools and parks, outreach at Childcare centers and connecting with students on campuses to make sure they are counted. GIS mapping tools would be beneficial.
   d. Future agenda topics
   e. There was discussion on liaisons from the Aurora CCC to other CCCs. Brian Caputo serves on the DuPage County CCC, Angie Thomas serves on the Kane County CCC and Alderman Ed Bugg serves on the Kendal County CCC.

V. Other business. D. Barreiro informed the committee that a chair and or co-chair is needed for the CCC. Anyone who is interested was encouraged to contact D. Barreiro or C. Nelson.

Next meeting: July 24, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.