



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

July 15, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Only

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- A. **CALL TO ORDER** *Chair craig called the regular JCOA meeting to order at 3:00 pm*
- B. **ROLL CALL**
JCOA Members Present: Chair Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, and Chris Schapp.
JCOA Members Absent: Diane Kaiser, Barb Murray, Ann Stepetin, Kimberly Adkinson, Assembly Liaison Maureen Hall.
Others in Attendance: None.
- C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Agenda approved as presented
- D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Minutes approved as presented
 - 1. **June 17, 2025 JCOA Regular Meeting Minutes – Draft**
- E. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None
- F. **AGENDA TOPICS**
 - 2. **Standing Agenda Topics**

1. Housing:

It continues to be a major focus of attention due to lack of affordable housing, homelessness, and difficulty finding solid numbers to back up the senior population's percentage of this issue. Numbers state that Juneau has 3 times more homelessness than cities of comparable size. Deb commented that Maureen is involved with trying to find hard numbers to support the senior populations plight in this.

The "Design for Life" AARP Alaska Zoom Workshop will be taking place on Tuesday August 26th at 9am. It presents opportunities to talk about topics such as; aging in place, taxes, housing strategies and more. Speakers from various business, gov't and housing, finance, and other leaders plan on attending and providing their insights.

2. Recreation & Wellness:

Deb sent an email to the CBJ, also cc'ing Katie Koester with regard to the Marie Drake complex. She has yet to receive a reply. The city and borough of Juneau is actively recruiting to hire a new Parks and Recreation Director as well as other positions and are very busy at the moment. The AARP funding opportunity will be open again in January 2026 and we hope to apply for funds to use for recreation.

It was noted that seniors in Juneau make up 30% of the population supporting business in Juneau. There are still various walks occurring in Juneau during the summer and can be found on our website.

3. Age-Friendly Community Planning:

Plan looks really good on our website! Deb has reached out to Minta Montabo about getting this into the comprehensive plan (only able to leave a voicemail). The feeling is that we should have a discussion about this, possibly attend a CBJ planning meeting about this too. CBJ funded a 10 year senior survey with data that's used in the comprehensive plan, our data might be clearer though. Deb will be on KTOO on 8/24, send in any pertinent info for sharing. Ideas for an Oct/Nov working group to comb through the age friendly document. Time to start thinking about priorities for next year (possibly doing this as an in-person meeting).

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

No liaison is available for today's meeting.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

- 3. July 22 – JCOA Workgroup – Recreation & Wellness
- August 12 - JCOA Workgroup - Topic TBD
- August 19 - Regular JCOA Meeting
- August 26 – Housing Summit 9am

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

J. ADJOURNMENT

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