



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING AGENDA

July 21, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Only

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/81491760970?pwd=bkFwWk42Mllmazl0aFdMS3ArTG5qZz09>

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

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2026-06-16_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: Update on Smart Growth America (looking at incentivizing middle-income housing in Juneau. The scope of work will include financing to support middle-income housing and a policy scan that reviews the updated comprehensive plan and zoning code specifically looking at how they support or impede middle-income housing development. A report will be written for use at the November conference.

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

b. Recreation/Fitness Subcommittee Updates: Update on Marie Drake for Pickleball & Floyd Dryden for Mahjong

c. Age-Friendly Planning: Delay to Fall for year-end report

d. Transportation Update: Chair Craig will report on outreach to organizations using Capital AKcess

3. AARP Update - Linda Kruger

Planning for November AARP Conference — What can JCOA assist with?

AARP Sponsored/Participating Events

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 Paul Kelly's Monthly Newsletter

H. NEXT MEETING DATES

5. 2026 Meeting Dates

August 18, 2026 - Regular Meeting

September 15, 2026 – Regular Meeting

October 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting

November 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting

December 15, 2026 – Regular Meeting & JCOA Election of Officers

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

J. ADJOURNMENT

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JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES - **DRAFT**

June 16, 2026 at 3:00 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig called the Juneau Commission on Aging to order via zoom at 3:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Barb Murray, John Brett, Diane Kyser

Absent: Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Laura Revels, Rhonda Ward

Others Present: JCOA Assemblymember Liaison Paul Kelly, Assemblymember Nano Brooks, Capital Transit-Jodi Van Kirk and Matthew Carpenter

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

**AGENDA AMENDED: TRANSPORTATION MOVED TO FIRST AGENDA TOPIC
AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED

1. 2026-05-19_JCOA_Minutes - Draft

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-NONE

F. AGENDA TOPICS

2. Standing Agenda Topics - Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates

a. **Housing Subcommittee Updates**-AARP will not be doing a housing component at the November conference; the conference will focus on care-giving for caregivers. Ms. Kruger suggested having a table at the conference that has information on housing and transportation and the different components of age-friendly planning. Juneau has received a technical assistance component to work with Smart Growth America on looking at incentivizing middle-income housing in Juneau. The scope of work will include financing to support middle-income housing and a policy scan that reviews the updated comprehensive plan and zoning code specifically looking at how they support or impede middle-income housing development. A report will be written for use at the November conference.

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b. **Recreation/Fitness Subcommittee Updates**-AARP continues holding community walks and other activities. Discussion and planning for a Juneau Senior Center continues.

c. Age-Friendly Planning Report Updates: Ongoing reporting on activities continues to the CBJ and AARP, compilation of information for the annual report will begin in the Fall.

d. Transportation Update with Jodi Van Kirk and Matthew Carpenter from CBJ Capital Transit-Ms. Van Kirk reported that they are still receiving and processing many new ADA applications. There is an increase in ADA ridership as more ADA applications for seniors are approved. Capital Transit is continuing to work on improving the application process, updating the dispatch process, and updating the data system. Training needs for drivers and education for riders (seniors) and providers on how to use transportation services and how to communicate with drivers were discussed. Discussed coordination of transportation services with SEARCH shuttle program. Chair Craig recommended a customer service survey prior to the next contract. Ms. Van Kirk stated that a survey is part of the JTCT process and will keep the Commission informed of the details.

e. Outreach: June 18 Suggestions for KTOO Juneau Afternoon

3. AARP Update - Linda Kruger

AARP will be partnering with KTOO to coordinate a Juneau Emergency Planning meeting on June 30 in preparation for the Mendenhall flood. AARP Emergency kits will be handed out at the event and the Red Cross and other agencies will be in attendance.

Planning for November AARP Conference -

AARP Sponsored/Participating Events

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- MS. KYSER REPORTED THAT THE WIDOW GRIEVING GROUP IS NO LONGER MEETING.

4. JCOA Assembly Liaison Kelly's Monthly Assembly Report-See attached

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

There being no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Paul Kelly's Public Report

June 30, 2026

Finance Committee Highlights

MEETING RECAPS:

Met 6/3/26 @ 5:30pm

Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4947/files/agenda/12829>

Highlights:

- We received a report on the audits for Juneau School District (JSD), Bartlett Hospital (BRH), and the City (CBJ)
 - Full audit found here: [Full Audit](#)



- We discussed sales tax reforms
 - Ordinance 2026-20
 - Ordinance 2026-20 pushes back the deadline of when sales taxes are due because the USPS Postmark is no-longer reliable for determining when someone submitted sales taxes
 - It would no longer matter when it was sent, but when the sales taxes were received by the city
 - Finance Committee Action: Referred to the 6/8 Assembly meeting
 - Full Assembly action: Passed

6/3/26 @ 5:30pm - continued

- Sales tax reforms - continued
 - We discussed changes to the Remote Sellers Sales tax (Ordinance 2026-21)
 - Opting in to a program to collect sales tax from online marketplace facilitators (i.e. short-term rentals, vehicle sharing, food delivery)
 - Finance Committee Action: Referred to the 6/8 Assembly meeting
 - Full Assembly action 6/8 : Failed to pass
 - We discussed removing sales tax exemptions for non-profits (Ordinance 2026-32)
 - Finance Committee Action:
 - Amended the ordinance:
 - to treat all retail non-profit fundraising the same ;
 - to give tribal governments the same exemptions as the state; and
 - to clarify that we're not taxing the social services non-profits providers.
 - Set the Ordinance for introduction 6/8 and action on 7/23

