



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

December 16, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Only

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

JCOA Members Present: Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Diane Kyser, John Brett, Jennifer Garrison, Carol Ende, Barb Murray, CBJ Assembly Liaison Paul Kelly

JCOA Members Absent: Laura Revels, Rhonda Ward

Others Present: None

B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

John Brett welcomed to the JCOA.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as amended.

Move-#3 Strategy and Priority Identification after #4 Standing Agenda Topics. No objection.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **2025-11-18_JCOA_Minutes – Draft** – Minutes approved as presented

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

F. AGENDA TOPICS

2. Election of Co-Chairs & Secretary

- a. Nomination of Linda Kruger for Co-Chair & Barb Murray for Secretary
- b. Nomination of Deborah Craig for Co-Chair
- c. Additional Nominations

MOTION: by Deb Craig to nominate Linda Kruger for JCOA Co-Chair and Barb Murray for JCOA Secretary for 2026 and ask for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, motion passes***

MOTION: by Linda Krueger to nominate Deborah Craig for JCOA Co-Chair for 2026 and ask for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, motion passes.***

3. **2026 Strategy & Priority Identification - see attached reports**

4. Outreach

- a. Follow up on CBJ Assembly HRC Annual Report Presentation from December 15- Chair Craig reported the presentation was well received, it was an opportunity to

share the JCOA priorities, goals and the activities completed by JCOA to meet them.

b. Presentation to Rotary - Deb Craig presented information on JCOA activities to the downtown rotary.

c. AARP Presentation to Rotary - Linda Kruger gave a presentation on AARP and Age Friendly activities that are happening in Juneau to the newest Juneau Rotary Club. Linda also presented information on Work and Save legislation she is working on that would support small business setting up retirement savings plans with employees. Website, KTOO & "Senior Moments" Monthly Article-The website has been updated to highlight projects like walking safely; Co-Chairs Craig and Krueger continue to present on KTOO Juneau Afternoon discussing ways that people can reach out to support seniors in the community, and the Senior Moments monthly article in the Juneau Independent will be coming out soon.

JCOA organized a group of community members to take seniors from the Pioneer Home to attend the Holiday Symphony. The event/outing was a great success.

5. Standing Agenda Topics - Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates

Transportation-the Capital AKcess contract has changed from Catholic Community Services to a local cab company. Concerns were discussed regarding issues with communication and scheduled pickup times for seniors since the change in contractors. A question about the type of specialized training dispatchers and drivers who are dealing with people with disabilities and seniors have completed. Carol Ende suggested having Capital AKcess attend JCOA meetings to discuss concerns and answer questions, JCOA members agreed this would be beneficial. Commission members agreed that Transportation is a continuing priority and needs to be added as a standing agenda topic item.

a. Housing Subcommittee Updates-Efforts by JCOA and AARP are helping with community awareness of Age Friendly housing needs. Linda Krueger reminded JCOA members of the Juneau Comprehensive plan and encouraged members to go the CBJ website to review the plan.

b. Recreation/Fitness Subcommittee Update — Marie Drake Gym Use-Co-Chairs Krueger and Craig met with Marc Wheeler, the newly appointed Director of Juneau Parks and Recreation and Lauren Ferreli. The meeting was an opportunity to educate the new Director on JCOA goals and efforts to meet recreation and social needs of seniors. Marie Drake is currently being used for some youth programming. JCOA members were disappointed that senior programming needs have not been met or addressed. JCOA members discussed the need to continue advocating for multi-generational use of Marie Drake. Co-Chair Krueger and Craig sent a follow-up letter to Marc Wheeler to strongly reinforce that senior needs identified by JCOA be implemented at Marie Drake.

c. Age-Friendly Planning Report Updates — Submitted to AARP & CBJ

6. AARP Update - Linda Kruger-Presented at the Alaska Municipal League in Anchorage. The presentation focused on Alaska Age Friendly planning and how to

become an Age Friendly community It was a great opportunity to bring senior issues and activities to the forefront.

Every year there is an opportunity for funding through AARP to work on a community need. The AARP offers funding to bring consultants/experts to the community to focus on a community need. In 2025 the focus was on accessible housing, for 2026 the focus will be on the missing middle income age friendly housing and how the community can meet this need.

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Assembly member Kelly was in attendance and spoke on the assembly retreat focusing on finance, departments and goals. Most of assembly attended the Alaska Municipal Board meetings in Anchorage.

At the last assembly meeting current amendments to Title 49 passed and they reviewed the Juneau Comprehensive plan.

Assembly member Kelly offered to prepare monthly report of the previous month activities. Chair Craig asked if he would send the information to be included in JCOA minutes. (see attached)

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

7. 2026 Meeting Dates (January - March)

JCOA Workgroups are canceled: January through March

January 20, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting-Guest: Minta Montalbo, CBJ CDD Senior Planner; Chair Craig will ask Capital AKcess to attend meeting.

February 17, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting-Guest: Scott Ciambor CBJ CDD Planning Manager, Housing.

March 17, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting-Proposed Guest: SAIL w/ program reports from CCS (Jennifer), BRH(Rhonda) & SEARHC(John), Widow/Widowers Group (Diane), and will request Capital AKcess attend for update

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.