

Meeting Minutes
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
June 15th, 2021
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM. 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, Jennifer Carson, Christine Woll, Jan Beauchamp

Board members absent: Paul Douglas

Others: James Cheng, Beth McEwen, Bridget Dowd, Janna Auger

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with unanimous consent.

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 has officially approved mail in elections moving forward. Cruise ship initiatives did not gather enough signatures were gathered so they will not be on the ballot this fall.

There will be cruise ships in late July. The city manager has to enter into port agreements between communities and cruise companies. The agreements will be in line with CDC guidelines.

Norwegian Cruise lines gave \$2 million dollar gift to several municipalities. CBJ did not accept the gift from Norwegian Cruise lines. Concerns over impartiality drove the decision. CBJ recommended investing in Juneau through other means.

Budget things: Capital park improvements will be starting this year. The mill rate was lowered by 10 points.

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

B) Janna Auger: Home Sharing

There is limited affordable, safe housing options for seniors now. Home Sharing is a cost effective, “whole person”/holistic approach that brings the community together. It is a good option for seniors who are anxious living alone but don’t need/want a group home. There are two roles, hosts and housemates. Hosts are anyone with an extra room that they want to share such as empty nesters. Housemates are seniors (or others) who want to live independently but cannot maintain their own home. This program is usually done in more urban environments. A feasibility study is necessary. Grant funding for such a study requires a non-profit to be an “umbrella entity” to be considered.

C) Finalization of postcard, flyer & distribution list

The distribution subcommittee okayed the flyers, posters and postcards. JEDC will add a link to the survey to them and begin distribution. Jan is doing a thank you ad in the Juneau Empire. Paul is looking to get on KTOO and KINY to promote the Senior Survey. CBJ is working on the JCOA website.

D) Juneau AARP is interested as well as some other related groups. Meetings have been suspended to accommodate subchapter meetings on special topics. Fairbanks has developed a Master Plan on Aging.

E) Next Meeting Date

June 20th 10:30-11:30 AM.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 AM