

Meeting Minutes
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
November 23, 2021
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM. The meeting was chaired by Emily Kane and was conducted via Zoom.

Board members present: Emily Kane, Linda Kruger, Kathleen Samalon, Carol Ende, Jennifer Carson, Ann Stepetin, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

Board members absent: Jan Beauchamp

Others: Robyn Mesdag, Di Cathart, Ky Holland, Charla Brown, Sue Nielson, Brenda Taylor, Janna Auger, Stephanie Page

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with unanimous consent.

III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The November meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None.

V. Discussion Items

A) Board Seats

Di Cathart noted that Emily Kane, Kathleen Samalon, Linda Kruger & Ann Stepetin's seats all expire at the end of the year. All have submitted their interest to continue to serve on the JCOA board. There are currently two public board seats open, and the city has received applications for those seats so hopefully in January the JCOA will be a full board again.

B) Assembly Update - Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

Emily asked if CBJ works with State Commissions, for example, to build out an elder care workforce. Alicia replied that in general, that is not something municipalities do, except for their own workers, but that there could be possibilities for this to work depending on the circumstances. Alicia is available for any questions JCOA members may have.

C) Report on the Age Friendly Community Designation master plan

Emily has done some groundwork on this. She met with Susan Phillips from Mayor Weldon's office. She has made progress and plans to pick back up work on this after the Good Jobs Challenge Grant. Application for the designation: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>

D) AARP 2022 Community Challenge Grant

Linda presented on the AARP 2022 Community Challenge Grant. Linda was on the review board for last year's applications. The JCOA may partner with Parks and Recreation and adding physical fitness equipment to existing parks. The tricky part about the grant is that the funds must be used quickly once granted, so the JCOA will need to be ready to implement quickly if they receive a grant.

E) Discussion on the Good Jobs Challenge Grant status & next steps

Ky Holland was involved in writing the JEDC Build Back Better grant and has stayed on to work on the Good Jobs Challenge Grant. He let the JCOA know that JEDC, after a lot of discussion with key stakeholders, is going to move forward in a System Lead Entity capacity with a heavy emphasis on the development of multiple sectoral partnerships and the development of regional (Southeast) system support with multiple components including communication, tools/resources, job redesign, benefits/pay, and workforce planning. Emily asked who the industry sectors JEDC might work with are and Ky replied that they are not yet set but will likely include the visitor's products, oceans and healthcare sectors. He noted that JEDC also works closely with the mining, energy, forest and arts & culture sectors so some of those may be included as well. Ky also noted that being part of the JEDC Good Jobs Challenge Grant should not preclude the JCOA from also joining a statewide Good Jobs Challenge Grant.

F) Board Seats

There are currently two open seats on the JCOA. One of those needs to be filled by a person who is 65 or older.

G) Next Meeting Date

December 21, 2021 at 10:30 AM.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM