

Meeting Minutes
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
May 18th, 2021
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM. The meeting was chaired by Emily Kane and was conducted via Zoom.

Board members present: Emily Kane, Linda Kruger, Kathleen Samalon, Christine Woll, Jan Beauchamp, Sue Warner, Paul Douglas, Jennifer Carson, Ann Stepetin

Board members absent: Carol Ende

Others: Robyn Mesdag, James Cheng, Beth McEwen

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with unanimous consent with a few modifications to the order and foregoing the question of the month.

III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The March meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None.

V. Discussion Items

A) Assembly Update

Assembly Update: Christine Woll thanked the JCOA for delivering an amazing senior survey and thanked James and Emily for presenting to the assembly. Emily would like to work with the appropriate people at the city to move forward with recommendations. Christine will help facilitate this and will get Emily in touch with Rory Watt as a first step.

The assembly gave the City Manager power to change Juneau COVID policies to align with the CDC, which is why we saw a rapid change in policy with the CDC's update.

It is budget season for CBJ. The August Brown Pool renovations are in the proposed budget and Christine expects the allotment for the renovations to be included in the final budget.

JCOA Board Members: Carol Ende, Jennifer Carson, Janet Beauchamp, Paul Douglas, Sue Warner, Emily Kane, Ann Stepetin, Linda Kruger, Kathleen Samalon. Assembly liaison: Christine Woll

B) Senior Survey – updates/plans/subcommittees

The senior surveys have been mailed out, per the distribution subcommittee's direction. Flyers have gone up around town, members of the JCOA have been on the radio and directed postcards were mailed out. There are still 50 hard copies available at JEDC.

Emily, Ann and Linda are going to work together on starting a draft master blueprint for the aging. Jennifer hopes to work on the issue of home health care workers and Ann would like to work with her on that issue. Emily has been working with Blue Schibler with AEYC on a letter of endorsement for needing childcare workers. Home health care and childcare worker trainings may have some overlap that can be explored.

C) Welcome to new member, Ann Stepetin

Emily welcomed Ann to the JCOA. Ann introduced herself and shared her rich background with helping Elders. The members of the JCOA and staff introduced themselves and explained their interest in the JCOA.

D) Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date scheduled for June 15, 2021 at 10:30 AM. There was discussion about the possibility of meeting in person going forward. The JCOA will wait to hear what CBJ and JEDC's policies are on this going forward.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM