

# JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES -

August 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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**A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Craig called the JCOA meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Deborah Craig, Carol Ende, Linda Kruger, Jennifer Garrison, Kimberly Adkison, Jennifer Carson, Waahlaal Gidaag Barbara Blake

Absent: Ann Stepetin

Others Present: Aria Moore, Juneau Senior Center and Stephanie Duscher, Juneau Senior Center

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – agenda approved as presented *Moved, seconded, approved*

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – all minutes approved as presented *Moved seconded, approved*

1. June 18, 2024 JCOA Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

2. July 9, 2024 JCOA Workgroup Subcommittee Minutes - Draft

3. July 16, 2024 JCOA Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Aria Moore and Stephanie Duscher reported on outreach efforts for the Senior Center including Facebook, articles in the Juneau Empire and planning activities for the Center. Monday-Thursday the Center is open for meals 10-12 and meals on wheels deliveries are prepared at the Center. Chair Yoga is on Wednesdays 11:00-11:30. Both Aria and Stephanie expressed an interest in coordinating with the JCOA for future events and ensuring that the JCOA website contains links to activities within the Senior Centers. Chair Craig agreed to send an email to link the appropriate persons on the activities workgroup.

**E. AGENDA TOPICS**

**4. Standing JCOA Agenda Topics - Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates**

a. Planning Workgroup Updates: Recreation - Update on Marie Drake Complex - The future of Marie Drake is still being worked out but there won't be a community center as envisioned in the near future. CBJ employees are being moved into the facility due to a need for space. The Planetarium will continue to operate and several other entities will be negotiating with the CBJ for space to generate revenue. After negotiations, there will be more clarity regarding space usage. We will continue to coordinate with Parks and Rec on programs in the gym (Pickleball and possibly walking) and possibly a classroom for workshops, training, and lectures. If the gym is utilized for recreation, the JCOA will engage in seeking funding for a perimeter walking track.

b. JCOA Media Outreach (Brochure, SWAG, and signage) - The JCOA webpage has been updated monthly on the CBJ website. Brochures and signs will be printed prior to the SREC Summit October 1-2. Deborah has been working through VistaPrint vendors for water bottles as give-away items but the cost of shipping to Alaska is prohibitive. Jennifer G. suggested checking Custom Inc. Jennifer C. and others suggested checking with the Mental Health Trust, Juneau Community Foundation, Kensington and other potential corporate donors as contributors to our future needs. Linda suggested checking with the Municipal Clerk's Office and possibly the City Attorney regarding using the CBJ logo in concert with other logos. The current preparation

for the Summit will also be useful for future presentations to the Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations.

c. Recruitment to JCOA – JCOA currently has two open seats. Chair Craig has had ongoing conversations with Joan O’Keefe at SAIL/ADRC regarding ADRC filling a seat but due to staffing issues, this is not possible in the near future. The group agreed to hold a seat for the ADRC. A couple of other people have expressed interest and all are encouraged to seek proactive individuals to help us with our priorities. We are looking for individuals with emphasis on the JCOA priorities: recreation, housing and planning but our primary emphasis is finding volunteers with the time to assist with activities.

**F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**CBJ Assembly Liaison** Waahlaal Gidaag Barbara Blake reported on the Monday night CBJ/NOAA presentation on Mendenhall Valley flooding. She suggested that we watch the recording of the Monday (8/19) night Assembly meeting to the city regarding mitigation strategies. The city is considering long term fix options to mitigate future flooding events. There was also discussion of the need for disaster preparedness planning for next year and future years while long term options are explored, permits and funding are sought. It was noted that there were concerns about evacuation of seniors from river front facilities and we will stay alert for opportunities to incorporate considerations for Juneau’s older resident population. This may be an appropriate element for the Age Friendly Community Plan.

**G. NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 17, 2024 - Regular JCOA Meeting at 3pm via Zoom – Linda Kruger will Chair

*JCOA Workgroup Meetings on hiatus for September and October*

**H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.