

# JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

April 16, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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## A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Craig called the Juneau Commission on Aging meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

**Present:** Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Jennifer Carson, Kimberly Adkison,

**Absent:** Emily Kane, Waahlaal Giidaak

## B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Linda Kruger moved for approval and Jenn Carson seconded. Agenda was approved as presented.

## C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer Garrison moved for approval and Carol Ende seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - no public was present.

## E. AGENDA TOPICS

### 1. Planning Workgroup Updates - Chair Update

- a. On March 27 Deb Craig and Linda met with CBJ City Manager Katie Koester to discuss upcoming school closures and potential use of gym, classroom and open space for senior activities, a request to establish an Office of Aging and hire a Coordinator to help with Age-Friendly planning and provide other senior support, and focused attention to the need for accessible, affordable housing senior housing. Carol wondered what a Senior Activity Center would look like and what JCOA members could do to support it. Chair Craig commented that members could show up at presentations to the Assembly and others and spread the word. Kimberly expressed concern about decisions made at workgroup meetings when the entire JCOA was not present. She suggested clarifying and qualifying survey info from the 2020 survey. She thought there might be a credibility question. We must make sure we represent the data correctly. How we present it is important. She suggested that we add citations to the PowerPoint.
- b. Chair Craig shared information with JCOA Assembly Liaison Waahlaal Giidaak about our proposal for a Senior Activity center at Floyd Dryden School and possibly sharing the space with a childcare center and other compatible activities. Chair Craig and Linda Kruger plan to meet with Assembly Member Michele Hale to discuss the proposals. Meetings to update additional Assembly Members will be planned. Carol asked about the coordination for childcare activities and senior use of Floyd Dryden. She helped with the daycare that was at the Pioneer Home for a while and speaks from that experience. She also mentioned other models of pairing childcare and senior activities and suggested it was also an opportunity to engage high school students and UAS. Jenn Carson suggested that staffing needs to be considered and that the effort will need grant support. Chair Craig said that she was experienced with grant writing and that we would be pursuing that if the proposal is approved. Kimberly mentioned that in addition to childcare and adult activities, Juneau Animal Rescue is also requesting space at one of the school buildings.

- c. Members were asked to review the draft website and logo. We walked through the website and it was emailed to JCOA members for further review. Jenn suggested that we review the website quarterly to keep it up to date and possibly look for a volunteer webmaster to work on it. The SREC Navi-tool will be comprehensive and reliable and could be housed with JCOA with links to ADRC/SAIL. Chair Craig will update the PowerPoint to be more concise and clearer and to include references as needed. Members were asked to review the draft website send comments to Chair Craig to assist in the update. A final will be provided for review at our May 21 JCOA Meeting. Carol and Jennifer will look for examples of childcare and senior center co-location and provide models/examples.
- d. Chair Craig met with Department of Labor Staff to discuss our data needs and request. They appreciated the opportunity to help and complemented us on our past surveys of Juneau seniors.
- e. Workgroup Priorities: Brochure and White paper - the brochure and white paper are in production. Suggestions can be emailed to Chair Craig.

**3. Southeast Regional Eldercare Coalition** - Tonya Muldoon was not available for a SREC update.

**F. ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS** - Waahlaal Giidaak was absent.

**G. NEXT MEETING DATE**

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup - April 23, 2024 @ 3 pm via ZOOM

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup - May 14, 2024 @ 3 pm via ZOOM

Regular JCOA Meeting - May 21,2024 @ 3pm via ZOOM

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup - May 28, 2024 @ 3 pm via ZOOM

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.