

Meeting Minutes
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
October 9, 2018
12:00PM
JEDC Conference Room, 612 W. Willoughby Ave., Suite A

I. Call to Order at 12:03 PM

Board members present: Eileen Hosey, Sue Warner, Karina Lee, Joann Flora, Paul Douglas, Andy Hughes

Board members absent: Linda Kruger, Emily Kane, Tisket Seslar

Others: Dana Herndon, Sioux Douglas

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Sioux Douglas came on behalf Senior Citizens Support Services, Inc. (SCSSI). They are the force behind seeking senior assistance support in Juneau. They have been working on this for the past five years. The mission is support seniors in our community through small grants or incentive programs – whatever they deem fits the mission.

Sioux talked about the ‘Silver Tsunami’ and how many senior citizens are forced to leave Juneau because there is not a place for them to seek living/medical assistance.

There was a big gap in the level of care.

SSCI has been through two iterations of “almost having someone here” to help develop an assisted living facility. The group spent 8-9 months working with CBJ and CBJ advised that there is a state statute that prevents municipalities from supporting a non-profit project through bonding financing. This made them lose a whole construction season and they had to start over. They did a market demand study for \$50K and it was very comprehensive. [The survey is on the JEDC website](#). The market demand study indicated that there was a dire need for an assisted-living facility and care options. There is a big economic impact by keeping the seniors in Juneau.

A new company, [Bayshire, LLC](#), is out in the San Diego area and they have a profound interest in being the provider SSCI has been looking for. The two principals for Bayshire will be in Juneau on October 22. They are going to hold a Meet + Greet at 5 PM at the new Alaskan Brewing tasting room.

One of the toughest things about bringing providers here the cost – both high construction and operating costs.

Sue asks Sioux to tell us more about SCSSI. It’s a 501c3 and it’s a small group of people.

Sue wants to talk to Sioux about the village concept – which is kind of like assisted living in your own house. The strategic planning session on October 31 and the Village Concept is on the agenda.

Joann brings up the need for medical services and how we don't have medical services for people to age in place. Sioux says that there needs to be a strategic goal presented to the city so that those medical professionals can be recruited.

Andy suggests that we Invite Mr. Chuck Bill to come and present to the JCOA. Eileen said that she will invite him. Andy mentions that once we get a facility in place, for sure, then we can go to the city and tell them we need their help in recruiting medical professionals.

Joann Flora suggests that we have a dedicated workshop to Aging in Place at the Innovation Summit and invite healthcare workers, hospital people, CRM, SCSSI, and JCOA.

IV. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Joann Flora moves to approve the minutes, Paul Douglas seconds the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

V. Subcommittee Reports

None given.

VI. Other business

None given.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.