



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 14, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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Or Call In: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 9176 0970 Passcode: 858248

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present:

Absent:

Others Present:

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[1.](#) April 16, 2024 JCOA Minutes - Draft

[2.](#) May 7, 2024 JCOA Workgroup Committee Minutes - Draft

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

E. AGENDA TOPICS

3. JCOA Website - Final Approval

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

[4.](#) JCOA's Proposal to CBJ

5. Report from Deb Craig & Linda Kruger re: 5/13/2024 Assembly HRC Meeting Recap

6. Planning for Next Steps

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular JCOA Meeting – May 21, 2024 @ 3pm via Zoom

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup – May 28, 2024 @ 3pm via Zoom

H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

[7.](#) 2024-05-14 JCOA CBJ Proposal on CBJ Proposal Format

I. ADJOURNMENT

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JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

April 16, 2024 at 3:00 PM



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A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Craig called the Juneau Commission on Aging meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Present: Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Jennifer Carson, Kimberly Adkison,

Absent: Emily Kane, Waahlaal Giidaak

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Linda Kruger moved for approval and Jenn Carson seconded. Agenda was approved as presented.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer Garrison moved for approval and Carol Ende seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - no public was present.

E. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Planning Workgroup Updates - Chair Update

- a. On March 27 Deb Craig and Linda met with CBJ City Manager Katie Koester to discuss upcoming school closures and potential use of gym, classroom and open space for senior activities, a request to establish an Office of Aging and hire a Coordinator to help with Age-Friendly planning and provide other senior support, and focused attention to the need for accessible, affordable housing senior housing. Carol wondered what a Senior Activity Center would look like and what JCOA members could do to support it. Chair Craig commented that members could show up at presentations to the Assembly and others and spread the word. Kimberly expressed concern about decisions made at workgroup meetings when the entire JCOA was not present. She suggested clarifying and qualifying survey info from the 2020 survey. She thought there might be a credibility question. We must make sure we represent the data correctly. How we present it is important. She suggested that we add citations to the PowerPoint.
- b. Chair Craig shared information with JCOA Assembly Liaison Waahlaal Giidaak about our proposal for a Senior Activity center at Floyd Dryden School and possibly sharing the space with a childcare center and other compatible activities. Chair Craig and Linda Kruger plan to meet with Assembly Member Michele Hale to discuss the proposals. Meetings to update additional Assembly Members will be planned. Carol asked about the coordination for childcare activities and senior use of Floyd Dryden. She helped with the daycare that was at the Pioneer Home for a while and speaks from that experience. She also mentioned other models of pairing childcare and senior activities and suggested it was also an opportunity to engage high school students and UAS. Jenn Carson suggested that staffing needs to be considered and that the effort will need grant support. Chair Craig said that she was experienced with grant writing and that we would be pursuing that if the proposal is approved. Kimberly mentioned that in addition to childcare and adult activities, Juneau Animal Rescue is also requesting space at one of the school buildings.

- c. Members were asked to review the draft website and logo. We walked through the website and it was emailed to JCOA members for further review. Jenn suggested that we review the website quarterly to keep it up to date and possibly look for a volunteer webmaster to work on it. The SREC Navi-tool will be comprehensive and reliable and could be housed with JCOA with links to ADRC/SAIL. Chair Craig will update the PowerPoint to be more concise and clearer and to include references as needed. Members were asked to review the draft website send comments to Chair Craig to assist in the update. A final will be provided for review at our May 21 JCOA Meeting. Carol and Jennifer will look for examples of childcare and senior center co-location and provide models/examples.
- d. Chair Craig met with Department of Labor Staff to discuss our data needs and request. They appreciated the opportunity to help and complemented us on our past surveys of Juneau seniors.
- e. Workgroup Priorities: Brochure and White paper - the brochure and white paper are in production. Suggestions can be emailed to Chair Craig.

3. Southeast Regional Eldercare Coalition - Tonya Muldoon was not available for a SREC update.

F. ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS - Waahlaal Giidaak was absent.

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup - April 23, 2024 @ 3 pm via ZOOM

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup - May 14, 2024 @ 3 pm via ZOOM

Regular JCOA Meeting - May 21,2024 @ 3pm via ZOOM

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup - May 28, 2024 @ 3 pm via ZOOM

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING WORKGROUP COMMITTEE MINUTES

DRAFT



May 7, 2024 at 3:00 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig called the Juneau Commission on Aging Planning Workgroup Sub Committee meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Present: Chair Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, and Jennifer Garrison

Absent: Ann Stepetin, Kimberly Adkison, Jennifer Carson, and Emily Kane were not able to attend but later emailed support of the JCOA's efforts.

Others Present: none

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as amended by Chair Craig to add discussion of the JCOA website.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from previous Workgroup Meeting approved as presented. Jennifer moved and Carol seconded.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public was present.

