

Meeting Minutes
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
12:00PM
JEDC Conference Room, 612 West Willoughby Ave., Suite A

I. Call to Order

Board members present: Eileen Hosey, Paul Douglas, Andy Hughes, Joann Flora, Sue Warner, and Emily Kane

Board members absent: Katrina Lee, Carol Trebian, and Tisket Seslar

Others: Marianne Mills, Loren Jones, Brian Holst, and Robyn Mesdag

Call to order at: 12:03PM

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Marianne Mills inquired about the progress of the survey. It was noted that the commission is aware the survey, and know it is coming up as something to work on in the coming months.

IV. Approval of minutes from previous meeting, March 20, 2018

A correction to the minutes was requested by Andy Hughes. On page 3 of the minutes, in the first paragraph, in the fourth sentence, "challenger" should be changed to "challenge."

V. Older Americans Month event, May 20th

The Older Americans Month event is set to be held on May 20th from 2:00 – 4:00pm at the Pioneers Home. The event has been confirmed with the director of the Pioneers Home. There will be coffee and tea provided by the Pioneers Home, the JCOA will request funds to provide cookies and programs. The theme for the event is "Engage at every age." The JCOA is going to invite the Governor or Lt. Governor to read a proclamation. The JCOA is also going to invite the Mayor and Dennis Egan the event. There are five centenarians in Juneau, one of whom has agreed to attend. Emily is going to head up this event, with help from Sue. Emily will work with Susan Phillips on a "My Turn" for the Juneau Empire and set up a time to go on Juneau Afternoon on KTOO. She will also run a notice in the Sunday paper a week in advance of the event. The JCOA is expecting 50 or less people for this event and is hoping to raise awareness of the commission, the seniors in our community and the contributions seniors make in our state by hosting this event. Denise will likely speak at the event. If not, Eileen will speak. Joann is willing contact the media to do a story on the JCOA and their first event, Eileen will check with Beth before Joann contacts the media. The next JCOA meeting on May 8th will largely focus on the Older Americans Month event.

VI. Senior Listening Event

The Senior Listening Event has not yet been scheduled. Eileen will find out background information on the books she has seen that compile senior stories from Alaska. Emily will contact Beth Weigel at the City Museum to inquire about what sort of senior stories may already be documented.

VII. JCOA mission statement and goals

The JCOA agreed to keep the mission set forth for the commission by the assembly, *"The purpose of the JCOA is to advise the Assembly on issues regarding seniors in Juneau and to promote awareness of Juneau's senior population, the quality of life of seniors; and the role of seniors in the social and economic life of Juneau."* The JCOA members will think about a few specific goals for the commission to work on, and will discuss at the next meeting.

VIII. Presenters on topics of interest

The JCOA is interested in hearing from presenters at future meetings. It was decided that there would be no presenter at the May 8th meeting, so there would be time to work on the Older Americans Month event. Future presenters may include:

Food bank - Darren Adams
Housing - Sioux Douglas
211 - Wayne Stevens
Medical – CEO of Hospital
Senior Stories – Juneau Historical Society

IX. Other business

The JCOA agreed to meet the second Tuesday, rather than the third Tuesday of every month so that Katrina Lee can attend the meetings. The next meeting will be held May 8, 2018.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.