



# JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING AGENDA

June 16, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Only

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*JCOA Commissioners: Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Barb Murray, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Laura Revels, Rhonda Ward, John Brett, Diane Kyser & JCOA Assemblymember Liaison Paul Kelly*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. 2026-05-19\_JCOA\_Minutes - Draft**

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**F. AGENDA TOPICS**

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

**a. Housing Subcommittee Updates**

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2020/missing-middle-housing/>

**b. Recreation/Fitness Subcommittee Updates**

**c. Age-Friendly Planning Report Updates:**

**d. Transportation Update** with Jodi Van Kirk from CBJ Capital Transit

**e. Outreach: June 18** Suggestions for KTOO Juneau Afternoon — who wants to join in?

**3. AARP Update - Linda Kruger**

**Planning for November AARP Conference - What can JCOA assist with?**

**AARP Sponsored/Participating Events**

**June:** 6/17 Walk SE Auke Lake Trail (Goat Hill entrance) to UAS Library 10am-12pm Linda on walk. (need help at the library)

**July:** 7/29 Walk SE Valley Library Walk Back Loop Trailhead, Mendenhall River Trail to Mendenhall Valley Library. 10am-12pm Linda on walk (need help at the library)

**August:** 8/21 National Senior Citizens Day. Walk SE Douglas Library Walk. 10am-12pm. Linda on walk. (need help at the library)

**G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**4. JCOA Assembly Liaison Kelly's Monthly Assembly Report**

**H. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**5. 2026 Summer Meeting Dates**

**July 21, 2026** - Regular JCOA Meeting

**August 18, 2026** - Regular JCOA Meeting

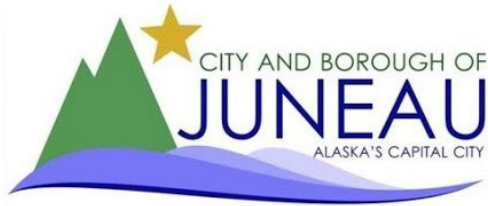
**I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**6. 2026 CBJ Juneau Budget Survey Report [474 pg/PDF]**

<https://juneau.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Final-Juneau-Budget-Survey-Report-2026.pdf>

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Craig called the Regular JCOA meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**JCOA Members Present:** Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, and John Brett.

**JCOA Members Absent:** Barb Murray, Diane Kyser, Laura Revels, and Rhonda Ward.

**Others in Attendance:** Paul Kelly, JCOA Assembly Liaison; Jodi Van Kirk, CBJ/Capital Transit.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved as amended to include the Proclamation for Older Americans Month and discussion of upcoming seat availability/expiration. No objections were noted.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 21, 2026 draft minutes were approved with no changes or objections noted.

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No public participation on non-agenda items was noted.

**F. AGENDA TOPICS**

**1. Proclamation for Older Americans Month:** Chair Craig read the May 2026 Older Americans Month proclamation issued by Mayor Beth Weldon and the City and Borough Assembly. The proclamation recognizes seniors as a significant and growing part of Juneau, honors their contributions, and supports the 2026 theme "Champion Your Health." Chair Craig reported she accepted the proclamation at the Assembly meeting. Members requested a copy, and Chair Craig noted it would be available on the website and could be brought to the AARP senior recognition event.

**2. Upcoming seat expirations and recruitment:** The commission discussed seats expiring at the end of 2026, including those held by Jennifer Garrison, Carol Ende, Barbara Murray, and Deborah Craig. Members discussed the need for active participation, broader representation, and outreach to organizations serving older adults. Jennifer Garrison shared that she is resigning from Catholic Community Services, with Christie Roulet expected to transition into her role. Suggested recruitment strategies included outreach to the Filipino community, a CBJ boards and commissions information table or event, mentions on KTOO Juneau Afternoon, a Senior Voice article, and letters to community organizations. Assembly Liaison Kelly said he would raise the idea with CBJ management/communications staff.