E. AGENDA TOPICS

- A. JCOA website – Chair Craig walked Commissioners through the draft website. Di Cathcart made the changes requested and included great additions! We will recommend a darker, larger font for readability on various pages but otherwise the group unanimously approved the website to go live.
- B. JCOA Proposal Concept Discussion - We are proposing a CBJ Community Center using a portion of the Marie Drake Complex that has become available via the CBJ for community use.
 - a. Since the first discussions of JCOA priorities (Age Friendly Planning, Recreation and Housing) Linda Kruger and Deb Craig met CBJ City Manager Katie Koester, Actin/Deputy Mayor Michelle Hale; and SAIL/ADRC Executive Director Joan O'Keefe. Linda, Deb, and Jennifer G. met with John Brett from SEARHC about senior Wellness programming. We have also reached out to CCS Director Erin Walker-Tolles and are seeking meetings with Bartlett Regional Hospital and Juneau Community Foundation.
 - b. Emily Kane reached out to Blue Shibler/AEYC about their proposal for Marie Drake. Chair Craig also followed up with Blue resulting in JCOA and seniors being incorporated into the AEYC proposal. AEYC is asking for the two-story portion of Marie Drake and JCOA is proposing requesting primary use of the gym, locker rooms and space in the one-story portion of the building for a Senior Recreation and Wellness Center. There would be ample opportunities for seniors who want to engage with youth to participate in activities in the AEYC Commons Room, a multigenerational space. AEYC has already named JCOA in their

proposal that has already been submitted to the CBJ and has already indicated that AEYC will be furnishing the Commons Room to accommodate multigenerational activities but there is a need for coordination of activities.

- c. JCOA is proposing creation of a **CBJ Office of Aging** supported by an Age-Friendly Coordinator who would primarily engage in Age-Friendly Community Planning using the AARP model. We are also proposing as **Senior Recreation and Wellness Center** space at the Marie Drake complex supported by a part time Recreational Coordinator who will coordinate recreational activities in this space. Lastly, the JCOA is proposing to support the concept of the Marie Drake Complex becoming a “**CBJ Community Center**” that serves the entire community with child care, senior recreational services and access to space that offers opportunities for recreation, socialization and an array of activities.
- d. The **CBJ Community Center** will include AEYC child care with our multigenerational component, the Planetarium, a gym and classroom space for a Senior Wellness and Recreational Center that also serves the entire community with regard to recreational, classroom and meeting space.
- e. **We will be discussing the proposal at the CBJ Human Resources Committee on 5/13 at 5PM at the Assembly Chambers and all members are welcome.** Proposals for utilization of CBJ space must be submitted by 5/20. Carol moved and Jennifer seconded to support giving a presentation on 5/13 to the Human Resources Committee and to submit the proposal as outlined in this meeting. There were no dissenting votes.

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

May 14, 2024 via Zoom at 3:00pm

I. ADJOURNMENT meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

***Aging! So cool,
everyone is doing it!***



Juneau Commission on Aging



**May 13, 2024
Presentation**

Juneau Commission On Aging

2020 Senior Survey Findings

30% of Juneau's population is 55 and older**
Today's seniors are healthier & better off:

- 84% own their own homes and pay taxes
- 80-90% (depending on age) drive their own cars
- 63% volunteer in the community
- 95% over 65 have Medicare Insurance
- 66% over 65 have State of Alaska Retirement
- 40% have Long Term Care Insurance
- 42-46% (depending on age) take continuing education classes (UAS/CS)
- 72 – 84% (depending on age) recreate weekly (walking, hiking, swimming, biking, gyms, skiing)



** AKDOL updated statistic as of 2023

Juneau Commission On Aging Communities are 'Aging' Worldwide

- Texas: Booming In-Migration
 - **Benefit:** High paying jobs, good schools and childcare
 - **Downside:** Extreme heat, hurricanes & water shortages
- Juneau
 - **Downside:** High cost of living, housing and childcare shortage



- **Benefit:** Strong community, exceptional recreation, expanding regional medical care, easy access to lower 48, low density/no traffic, world class culture, high level community engagement, environmentally aware (hydro powered electric cars), *clean air and clean water.*

** Marginal weather not leading to elders out-migration

How to attract a workforce and retain seniors:

