

# JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

January 16, 2024 at 1:30 PM

Zoom Webinar



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## A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Kane called the Juneau Commission on Aging meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Present:** Emily Kane, Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Jennfier Garrison, Kimberly Adkison, Jennifer Carson

**Absent:** Carol Ende and Ann Stepetin

**Others Present:** JCOA Assembly Liaison 'Wáahlaal Gídaag, SREC Representative Tonya Muldoon and EJ Stokes

## B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as amended.

## C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 21, 2023 minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

### 1. November 21, 2023 Juneau Commission on Aging Minutes

## D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

## E. AGENDA TOPICS

The committee welcomed the newest member and gave a round of introductions and designated a minute taker for the meeting.

### A. Election of Officers (15 min.)

Emily Kane has been Chair for 6 years – previously Eileen Hosey – and this group worked on 10-year plan. Emily will stay on the JCOA but wants to step down as Chair but would entertain being Co-Chair or Secretary. Proposing a Co-Chair so it relieves some of the pressure on the Chair ongoing. Emily nominated Deborah Craig as Chair, Linda and Jenn Carson seconded. Deborah Craig was elected as new Chair and Emily Kane was nominated and elected Co-Chair. Voted on Chair and Co-Chair affirmatively. One Year Terms for both leadership positions.

Secretary – Linda offered to be the new Secretary. Voted on Secretary affirmatively. One Year Term.

### B. New Priority and Age Friendly Workgroup/Subcommittee Schedule

Deb Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Kimberly Adkison

- Week 2 Tues 3PM Monthly meeting of the full Commission
- Week 3 Tues 3PM Planning Group
- Week 4 Tues 3PM Planning Group

### C. Set JCOA Priorities for 2024 (30 min)

Discussion on developing the JCOA 2024 Priority Plan of action using the Fall 2023 Priority Report to the Assembly as a foundation for moving forward.

Priority is to finalize the 2024 Priority Plan that will offer clear concise view of the goals and objectives of the JCOA for 2024. This will include the goal of developing a Juneau Age Friendly Community Plan as an umbrella for other focus projects such as improved housing using Universal Design and improved Recreational and Social Opportunities in our community. The Chair articulated the hope that each JCOA member would be able to concisely articulate in an “elevator talk”, the JCOA’s role in the community and what our priorities are for the coming future so that we stay focused on accomplishing our goals.

**D. Create new subcommittee to work with Tonya Muldoon, SREC Project Director on SREC Navigational Tool (5 min)**

looking for volunteers to help with the Navigational Tool that will be facilitated via the SREC Website focused on three major areas: platform for online education for DSP, elders seeking information for assistance and third is navigational tool encompassing regional services available to elders and families. Tonya has put together a list of statewide resources. Also looking for service gaps. Also working with a web designer and web developer. Biggest concern is ensuring inclusion and what it user friendly. Will meet every other week or so – depends on group dynamic. End product ready by July and finalized end of August, rolling out in October. Either assist with front end or end user tester/feedback at the end. Workgroup – Kimberly Adkison

**E. Discussion on role between JCOA and AARP (20 min)** *{Current projects with AARP include maintaining our All-Age Friendly status. Our first 5-year project is to create a pleasant well lit pathway from the parking lot across from Don Abel, along the water in front of Riverview Assisted Living and over to Dimond Field house. We are calling this the Vintage Park Path Project}*

The role between JCOA and AARP will be manifested in the Juneau Age Friendly Community Plan that is developed after the Priority Plan is developed and will, again, be the umbrella for our areas of focus. Linda Kruger, AARP, will assist in organizing the development of the plan using the AARP tools available to communities.

Tabled discussion for future Age Friendly Community Plan: Vintage Park Path Project: Our first 5-year project is to create a pleasant well-lit pathway from the parking lot across from Don Abel, along the water in front of Riverview Assisted Living and over to Dimond Field house. We are calling this the Vintage Park Path Project

**F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – moved to the beginning of the meeting.**

JCOA Assembly Liaison ‘Wáahlaal Gídaag gave a CBJ update to the committee: CBJ Retreat report out – got copy of JCOA for recommendations moving forward. Population is aging, looking to what would help economy. Childcare – not large discussion but is a focus, as well as housing. Not a lot of conversation about innovation but the CBJ indicated it would consider assistance from JCOA regarding childcare – limited so we need to entice innovation for a project to move forward. Have some incentivized programs but a good idea to include elders in the childcare situation. Emily discussed the concept of Eden Care which incorporates child and elder care. Also discussed affordable housing as an ongoing issue in our community to entice all age groups to move to and stay in Juneau.

**G. NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 20, 2024 via Zoom at 1:30pm

**H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.