

JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES - **DRAFT**

April 15, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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Or Call In: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 9176 0970 Passcode: 858248

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL– *Chair Craig called the JCOA meeting to order at 3PM via Zoom*
Present: Chair Deborah Craig, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Chris Schapp, Barb Murray, Linda Kruger,
Absent: Diane Kyser, Ann Stepetin, and Kimberly Adkison
Others Present: JCOA Assembly Liaison Maureen Hall, absent

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – agenda approved as presented

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – minutes approved as presented

1. March 18, 2025 JCOA Meeting Minutes
2. March 25, 2025 JCOA Workgroup Meeting Minutes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

E. AGENDA TOPICS

Standing JCOA Agenda Topics - Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates

1. **Housing** - The Chair introduced a letter that past member Kathleen Samalon shared with us with suggestions on housing – there is a new development in town that could benefit from Universal Housing information – **Deb and Linda will make contact with the Contractor.** We discussed housing as a priority in the Age-Friendly Juneau Plan and coordinating with AARP and their work with RL Mace Universal Design Institute to present information and possibly webinars on universal design for new homes and renovations. **Carol and Barb and Linda will work on housing suggestions for the plan.**

2. **Recreation & Wellness** - There is continuing interest in a Juneau Community Senior Activity Center. CBJ Assembly and all Department staffs are under-staffed and have overflowing plates with budgeting, the flood, and other significant issues. Parks and Rec and other city entities haven't had much time to work with us. We will continue to develop ideas and incorporate them into the Age-Friendly Plan along with ideas from SAIL/ADRC, CCS/Senior Services, Bartlett, SEARHC, CBJ Libraries and UAS. Discussed waiting until the Budget cycle is complete for CBJ before approaching again with regard to use of the Marie Drake Complex for a Senior Center.

3. **Age-Friendly Community Planning**- Linda, Barb and Chair Craig met to work on the Age-Friendly Plan and made significant progress. They will continue to work on the plan and invite others who have ideas about any of the 8 Domains of Livability - housing, outdoor spaces and building, transportation, communication and information, civic participation and employment (including volunteerism), respect and inclusion (including redefining aging and seniors), health services and community supports (health and wellness), and social participation. Deb talked through the layout of the plan and draft language. We don't have to address all eight, but we received comments in surveys and listening sessions that populate every domain. We will be working to put together suggestions for projects, partners, and steps forward. **We will also interact with the Comprehensive Plan Update process that is just beginning and coordinate recommendations with the CBJ 2025 goals using materials the JCOA has provided in the past.**

<https://juneau.org/community-development/our-juneau-comp-plan> (info for CBJ Planning)

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS -

Jennifer commented that housing is a big issue for the seniors served by CCS. The wait lists are long for existing subsidized housing. Temporary arrangements are needed for people who are evicted or otherwise lose their housing. More beds and housing opportunities are needed. Chair Craig inquired as to the SREC grant that was intended to provide Home Health Care Staff that would enable people to stay in their homes rather than have to move due to non-age friendly aspects of their housing. There have been two trainings thus far for Home Health Care staff but outcomes are unknown. Jennifer didn't know but mentioned that SREC money went into training provided in Sitka and senior centers around Southeast.

Jennifer also mentioned that an Adopt a Senior Program like Friends of Seniors would be helpful – this led to a discussion of using the monthly Juneau Afternoon slot on KTOO and that she could talk about ideas of how to get together with friends and neighbors.

The next Juneau Afternoon featuring content specifically for seniors will be May 1. In addition to getting together with friends and neighbors, information will be shared on Parks and Rec's Walk Southeast, and Bartlett Hospital's Coffee, Tea and Story time at the Bartlett Hospital Cafeteria 5/7, 6/4, and 7/2 from 10:00-11:00.

Jennifer and Chris will provide information for the Juneau Afternoon Update with regards to activities of the Senior Services of CCS.

G. NEXT MEETING DATES - at 3pm via Zoom (check top of agenda for correct Zoom link)

April 22 JCOA Workgroup – Recreation and Wellness - Alphabet Group (JCOA, CCS, SEARHC, Bartlett,)

May 13 JCOA Workgroup – Age Friendly Planning

May 20 JCOA Regular Meeting – Presentation of Draft Age Friendly Plan

May 27 JCOA Workgroup – TBD

June 10 JCOA Workgroup – TBD

June 17 JCOA Regular Meeting

June 24 – JCOA Workgroup TBD

H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS - posters for Walk Southeast and Coffee and Conversation at Bartlett will be shared.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 4:03.