Promote a great lifestyle for all

Juneau Commission On Aging

Silver Dividends of Keeping Seniors in Community

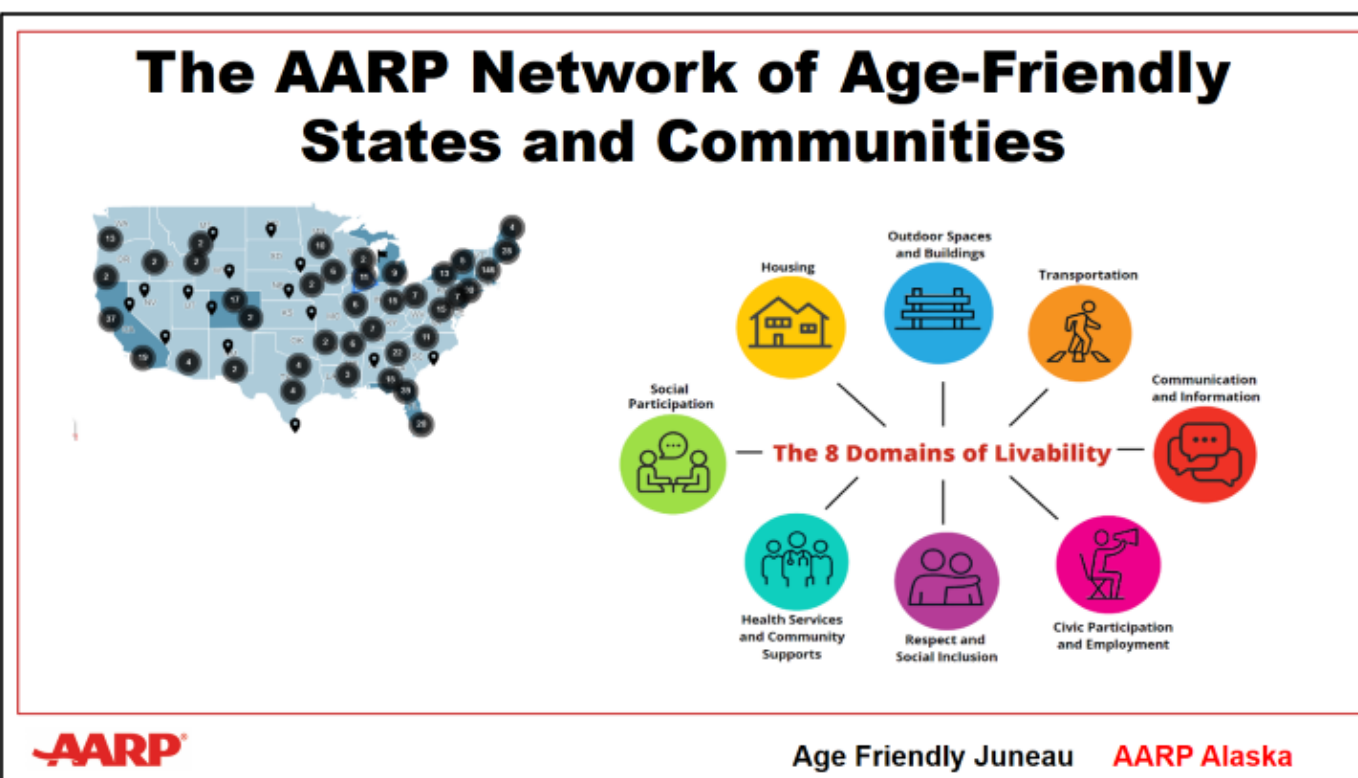
- Retirement income stays in Juneau
- Home ownership = CBJ property taxes
- Community volunteering
- Financial contributions to community (arts and culture, sports and events, etc)
- Keeping multigenerational families in community



Juneau Commission On Aging Promoting Age-Friendly Community Planning

JCOA & AARP partnering to promote Juneau Age-Friendly Community Plan

The AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities



The diagram features a map of the United States on the left with numbered pins indicating age-friendly communities. On the right, a central hub labeled "The 8 Domains of Livability" is connected to eight circular icons: Housing (yellow house), Outdoor Spaces and Buildings (blue bench), Transportation (orange person walking), Communication and Information (red speech bubbles), Civic Participation and Employment (pink person at a desk), Respect and Social Inclusion (purple two people), Health Services and Community Supports (teal group of people), and Social Participation (green two people).

AARP
Age Friendly Juneau **AARP Alaska**

- Developed by WHO for global assessments of community well-being
- Tried and tested tool to create action plan building on community strengths and preferences for people of all ages
- Comprehensive and inclusive all ages
- Serves everyone in community ensuring a life long home for all

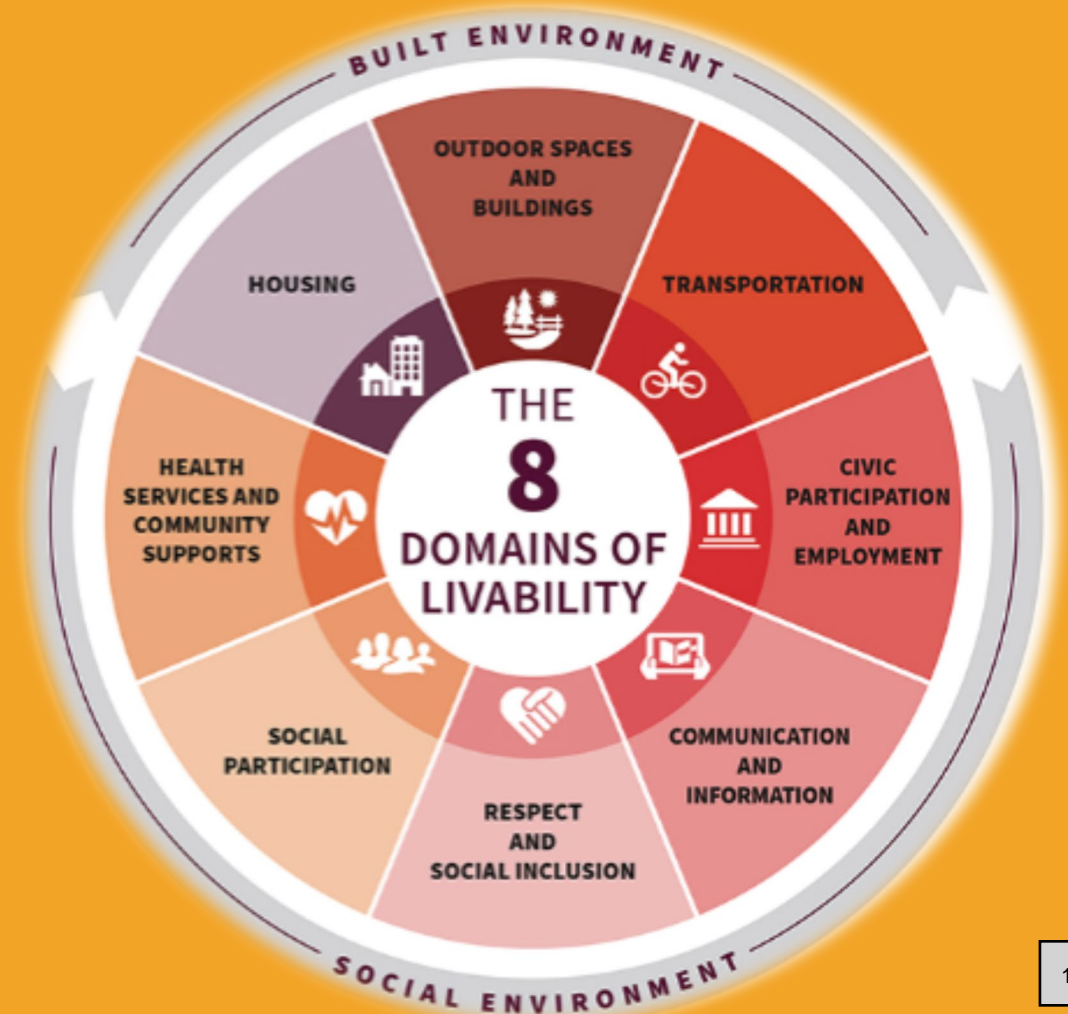
2023
*CBJ joined the
AARP Age-Friendly Network*

