

# JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING WORKSESSION MINUTES

May 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Zoom Webinar

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## A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Kane called the Juneau Commission on Aging Work session to order at 10:43 am.

**Present:** Emily Kane, Carol Ende, Deb Craig, Kathleen Samalon, Linda Kruger, Jennifer Garrison, Ann Stepetin

**Absent:** Sue Warner, Jenn Carson

## B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

## C. AGENDA TOPICS

1. **Drafting JCOA Annual Report to the Assembly** - Emily suggested including 5 bragging points and 3 requests.

The first request focuses on changing the building code, incrementally toward universal design. The second request is for a senior navigator that would be like a case manager or dispatcher to help people connect with appropriate services or information. The third request is a long-range project for a stand-alone senior center to support seniors. It is included as a tickler to garner support for a senior center, plant a seed and be responsive to what we heard at the Listening sessions. Think Zack Gordon Youth Center for seniors. Funding could come from CBJ, Tribal and other partners. Jennifer and Ann clarified about Title 6 and Title 3 funding. A small amount of Title 6 goes to Tlingit and Haida for senior lunches twice a month. This discussion will be continued.

Emily also commented that Age-Friendly domain 5 "Respect and Social Inclusion" - including programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity, as well as multigenerational interaction and dialogue didn't receive any comments at the listening sessions. We might want to dig deeper into this topic.

Linda will take the lead in compiling comments from the listening sessions, written and online questionnaires. The results will provide the foundation for the Age Friendly action plan.

Emily requested that Deb's additions be included as an attachment to #1.

The discussion of Listening sessions continued with discussion of participants not knowing about seniors' services available from ADRC and SAIL. Perhaps the JCOA can help them tell their story better. ADRC has focused on people with disabilities and not so much on seniors. Deb reminded us that one of the SREC positions is a navigator for seniors.

Kathleen reeled us back to discussion on the report. She asked about past reports. None are available on the website. Emily said that they have been in the range of 1-1/2 pages. Kathleen questioned whether we should focus on achievements and not requests. She suggested that we could request to meet with the Committee of the Whole (COW) to discuss our requests and future foci.

Emily will continue to work on the draft report and requested members send her suggestions. We will finalize the report at the June meeting. Kathleen reiterated the three requests - building code, senior navigator, and senior center. There was also some discussion about improving the JCOA website.

Deb will share the job descriptions for the SREC positions, including the navigator position. Deb and Linda will give a presentation on SREC at the June meeting.

**D. COMMITTEE MEMBER & ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

We would like to help increase awareness of ADRC senior services.

**E. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - JCOA/AARP Listening Session 4:30pm at Douglas Library

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 1:30pm via Zoom - Regular JCOA Meeting

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 11:24am.