

JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2024 at 3:00 PM



Zoom Webinar

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

Present: Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jenn Carson, Emily Kane, Jennifer Garrison

Absent: Kimberly Adkison, Ann Stepetin

Others Present: Sue Nielson

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The agenda was approved with the addition of CBJ Community Center update.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes from May 14 and June 11 were approved.

1. May 14, 2024 JCOA Regular Meeting Minutes were approved (moved/seconded)

2. June 11, 2024 JCOA Workgroup Subcommittee Meeting Minutes were approved (moved/seconded)

D. AGENDA TOPICS

- 3. Update on JCOA Proposal to CBJ Regarding Senior Recreation & Wellness Center – Chair Craig:** reps from organizations interested in the Marie Drake complex met on 6/18 with George Schaaf, Parks and Rec Director. Parks and Rec was the top recommendation for space at Marie Drake. While Parks and Rec is interested in use of interior space and parking, George is open to working with JCOA and others for coordinated use of the space. George is open to increasing senior programs in the gym and helping with other programs in classrooms. It was confirmed that CBJ IT Department is moving into the second floor, although there may be some second-floor classrooms available. The CBJ Fiscal Department may also be moving to Marie Drake. The planetarium is considered to be grandfathered and there may be opportunities for MakerSpace and JCOA interests. 30-40% of the building still needs asbestos abatement but it is unknown which areas are in this category except the locker rooms off the gym making them unsuitable for anything except storage. AEYC did not attend the meeting and we were unable to determine their stance on these new developments.

Linda commented that in addition to recreation programming, the Parks and Rec Department maintains all city owned buildings, ie, Marie Drake. Carol advised us not to focus on fitness, and to include caregiving, navigation and other needs. Chair Craig mentioned the SREC funding that is meant to provide those services. Emily asked if SREC funding could be used for the Juneau project. The Juneau Community Foundation suggested going to MACP to ask that some of the SREC money be reprogrammed for other uses. Chair Craig contacted MACP to update them on JCOA activities but did not request funding as this had not been approved by the JCOA. Emily suggested reaching out to Tonya (SREC) for money. Linda reminded folks that SREC has a regional focus and is not focusing on Juneau. Jenn recommended not competing or “silo-ing” but instead coordinating with existing entities and programs. Chair Craig said we have been coordinating with SAIL/ADRC and that a care coordinator/navigator (if hired) could be located onsite if we get some classroom space. She will invite Tonya to our next meeting to provide an update on SRC progress with meeting the goals of the grant. (*Invitation issued*) The Juneau Community Foundation has expressed interest in working on senior projects with JCOA. Jennifer reminded us that AEYC use of the building was only going to be temporary. Carol said she liked the concept of a community center. After talking about the proposal and talking through the draft letter Emily suggested including notes from listening sessions, the 2020 survey, and written comments. Rather than attaching them now, we decided to mention that supportive materials are available by request and the group

voted unanimously to submit a letter and the Marie Drake Graphic to Wade Bryson, Chair of the CBJ Public Works & Facilities Committee,

4. **Update on Age-Friendly Planning** – on hold until the space at Marie Drake has been determined
5. **Website Inclusion of Housing Information** – Carol has been working on the website. Check it out for new additions. With Parks and Rec moving out of Mt. Jumbo Gym we may propose consideration of a housing proposal that includes universal design.
6. **Subcommittees** – Chair Craig asked subcommittees to use the Tuesday working group times for ZOOM meetings. Agendas need to be submitted to CBJ one week before the meeting. Carol and Jennifer will define a focus for the Housing Subcommittee. Linda and Emily will work on prioritizing activities, potential partners, and resources for Recreation, Wellness and Social Engagement. A concern was raised about using the word “activities” and using engagement instead. We will try to use the two words together – activities and engagement. (A reminder that activities are more than exercise or physical fitness and can include card games, yoga, book clubs, study groups, lectures, etc.)
7. **Restarting work on JCOA Brochure for Public Dissemination** – Chair Craig commented that she was continuing to update the brochure and would have a new draft for us to review soon.
8. **Audience/guest comments** – Sue commented that she enjoyed attending the meetings to keep up on what was happening with JCOA.

Note: Previously approved information is included on JCOA webpage under <https://juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees/jcoa-priorities>

E. NEXT MEETING DATES

JCOA Recreation, Wellness and Social Engagement Workgroup Subcommittee Meeting - June 25, 2024 at 3pm via Zoom

JCOA Recreation, Wellness and Social Engagement Workgroup Subcommittee Meeting - July 9, 2024 at 3pm via Zoom

JCOA Regular Commission Meeting - July 16, 2024 at 3pm via Zoom

JCOA Workgroup Subcommttee Meeting - July 23, 2024 at 3pm via Zoom

F. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS –

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.