

# JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

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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:** Chair Deborah Craig, Jennifer Garrison, Carole Ende, Kimberly Adkison, Linda Kruger, and Ann Stepetin.

**Absent:** Jennifer Carson

**Others Present:** None

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – agenda approved as presented.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – agenda approved as presented.

1. **August 20, 2024 Regular JCOA Minutes - Draft**

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**E. AGENDA TOPICS**

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

**JCOA Presentation SREC Summit** – Chair Craig – We received positive feedback on the JCOA presentation at the SREC Summit, our signage and swag. People enjoyed learning more about JCOA. Several folks mentioned a desire for a more robust downtown senior facility in response to the JCOA presentation.

**AARP Age Friendly Planning Efforts** – Linda gave a presentation at the SREC Summit on the AARP Age-Friendly Network, as well as facilitating a Brain Health Panel that was very well received and people asked for this presentation to be given again. Linda indicated she would try to bring the Brain Health Series back this winter/spring.

**Juneau's Age Friendly Plan** – First Phase Due December 19, 2024, we discussed including a section on disaster preparedness. Our priorities include Social Participation; Housing; and Outdoor Spaces and Buildings and Recreation. Linda Kruger is leading a multi organizational team writing the plan.

**Housing**, Chair Craig reached out to Architect Paul Voelckers, who suggested looking at Mt. Jumbo Gym building as a possible senior/affordable housing location. Linda reminded everyone that Parks and Rec is moving out because the cost of necessary repairs is prohibitive. Mr. Voelckers mentioned that there are many communities repurposing old buildings for senior/affordable housing because the cost of new builds is very expensive. He is willing to do a walkthrough of the building to determine if this is viable.

**Recreation/Socialization:** Chair Craig commented on how SEARHC, JCOA, CCS, T&H and AARP started meeting some months ago to talk about events that each organization was facilitating. At the last meeting John Brett suggested we consider a Charter regarding collaboration on Recreation to help focus efforts on supporting a CBJ Senior Community Center with programming and possibly an alternative location if the Marie Drake Complex is found to have more asbestos abatement issues than first realized. The group plans to invite Bartlett, Parks and Rec, AEYC, JACC to join.

**Recruitment to JCOA** – We discussed potential members and how to reach out to the community. Joan O’Keefe and Mollie Carr at SAIL/ADRC are way too busy. Cori Stennett is the ADRC/SAIL employee in Haines who is interested but she is not a Juneau resident, so she is not eligible to apply to the Commission, but we discussed the possibility of her joining as a non-voting member to bring information to the Commission about the ADRC. We also discussed reaching out again to Claire Richardson from Homecare and Hospice. Other Commissioner’s mentioned people that they had reached out to and would follow up. We are down two members with the potential of losing a member in December.

**Outreach Challenges:** We discussed the challenges of getting information out to the community without a weekly newspaper or a mechanism that is robust enough to reach elders throughout Juneau. Chair Craig mentioned that she could write an article for the Juneau Empire to highlight activities/recruit.

**December Report to the CBJ** – Chair Craig mentioned that the JCOA needs to prepare a report to the CBJ Assembly regarding our yearlong activities, as well as report on attendance.

Carol mentioned that she has updated the JCOA website and included a new profile. She also mentioned that October is International Elders Awareness Month.

**Upcoming Meetings** – topics and speakers

- a. November 12 Workgroup Meeting – George Schaaf Parks & Recreation Director
- b. November 19 Full Meeting - Cori Stennett/ ADRC
- c. December 17 Full Meeting - Dave Ringle, St. Vincent de Paul. Housing Discussion - Carol commented that the Housing group needed a champion with housing expertise.

**F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS** - None

**G. NEXT MEETING DATE**

*JCOA Workgroup Meeting - November 12, 2024 at 3pm via Zoom*

*Regular JCOA Meeting - November 19, 2024 at 3pm via Zoom*

*JCOA Workgroup Meeting - November 26, 2024 at 3pm via Zoom*

**H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS** - None

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.