

JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 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 p.m.

Present: Deborah Craig, Emily Kane, Linda Kruger, Kimberly Adkison, Jennifer Carson, Carol Ende, Ann Stepetin

Absent: Jennifer Garrison, JCOA Assembly Liaison 'Wáahlaal Gídaag

Others Present: none

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented:

1. April 16, 2024 JCOA Minutes
2. May 7, 2024 JCOA Workgroup Committee Minutes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

E. AGENDA TOPICS

3. **JCOA Website** - Final Approval. The website is live. Chair Craig already received comments on the page. There was a concern about including information about other communities outside of Juneau. Linda commented that it is nice to see how Juneau compares with other communities in Southeast as well as other the other Alaska Age-Friendly Communities – Anchorage and Fairbanks. Members of the Assembly who were at the Human Resources Committee meeting last night also had positive comments about the web site and the proactive stance of the JCOA. Laurie Berg offered to help with background information.

Deb asked for a volunteer web manager to coordinate changes and updates. Di actually makes the changes/updates but we need to supply her with information. Emily suggested that we each take on 2 months but said she couldn't take it on until fall-winter. Kimberly said she didn't have time to take it on. **Carol offered to take the lead on the website with assistance from other members to nominate a person of the month and make other suggestions. Linda offered to edit/review submissions. Ann will submit names of Native elders to be highlighted. One possible focus is a member of the elder dance group. Roberta Dundas is a dance group leader.**

Website Link: <https://juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees/jcoa>

4. **JCOA's Proposal to CBJ** – The proposal has been shared with everyone. **All members are requested to review the document and send recommendations for changes or additions to Chair Craig by cob this Friday 5/17. The proposal for Marie Drake is due 5/20.** Kimberly asked why we are submitting a proposal and whether this was in line with our mission. Carol responded that she felt we are helping CBJ

achieve their goals. Chair Craig responded that this question had arisen with the CBJ Deputy Municipal Clerk Di Cathcart. As we had met with the Acting Mayor and City Manager and they encouraged submitting a proposal, it was suggested we follow that lead. The Acting Mayor and City Manager supported collaborations with other groups: SAIL, Bartlett Regional Hospital and others. The proposal includes a request for establishment of an Office of Aging, with a full time Coordinator, a Senior Recreation and Wellness Center, proposed to be located at Marie Drake, and potentially operated by CBJ Parks and Rec, and a halftime Recreation-Wellness Coordinator who would work onsite at the Wellness Center.

5. Report from Deb Craig & Linda Kruger re: 5/13/2024 Assembly HRC Meeting Recap – Chair Craig presented the proposal (via PowerPoint and emailed/printed copies). Anyone who missed the meeting and would like a recap can watch/listen to the recording of the meeting available at the CBJ Assembly website. Committee members asked some good questions and offered supportive comments. Greg Smith, Chair and Waahlaal Gidaag/ Barbara Blake, Wade Bryson, and Ella Adkison participated in the meeting. Chair Craig described the components of the proposal and the proposed partnership with other groups (AEYC, MakerSpace, Friends of the Library, and the Planetarium) for use of city owned space. Kimberly responded to a comment about the Juneau Animal Rescue reported that they are not interested in either school facility. Chair Craig reported that the Juneau Parks and Recreation Commission (PRAC) Chair is interested in a JCOA presentation. They meet on the first Tuesday's at 5:30 PM. The group discussed the importance of reviewing documents to assure inclusion of all groups and abilities.

6. Planning for Next Steps – see instructions included in the notes in BOLD. Linda suggested we need to consider grantwriting and fundraising to support the positions and the Center we are proposing.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS - none

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup – May 21, 2024 @ 3pm via Zoom

H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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