

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 3:01 p.m.*

Present: Chair Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Barb Murray, and Chris Schapp

Absent: Diane Kaiser, Ann Stepetin, Kimberly Adkinson, Assembly Liaison Maureen Hall.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – agenda approved as presented.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – minutes approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

E. AGENDA TOPICS

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

1. Housing Updates – Deb. wanted to reiterate that CBJ has been focused on their budgeting process so some of our main focus items have been on hold as they deal with those issues.

St. Vincent DePaul E.D. Dave Ringle stepping down at end of June. Talked about the un-housed being evicted from camping on Teal St. (Where will they go, not enough senior affordable housing).

No current feedback from contractors about permits/costs for more affordable senior housing, Linda commented on **RL Mace Design meeting on 8/26 at 9am Zoom** meeting to discuss a focus on new and re-design of existing affordable housing units, work with local building association for a Building Expo on affordable housing (maybe 2026). Working on CBJ specific grants for housing, including a more complete picture.

Deb commented on the focus on housing as the un-housed population is still growing with no solutions. Should there be a focus on homeless boundaries (where is the middle ground?)? Juneau has 3 times the average homelessness compared to cities in comparable size. Barb is concerned with this as well, Glory Hall (fluid situation with no room for everyone needing help). What's the % of seniors unhoused?

Jennifer spoke on affordable housing issues for renting seniors, not affording raised rents or being kicked out as they are renovating for other uses (Air B&B, raising rental prices). Housing first priorities for help? Is there any priority for seniors?

Linda spoke to need for more housing info for people in the middle. Maybe not as much focus on un-housed but senior affordable focus. Deb noted the need stay on focus with our 3 main priorities.

2. Recreation & Wellness Updates – Nothing new to report at this time. Next working group meeting on July 22, 2025.

3. Age Friendly Planning Workgroup Update – we did receive the letter of support from the mayor on the age friendly community plan. Small hiccup remaining with eliminating the watermark on format on pages, working on a fix for that issue. Final product will be presented to the city.

Deb stated they will meet with Minta Montalbo for the pieces of our Age Friendly Community Plan to be eventually integrated into the CBJ comprehensive plan.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Maureen Hall is not present today, but Deb will meet with her on the side and keep her up to date on issues.

Maybe find out more info from the Juneau Homeless coalition. The Dept. of Labor might have more unhoused #'s but will continue to search around for more information on this subject.

G. NEXT MEETING DATES - at 3pm via Zoom (check top of agenda for correct Zoom link)

June 24, 2025 - JCOA Workgroup Meeting – Housing discussion (Library/Zoom meeting)

July 15, 2025 - Regular JCOA Meeting

July 22, 2025 - JCOA Workgroup Meeting – Recreation and Wellness

H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Linda gave updates of local senior activities including piano series at the JAHC, local walks around town, hike for a pint/hike southeast. All posted online with CBJ website. Also, Deb and Linda will be on KTOO Juneau afternoon on the 25th. Please send any info that needs to be presented about before then.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.