**3. Review of JCOA priorities:** Members reviewed the commission priorities of housing, transportation, recreation and wellness, and age-friendly community work. Members agreed that the priorities remain relevant and that a deeper review/check-in would be useful.

**a. Housing:** Members discussed continued emphasis on age-friendly housing, including outreach through Michelle Hale, participation in housing forums, alignment with the CBJ Comprehensive Plan, and the JCOA website's housing information. Members discussed whether to formalize and bring updated housing priorities back to the Assembly. Housing will be a major focus at the June meeting.

**b. Transportation:** Jodi Van Kirk provided an update on Capital AKcess, including continued work on applications, complaint review, software build-out, reporting needs, and support for riders and dispatchers. Chair Craig noted she will send JCOA's prior feedback and recommendations on the application. Jodi also described a broader transportation coordination/review effort and asked for updated contacts from organizations including CCS, SEARHC, Bartlett Regional Hospital, and Tlingit & Haida. John Brett will check with SEARHC leadership about the appropriate SEARHC contact. Linda Kruger also reported on CBJ's Safe Streets for All work and noted that transportation priorities should include broader senior safety issues, not only Capital AKcess.

**c. Recreation & wellness:** Members discussed that plans related to the Marie Drake complex may need to remain on hold while CBJ budget issues are resolved. Linda Kruger reported that AARP is engaged around the potential impacts of recreation budget cuts, including pools, the field house, and other programs important to older adults.

**d. Age-friendly community:** Members noted that age-friendly community work will need to be updated later in the year, including reporting on progress made against the age-friendly plan recommendations.

**4. Outreach/KTOO Juneau Afternoon:** The May 21 KTOO Juneau Afternoon slot is filled. Possible topics include the Older Americans Month proclamation, transportation and safety issues, seat belt safety, and boards/commissions recruitment.

### Standing Agenda Topics

**a. Housing Subcommittee Updates:** Discussion folded into the broader housing priority review. Missing middle housing resource included in packet: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2020/missing-middle-housing>

**b. Recreation/Fitness Subcommittee Updates:** Discussion folded into recreation and wellness priority review.

**c. Age-Friendly Planning Report Updates:** Updates will be revisited later in the year as part of the age-friendly plan reporting process.

**d. AARP Updates:** Linda Kruger reminded members of the Senior Recognition Day event at the Douglas Library on May 20, 2026, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The event will recognize Bruce Botelho with the AARP Andrus Award, a Bartlett Hospital employee recognized for service to seniors, and two long-serving Juneau AARP volunteers.

### G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Committee member and liaison comments were included throughout the agenda discussion. John Brett thanked Jennifer Garrison for her guidance and contributions to JCOA and community work.

### 4. JCOA Assembly Liaison Kelly's Monthly Assembly Report

Assembly Liaison Paul Kelly reported on the ongoing CBJ budget process, including discussions related to recreation facilities, revenues, the mill rate, capital priorities, and possible bond measures for school maintenance and utilities. He noted that recreation facility cuts had not received sufficient support at the prior meeting, though budget decisions were still unresolved and additional meetings were pending.

Mr. Kelly also reported on View Drive flood mitigation/buyout discussions, Eaglecrest funding and gondola-related issues, and the Burns Building renovation/city hall relocation. Members discussed the importance of housing, recreation, and age-friendly investments for people of all ages.

**H. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular JCOA meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026. The June meeting will focus on housing and transportation issues and how JCOA can amplify messages that best serve seniors and the broader community.

June 16, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting  
July 21, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting  
August 18, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting

**I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

Supplemental materials included the 2026 CBJ Juneau Budget Survey Report and housing-related AARP livable communities information.