Juneau Commission On Aging Age-Friendly Community Planning

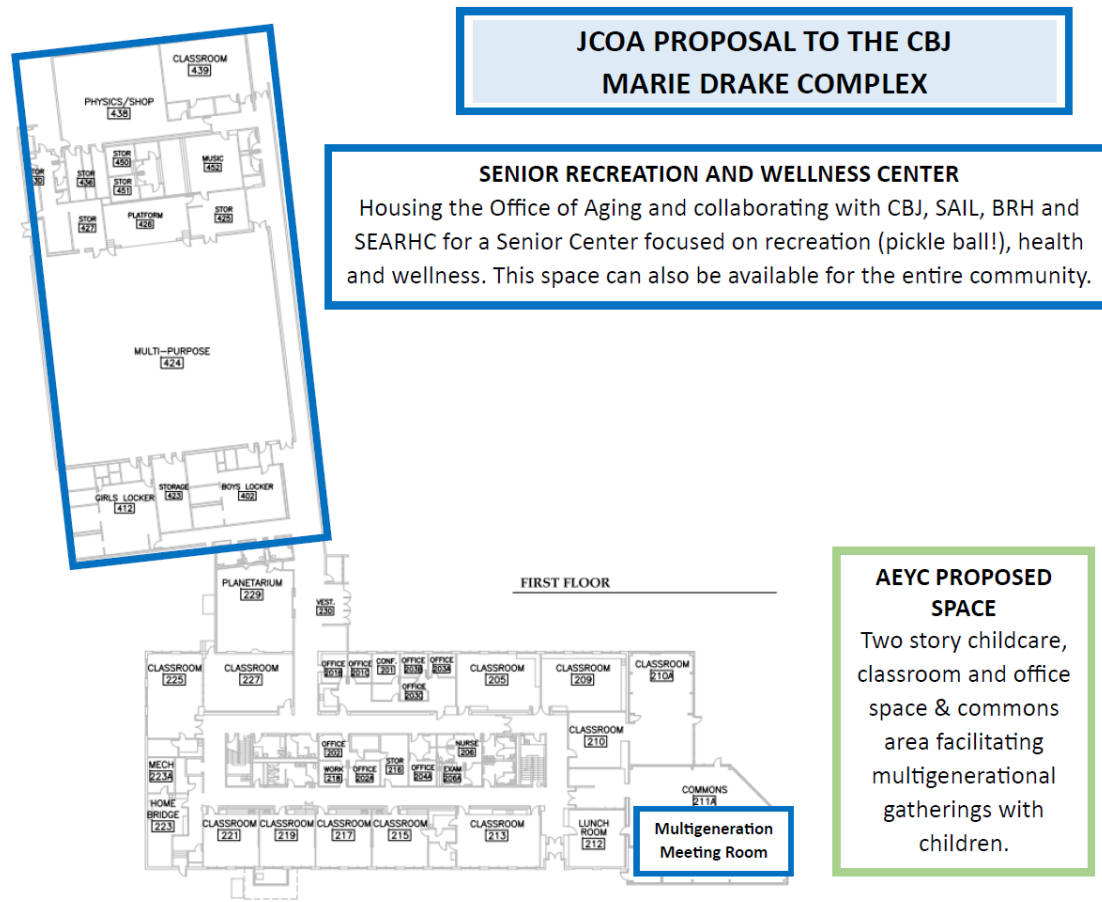
8 Domains of Livability

- Outdoor Spaces & Buildings
- Transportation
- Civic Participation & Employment
- Communication & Information
- Respect & Social Inclusion
- Social Participation
- Health Services & Community Supports
- Housing

