

Meeting Minutes
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
December 15, 2020
2:00 PM
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM. The meeting was chaired by Emily Kane and was conducted via Zoom.

Board members present: Emily Kane; Linda Kruger; Kathleen Samalon; Carol Ende; Sue Warner; Paul Douglas; Jennifer Carson; Christine Woll; Jan Beauchamp

Board members absent: Justin Jones

Others: Robyn Mesdag, James Cheng, Eva Bornstein, Sue Nielson, Beth Weldon, Di Cathart

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent

III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None.

V. Discussion Items

A) Senior Survey Working Session

The draft senior survey was discussed. The JCOA would like to edit the draft to include an executive summary as well as other changes. Beth McEwen confirmed the funding for the survey runs on a fiscal year, so the survey does not need to be completed by the end of 2020. With that in mind, the JCOA formed two subcommittees to bring recommendations to the JCOA at the January meeting

- Kathleen Samalon, Emily Kane, Linda Kruger, Eva Bornstein –this subcommittee will work on conclusions, and an executive summary as well as overall recommendations for broad suggestions and changes to the survey. Eva Bornstein will serve as a resource to this group.

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- Sue Warner, Emily Kane, Jan Beauchamp, Linda Kruger – this subcommittee will work on edits to the senior survey, including wording, spelling and punctuation.

Di will send the 2010 senior survey, including the recommendations to the assembly to Robyn, who will distribute to the JCOA. This is also available on the JCOA webpage through CBJ.

JEDC will distribute an editable version of the 2020 senior survey to the subcommittee members.

B) Update on Riverside Senior Community Project

Paul provided an update on the Riverside Senior Community Project:

- Engineering and architecture work in process, targeted to meet Spring, 2021 construction start date
- Application for Conditional Use Permit submission to CBJ to be submitted soon
- Planning for launching community outreach and marketing efforts are underway
- The status of the pandemic is making it difficult for the Developers to line up financing, Vaccine availability and roll out should help
- Project completion/move in not likely until late 2022

C) Discussion on pursuing AARP Grant

The JCOA would like to pursue an AARP grant this year, with support from JEDC. Senior fitness equipment may be something to pursue for a grant. Christine noted that the design of Capital School Park is currently happening and may be a good location for fitness equipment. Discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

D) Food Bank Advent Calendar

Linda presented an advent calendar with suggestions as to a type of food to collect in a box each day for 30 days. This is a project through AARP and the JCOA would like to partner on the project. JCOA members are encouraged to collect food for a month and then donate to a local food bank. Linda will accept photos/information on the amount of food JCOA members have donated and will compile the results in conjunction with AARP.

E) Volunteer Opportunities

Jennifer reported that Friends of Seniors, which is a non-medical volunteer-based program needs more volunteers. Volunteers are also needed for hospice. Hospice volunteers must complete a training requirement. Please contact Jennifer with any questions or for more information.

D) Next meeting date/plans going forward

The next meeting dates are scheduled as followed:

- January 19, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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- February 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM
- March 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.