**6. 2026 CBJ Juneau Budget Survey Report [474 pg/PDF]**

<https://juneau.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Final-Juneau-Budget-Survey-Report-2026.pdf>

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

# Paul Kelly's Public Report

June 1, 2026

## Finance Committee Highlights

### MEETING RECAPS:

#### Met 5/6 @5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting

Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5004/files/agenda/12631>

- Reviewed the impacts of some service reductions
- Approved most of the manager's increments
  - \$295,000 for public defender services
  - \$576,000 for keeping Emergency Shelter open in the summer
- Reductions/Increments Added to the Pending List (to be considered 5/20)
  - \$247,000 for Gastineau Human Services substance abuse treatment program
  - \$2,720,000 Restricted Budget Reserve
  - \$1,500,000 Lemon Creek Multimodal Trail
  - \$1,000,000 Gastineau Turnaround
- Amended the Marine Passenger Fee budget
  - Added funding for restrooms and security for private docks
  - Added funding for the Ambassador Program to \$37,000 (less than half of their request)
  - Added \$100,000 to crossing guard program
- Moved an ordinance to the full Assembly to fully fund the school district's proposed budget

#### Met 5/13 @ 5:30pm Finance Committee

Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5012/files/agenda/12678>

- Foregone revenue
  - The Finance Committee *fast-tracked* these proposals:
    - Repeal or increase of the sales tax cap
    - Increasing where in CBJ waters we're allowed to tax sales made on cruise ships
    - Repeal \$30 credit for submitting sales taxes online
    - Repeal exemptions for travel agents
  - Other revenue proposals the committee forwarded to the full Assembly:
    - Update property tax for fixed and rotary wing commercial aircrafts for inflation
    - Impose tax on commercial vessels with exemptions for barges and fishing vessels
    - Repeal sales tax exemptions for non-profits
    - Repeal sales tax exemptions for historic property

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WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81610970279?pwd=PGWGSZVRVF9WZGUS6FILSSTMZEIKIQ.1>

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee - 6/1 Canceled**
- **Committee of the Whole - 6/1 Canceled**
- **Finance Committee @ Assembly Chamber 6/3 at 5:30pm**
- **Public Works and Facilities Committee @ Assembly Chambers 6/5 at noon**
- **Human Resources Committee @ Assembly Chambers 6/8 at 5pm**
- **Regular Assembly Meeting @ Assembly Chambers 6/8 at 6pm**
- **Army Corps 2026 Flood Preseason Preparedness Community Meeting @ Thunder Mountain Middle School 6/9 at 6pm**
- **Human Resources Committee** (Meeting as the Full Assembly to conduct interviews for empowered boards) @ Zoom Only - Date and Time TBA
- **Special Assembly Meeting** to appoint members of Airport Board, Docks & Harbors Board, & Eaglecrest Ski Area Board) @ Zoom Only - Date and Time TBA

Full Assembly Calendar: [juneau.org/calendar](http://juneau.org/calendar)

### WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS:

Saturday, June 6, 13, 20, & 27th  
Assembly Chambers or ZOOM  
from 10am-noon

# Finance Committee Highlights - continued

## Met 5/13 @ 5:30pm Finance Committee - continued from page 1

- Operations cuts
  - Removed cuts to pools and fieldhouse from consideration
  - Moved other cuts and revenue proposals to the Pending List to be considered on May 20
- Eaglecrest
  - Increased taxpayer subsidy from \$930,000 to \$1.7 million. This represents a cut since we're no longer allowing them to keep a negative fund balance. This will allow them to stay open, but they will need to cut more than half of their staff.

## Met 5/20 @ 5:30pm Finance Committee

Full agenda: <https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5013/files/agenda/12735>

- The Finance Committee reviewed the Pending List and made its final decision on budget cuts. Technically these can still be revised at the full Assembly meeting on 6/8, though it's rare to see major changes then.
  - At the start of deliberations the budgeted fund balance for the city was **-\$1.7 million**. After making the following cuts and new expenditure, the Finance Committee finished with a **+\$3.2 million** fund balance.
    - Cuts:
      - \$400,000 from Travel Juneau
      - \$75,000 from the Landscaping budget
      - \$261,000 from the City Museum
      - \$20,000 from a grant program for citizens to build more Accessory Dwelling Units on their property
      - \$41,000 from the arboretum
      - \$2,720,000 that would have been contributed to the emergency Restricted Budget Reserve
      - \$1 million from the Gastineau Ave. Widening and Turnaround project

## Met 5/20 @ 5:30pm Finance Committee - continued

- Cuts - continued
  - \$247,000 substance abuse treatment (will still be funded, but by Bartlett Hospital instead of the city)
  - \$50,000 from the Alaska Committee (which advocates to keep the capital in Juneau)
  - \$50,000 from administrative support
  - \$20,000 from Heat Smart
- Added Expenditure
  - \$20,000 grant for United Way to provide support to their VOAD (Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster) program
- Set bond proposals for further review at the June 3 Finance Committee meeting, introduction at the June 8 Assembly meeting, and action at the July 27 Assembly meeting (more details below)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:



## 6/3/26 Special Assembly Meeting to take testimony on the budget

Full agenda: <https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4947/files/agenda/12770>

- Review the independent audit for CBJ - Fiscal Year 2025
- Consider Sales Tax Ordinances changing legal definitions and updating the remote sellers tax
- Consider Forgone Revenue Ordinances repealing tax exemptions for travel agents and non-profits
- Consider Bond ordinances
  - \$9.4 million for Water and Wastewater Utility maintenance
  - \$16 million for School Facility Maintenance

## Public Works and Facilities Committee - **Canceled** (5/4)

Next meeting: 6/5/2026



Full agenda: <https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5034/files/agenda/12807>

## Lands, Housing, and Economic Development

Met 5/4/26 - full agenda: <https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4983/files/agenda/12485>

- Continued discussion on short term rentals
- Verbal update from staff - May be candidate for home-porting an ASC (Arctic Security Cutter)

Next meeting: 7/13/26 - No link available yet

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## Committee of the Whole

**Met 5/4-** full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4843/files/agenda/12625>

- Glacial Lake Outburst Flood
  - Received update from the Army Corps of Engineers - Discussed possibilities of flood rates in the coming years
    - 90,000 cfs (cubic feet / second) event has 18% chance in the next 10 years
  - Decided to build HESCOs to withstand a 65,000 cfs event this year, may build to 95,000 cfs next year
  - We talked about canceling the LID
    - Funds have already been allocated, the city would just not be reimbursed
    - Considering what to replace it with to deal with floods affecting the whole valley
      - A special tax district is a possibility, but the size would still need to be determined
- Direction given to the Eaglecrest Board
  - .Terminate the gondola project and sell all parts and equipment

**Next meeting: 7/13**– No link available yet

## Regular Assembly Meeting

**Met 5/18** – full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4709/files/agenda/12692>

- Fully funded the school district's proposed budget (including \$2.1 million for for programs and activities not subject to the state's funding cap)
- Authorized manager to end the gondola Revenue Sharing Agreement with Goldbelt
- Authorized repaying Goldbelt the money they loaned us with interest - \$12,200,000
- Funded a grant to Southeast Childhood Collective for summer childcare - \$270,000
- Funded an appraisal of the homes in View Drive as the next step in a federal buyout program \$558,000
- Allowed cabs carrying a U.S. Forest Service special use permit to add the daily use fee to their passenger rates

**Next meeting: 6/8:**



Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4710/files/agenda/12802>

## Human Resources

**Met 5/18** – full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4995/files/agenda/12672>

- Discussed an ordinance that would make it a misdemeanor to interfere with a firefighter or EMT performing their duties and referred the ordinance back to the full Assembly for consideration
- Heard a quarterly update from Chief Bos
  - Looking to coordinate more with Tlingit and Haida to interface better with families in missing persons cases
  - Forming public safety partnerships with Tlingit and Haida
  - Participating in the ABLE program - training officers to intervene in preventing and reporting misconduct
  - Cutting through the red tape in giving access to police reports when a person is known to be deceased, but their body cannot be recovered.

**Next Meeting 6/8**

Full agenda: <https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4996/files>



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