Note: AARP is available to present a full overview of Age-Friendly Community Planning to CBJ



Juneau Commission On Aging's CBJ PROPOSAL



- Create and house the new **CBJ Office of Aging**
 - Representing significance of seniors in Juneau's economy
- Hire **Office of Aging Coordinator**
 - Facilitate AARP Age Friendly Community Plan for Juneau
 - Promote Age Friendly Housing for all in the community to ensure all can age in place
- Support **Senior Recreation and Wellness Center**
 - Promoting indoor senior recreation (walking path, pickle ball, classes, etc), health & wellness & intellectual learning
 - Collaborating with SAIL, BRH, SEARHC to keep seniors healthy, in their homes and in their community.
- Hire **Recreation & Wellness Center Coordinator**
 - Collaborating with the entire community to add healthy indoor recreational space

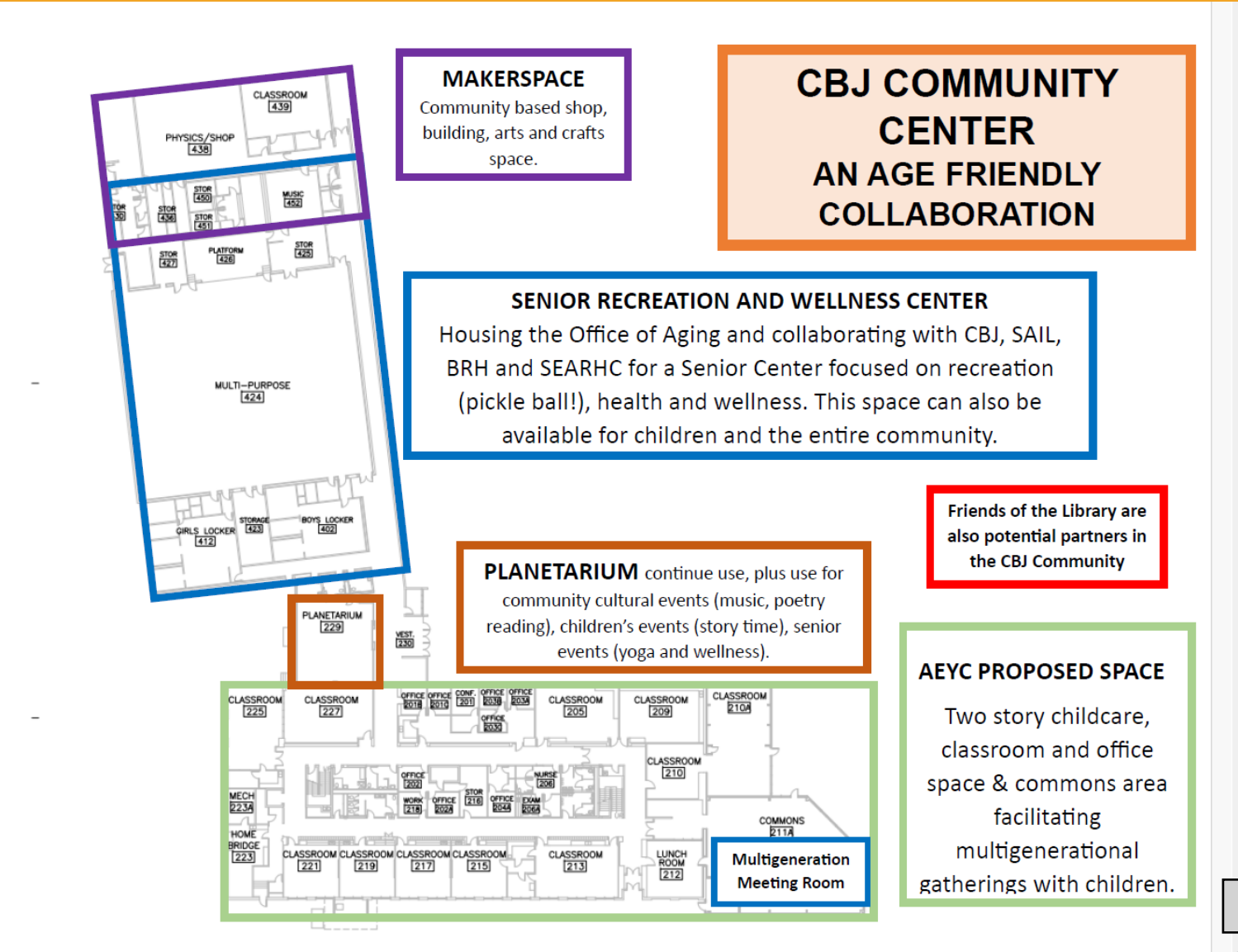
Juneau Commission On Aging's Community Centers Across the US

- **INFO HUBS:** providing older adults, families, friends, care partners, and neighbors with current/continuously updated information about benefits/services and supporting healthy aging and access to benefits and services.
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** offering programs designed to increase senior civic participation for the good of all (intergenerational mentorship programs, volunteerism, voter registration drives, etc).
- **CULTURAL DIVERSITY:** highlighting unique cultures of Juneau seniors including special events, social or religious groups, celebrations, field trips, concerts, theatrical performances and other cultural events.
- **CLASSES/COMPUTER LABS:** lifelong learning in art, music, writing, cooking, language, as well as tutoring and classes to stay current on technology, software and social media platforms.
- **JOB TRAINING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** supporting seniors in the workforce, retirees needing supplemental income, or those who want to continue to work.
- **FITNESS:** Promoting health and fitness with indoor walking paths, aerobics, Zumba, yoga, Tai Chi and evidence-based health programs scientifically proven to make people healthier. Also, regularly scheduled blood pressure and glucose screenings that can replace trips to a medical clinic for those simple procedures.
- **COMPANIONSHIP AND QUIET SPACE:** where people of all ages can gather to enjoy a cup of coffee, share stories, find solitude, read a book, enjoy some quiet time.