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Finance Committee @** Assembly Chamber 7/8 at 5:30pm
- Public Works and Facilities Committee @** Assembly Chambers 7/13 at noon
- Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee @** Assembly Chamber 7/13 at 5pm
- Committee of the Whole -** @ Assembly Chamber 7/13 at 6pm
- Special Committee of the Whole on the GLOF - @** T&H Council Chambers, Andrew Hope Building 3rd Floor 7/20 at 6pm
- Human Resources Committee @** Assembly Chambers 7/27 at 5pm
- Regular Assembly Meeting @** Assembly Chambers 7/27 at 6pm

Full Assembly Calendar: juneau.org/calendar

WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS:

Saturday, July 11, 18, & 25
Assembly Chambers or ZOOM from 10am-noon

Canceled July 4, 2026



WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/816109702392?pwd=PGWc9SZVRf9WZGU6FELSSMZEIKQ.1>

Finance Committee Highlights - continued

6/3/26 @ 5:30pm - continued

- We discussed 2 bond proposals
 - School deferred maintenance (\$16 million)
 - Utility maintenance (\$9.4 million)
 - **Finance Committee Action:**
 - Did not modify the proposals
 - Directed staff to introduce the bonds at the 6/8 Assembly meeting and Assembly action 7/23.
 - If passed 7/23, then those proposals would then go before voters on the October 6 ballot
- We discussed collective bargaining in executive session



Next meeting 7/8/26

Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5058/files>

Lands, Housing, and Economic Development - **Canceled (6/1)**

Next meeting: 7/13/26

Full agenda: No link available yet

Committee of the Whole - **Canceled (6/1)**



Next meeting: 7/13/26

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4939/files>

Public Works and Facilities Committee

Met 6/5/26

Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5034/files/agenda/12838>

- The committee discussed the following transfers between capital improvement project accounts:
 - From Electric bus power upgrades to Bus barn
 - From Marine Park to Taku Upland Improvements
 - From Waterfront Museum to Waterfront Seawalk
 - From Contaminated Sites Reporting to Waste Transfer Station
 - From Contaminated Sites Reporting to Savikko Park Contamination Remediation
 - From Lemon Creek Park and Capital Schools Park to Parks and Playground Maintenance
 - From Bridge Repairs to Parks and Recreation Deferred Building Maintenance
 - From Renewable Energy Strategy Implementation to Waste Transfer Station
- **Public Works and Facilities Committee Action:** Forwarded all transfers for action to the 6/8 Assembly meeting
- **Full Assembly action:** All transfers were approved by the Assembly on 6/8



Next meeting 7/13/26

Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4726/files>

Human Resources Committee

Met 6/8/26 - Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4996/files/agenda/12845>

- Considered appointees to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
 - **Human Resources Committee Action:**
 - Forwarded reappointment of Emma Van Ness and Jennifer Gross, and the appointment of Susan Crandall to the full Assembly for action at the 6/8 meeting
 - **Full Assembly action:** Assembly approved the appointments on 6/8

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Human Resources Committee – continued

- Considered what to do about the Systemic Racism Review Committee (SRRRC). The SRRRC sunsets 8/31/2026 unless the Assembly takes action to change that. It has also had difficulty filling vacancies, making it difficult to achieve a quorum.
 - **Human Resources Committee Action:**
 - Recommended that the sunset date be eliminated;
 - Recommended that the committee be reduced in size from 7 to 5 members; and
 - Forwarded these recommendations to the 7/13 Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Met 6/24/26 as the full Assembly

- Interviewed and appointed members to these empowered boards:
- Airport Board
 - Appointed David Epstein and Michael Neussl to serve until 6/30/29
 - Reappointed Nolan Davis as the non-voting tenant liaison until 6/30/27
 - Reappointed Jerry Godkin until 6/30/27
- Docks and Harbors Board
 - Reappointed Tyler Emerson and Shem Sooter until 6/30/29
 - Appointed Steve Box until 6/30/29
- Eaglecrest Board
 - Reappointed Kevin Krein until 6/30/29
 - Appointed Sandy Hussain until 6/30/29
 - Appointed Sean O'Neill until 6/30/27



Next meeting: 7/27/26:

Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5055/files>

Regular Assembly Meeting

Met 6/8/26 – full agenda:

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

- Ratified the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4303 (union members voted to approve the contract later in the month)
- Raised sales tax cap from \$15,000 to \$50,000
 - On most transactions, only the first \$50,000 is taxed.
 - On motor vehicles selling for \$50,000 or less, only the first \$15,000 is taxed
- Expanded the geographic area we can collect sales taxes from on board a cruise ship
- Failed (on a 5-4 vote) to remove the exemption for sales taxes on a travel agent's commission
- Passed the budget
 - Discussed multiple amendments, but none passed
- Opted in to a program to collect sales tax from online marketplace facilitators (i.e. short-term rentals, vehicle sharing, food delivery)
- Flood Prevention
 - For the Local Improvement District (LID) that financed Phase I of the HESCO barriers, we changed ratio from 60-40 to 100-0 with the City covering the full cost of the LID
 - LID remains in place for the properties where the higher assessment was used for bank armoring
 - Requested an additional \$18 million in 50% forgivable loans for HESCO barrier maintenance/installation from the state
- Passed Ordinance 2026-20
 - The deadline has been extended for sales tax collection and the USPS postmark is no longer acceptable for meeting the deadline.
 - Refer to 6/3 Finance Committee discussion covered on page 1.



Next meeting: 7/27/26: Full agenda

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4716/files>

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