CBJ COMMUNITY CENTER CONCEPT

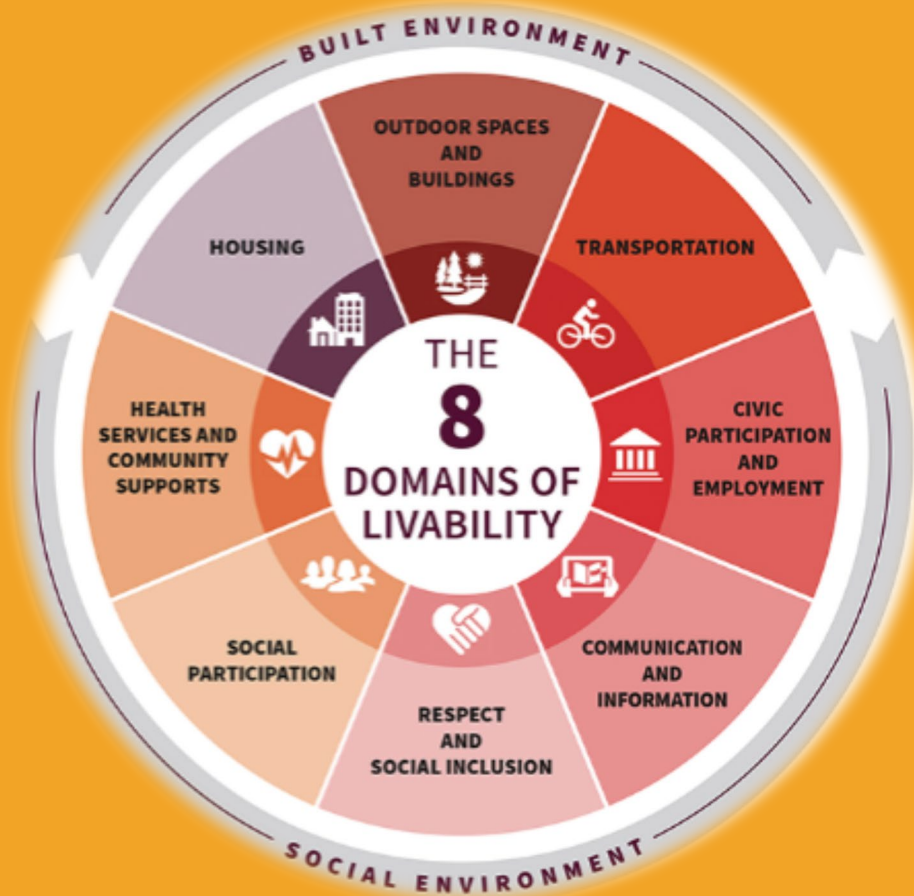
DESPITE SHORT COLLABORATION TIMELINE
JUNEAU COMES TOGETHER!

- JCOA Senior Recreation and Wellness Center
- AEYC Child Care Center & multi-generational space
- PLANETARIUM with expanded use for the community
- MAKERSPACE – Community shared space for an array of activities
- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
- SAIL – Opportunity for ADA compliant gym space for ORCA
- BRH and SEARHC – Wellness Programs for the whole community



Juneau Commission On Aging

CBJ COMMUNITY CENTER – Supporting Age-Friendly Community



- Improved indoor activities for people of all ages and abilities
- An ADA compliant hub for ease of transportation
- Activities that encourage
 - Civic Participation & Employment
 - Communication & Information
 - Respect & Social Inclusion
 - Social Participation
 - Health & Community Supports

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Juneau Commission On Aging

**Keeping seniors healthy and
in the community we love***

***All persons in these photos are Juneau-ites over 65!**



CBJ Draft Proposal May 14, 2024

Organization Name(*Juneau Commission on Aging*)
 Organization Phone(*CBJ City Clerk Ph*)
 Organization Email(*CBJ City Clerk Email*)
 Submitter Name(*Deborah Craig, JCOA Chair*)
 Submitter Phone(*907-209-0520*)
 Submitter Email(*deborahlc11@gmail.com*)
 Proposal Name(*CBJ Office of Aging and Senior Recreation and Wellness Center*)

Which schools are you proposing to use?(*Marie Drake Middle School*)The Valley has an array of community oriented facilities that have ample space and good parking (the library, the Fieldhouse, the Swimming Complex, the Wrestling Center, school gyms, etc.) This proposal is intended to serve the entire community with an added benefit for downtown, Douglas and North Douglas.

If you chose more than one school, which is your first choice and which is second? *N/A*

Are you proposing to rent or buy the building(s)?(*Nominal Rent*) Rent Buy

Proposed Use: The JCOA is proposing establishment of an Office of Aging to represent the significant and valuable senior population in Juneau and to work directly with JCOA and the AARP Community Action Team in facilitating Age-Friendly Community Planning. The fully functioning CBJ Office of Aging will be staffed by a full time Coordinator who will;

- Facilitate the **Age Friendly Community Planning Process for Juneau** using the AARP Guidelines and coordinating with the AARP Juneau Community Action Team
- Oversee the promotion of age friendly housing policies
- Oversee the **Senior Wellness and Recreation Center** (see proposal below) including but not limited to Gym Space and shared spaces with other organizations
- Work directly with JCOA regarding planning and priority projects to manifest the goals and objectives of the JCOA.
- Work directly with BRH and SEARHC to ensure that all program elements result in a benefit to seniors throughout Juneau via their Wellness Programs
- Supervise a Wellness Recreational Coordinator who will work on site at the **Senior Recreation and Wellness Center**, as well as with other associated organizations.

JCOA further proposes allocation of space for a **Senior Recreation and Wellness Center** using space in the current Marie Drake Complex that is identified as the Gym/multi-purpose room, male and female locker rooms, storage, kitchen and Office of Aging office space on the northern end of the complex. While identified as the **Senior Recreation and Wellness Center**, it our intent to ensure the gym space is multi-purpose, multigenerational and is available to other community groups but has a primary focus on healthy aging activities that improve the health and wellbeing of all who are aging in our community.

This space would include:

- Multi-Sport Gymnasium for pickle ball, group sports and an **indoor walking track** with accessibility (not available from the Fieldhouse in the valley)
- Multi-Purpose fitness room(s) for yoga, Tai chi, dance or other classes
- Activity Space for small group meetings or classes, navigational services for seniors, book clubs, gardening clubs, cooking classes, training;
- Game Room(s) for chess, board games or other activities to stimulate the brain;

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- Lifelong learning: computer, financial, active aging planning, use of community resources, etc.
- Cultural Arts; small music events, art classes, language arts, etc.
- Companionship and Quiet Space: where people of all ages can gather to enjoy a cup of coffee, share stories, find solitude, read a book, enjoy some quiet time.

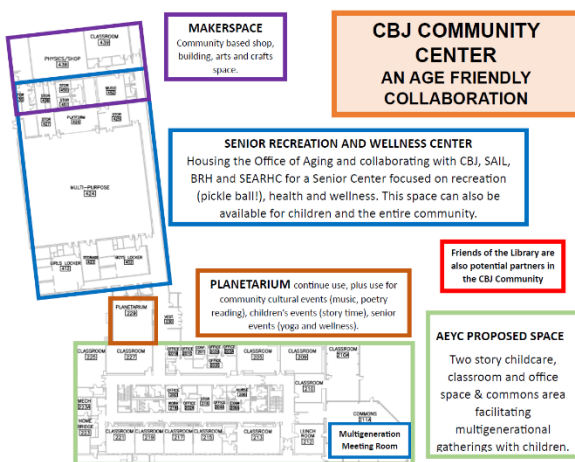
Please state which Assembly priority/goal this proposal fills -OR- what benefit your proposed use would bring to the community *(Required)*

See Assembly priorities/goals [here](#).

1. Housing – C: Office of Aging Coordinator will assist in promoting age friendly housing that meets the needs of community regardless of age or ability
2. Economic Development - C: providing an enhancement to the Capital Civic Center with implementation of the CBJ Community Center
3. Community, Wellness and Public Safety – A: Ensuring all members of the community are represented in planning activities using the Age Friendly Community Planning process. B. Ensuring community access to Wellness and indoor recreational activities. C. Enhancing access to Childcare and multigenerational opportunities
4. CBJ’s 10-year fiscal plan states that a top priority is to “grow the senior economy”. In support of this goal, the JCOA seeks CBJ’s assistance in addressing the distinct needs of Juneau seniors to enable healthy aging in the community we call home. The JCOA believes that promoting the well-being and vitality of Juneau’s aging population, through implementation of Juneau’s Age-Friendly Planning and a Senior Recreation and Wellness Center will serve all ages and promote ‘livability’ concepts that emphasize health and wellbeing. This proposal recognizes the valuable benefit of keeping seniors in Juneau, as well as ensuring that those of us who have lived here most of our lives are able to continue aging in the community we love. CBJ has engaged in an array of diverse planning activities that have been issue or location specific but our community would benefit from a long range, comprehensive plan of action. AARP’s comprehensive livability planning tools under the Age-Friendly Community Planning process have been utilized around the world and is a tried and tested mechanism to move through a planning process efficiently while engaging *all* age groups. This is an extremely efficient mechanism to ensure a robust process that will result in broad benefits for all.

What impact would your proposal have on the CBJ budget? *(Required)*

Our proposal requests the use of the Marie Drake Complex for the CBJ Community Center and specific to our request, use of the gym, locker rooms, kitchen, storage spaces and offices in the north end of the building. Please See MAP



Our proposal also requests funding for 1FTE – Office of Aging Coordinator (host organization TBD) and .5 FTE – CBJ Community Center Coordinator to be housed within the CBJ Parks and Recreation but work extensively with the JCOA, AEYC and other partners within the complex.

Would you be willing to pay fair market value for rent/lease? *(No)*

How much space are you proposing to use? *(Please see Map)*

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What level of retrofit would be needed for your proposal? Who would pay for that work? **(Required)** Office space for the Office of Aging would be a matter of furnishings rather than retrofitting. As the desired Senior Recreation and Wellness Center is currently identified as a gym, locker space, offices, kitchen and storage, very little retrofit is needed. The School District is vacating the building on July 1 at which time, it will be more apparent what is needed to enhance the gym space for recreational activities (walking path, pickleball courts, yoga mats, etc).

How long do you anticipate you would occupy the building(s)? **(Required)** In perpetuity. Seniors over age 55 now represent 30% of CBJ's population (AKDOLWD 2023) and the senior population continues to grow faster than any other age cohort. The dynamic of aging has changed considerably in the last few decades and Juneau seniors reflect that trend. Seniors are healthier and better off (income, insurance, healthcare) than previous generations. Seniors are living longer, healthier lives, and bring an array of "silver dividends" to our community: retirement income, home ownership and property taxes, and a willingness to volunteer and contribute to the community's rich social, outdoor and cultural arts opportunities. Many communities are recognizing the benefit of keeping seniors in the community to maintain cultural vibrance and economic stimulation. Some communities are literally reorganizing to recognize and retain seniors.

CBJ's 10-year fiscal plan states that a top priority is to "grow the senior economy". In support of this goal, the JCOA seeks CBJ's assistance in addressing the distinct needs of Juneau seniors to enable healthy aging in the community we call home. The JCOA believes that promoting the well-being and vitality of Juneau's aging population, through implementation of Juneau's Age-Friendly Planning will serve all ages and promote 'livability' concepts that emphasize health and wellbeing. This proposal recognizes the valuable benefit of keeping seniors in Juneau, as well as ensuring that those of us who have lived here most of our lives are able to continue aging in the community we love.

Describe parking needs associated with your proposed use. **(Required)** Current parking options appear to be adequate for our use.

Will you be requesting CBJ operating funds for your use? **(Yes)**

If your organization already receives CBJ operating funds, will you be requesting an increase to support this proposal? If so, by how much? **(Required)**

The CBJ previously allocated \$15,000 per year for clerical support of the Juneau Commission on Aging. Those funds remain available but have not been allocated to an organization for FY24.

For FY25, JCOA is requesting adequate funding for an Office of Aging Coordinator (housed in the Senior Recreation and Wellness Center) and responsible for facilitating Age Friendly Community Planning, assisting in making age friendly recommendations regarding housing to the CBJ, ensuring proper use of the Senior Recreation and Wellness Center and supporting the JCOA.

Juneau Commission on Aging - Office of Aging	
FY 25 Budget Request	
FTE - Office of Aging Coordinator \$40 per hour	\$83,200.00

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Benefits - 30% of Salary	\$24,960.00
.5FTE - Snr Rec & Wellness Center Coordinator \$25 per hr	\$26,000.00
Benefits - 30% of Salary	\$7,800.00
Equipment (Computer, printer, etc)	\$3,000.00
Travel (one Conference)	\$4,000.00
JCOA Materials and Supplies	\$5,000.00
JCOA Events	\$10,000.00
Total Requested	\$163,960.00

What other uses would be compatible with your proposed use?

JCOA proposes using the entire Marie Drake Complex for a **CBJ Community Center** to serve the entire community including a **Senior Wellness and Recreation Center**, the **AEYC Child Care Facility**, the **Planetarium** and with the added benefit of proximity to the Augustus Brown Pool. Additional desirable partners include **MakerSpace** and the **Friends of the Library**.

JCOA strongly supports the **AEYC Child Care Center** that includes facilities uniquely suited to serve the CBJ as a community child care center with the added benefit of multi-generational activities between seniors and children, a well-documented benefit to both age groups and the community at large. AEYC has already agreed to fully furnish this space to ensure it is warmly welcoming to people of all ages and amenable to activities such as Elder/Child Story Time, multigenerational arts and culture activities, etc.

The JCOA strongly supports expanded use of the Planetarium for educational and community activities, as well as embracing Friends of the Library as a welcome addition to a Community Center. MakerSpace would literally be the icing on the Community Center cake in terms of providing already established services related to carpentry/shop space, cooking and arts classes, etc. CBJ's Community Center would be a model for other communities to serve it's citizens.

What other uses would not be compatible with your proposed use?

It was also suggested that Juneau Animal Rescue would be an appropriate CBJ Community Center partner. While this could be an enhancement to a child care and senior focused center, it is unclear if the noise level generated by an Animal Shelter comports with the other uses contained in this proposal. In the current shelter, the high level of noise generated by the dog population is a continuous stress to the cat population housed at the shelter. Even animals that are acclimated to a canine companion are stressed by the noise level of traumatized dogs. Perpetual barking is stress inducing to humans, as well. The JAR may be better suited in an environment where there is ample space for separation of dogs and cats, a space buffer for noise impact on other organizations, sufficient covered and open play yards for both shelter and doggy daycare canines, as well as more parking for Animal Control/shelter staff and public visits.