



**SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2025 ~ Anchorage Senior Activity Center/Zoom**

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Abi Haring-Brito – Chair Traci Willett – Vice Chair Gordon Glaser Debbie Bear Dr. Emily McMahan Jim Bailey	Suzanne Hickel	Darcie Montalvo, AHD Human Services Division Staff Liaison: Judy Atkins

Call to Order

Chair Abi Haring-Brito called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda: Commissioner Glaser added the topic 'AgeNet Priorities 2025' under New Business. **Motion to approve the agenda as amended,** Commissioner Glaser; seconded by Commissioner Bailey. **Chair called for a verbal vote, the motion passed.**

Approval of the October 23, 2024 Minutes: **Motion to approve the minutes as presented,** Commissioner Glaser; seconded by Commissioner Bear. **Chair called for a verbal vote, the motion passed.**

Introductions

Presentation

Future presentations to include for February, OPAG/Senior Voice and in March, Hope Center. The commission would also like to hold a meeting at the Chugiak Eagle River Senior Center as we have previously.

Legislative | AARP Report

It was agreed that Ms. Atkins should work with Marge Stoneking to obtain a short, written report if she is unable to attend going forward.

Commission Focus Points

Dementia – The letter of support was completed. There is the possibility of working with the Alaska Dementia Action Collaborative in the future. They will be speaking at a future meeting.

Anchorage as an Age-Friendly Designation- Commissioner Bailey reported that they continue to meet on a regular basis. He is playing a part in speaking with Marie Husa in the Mayor's office to ensure continuing support. They are eager to get the project moving and communicating out the needs. They continue to work with the city on crosswalk issues.

Continuing Business

Brainstorming

New Business

Older Americans Month Kick-Off Event. The event date has been set for Wednesday, May 2, 2025 and will be held at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center. AARP has agreed to sponsor the event for \$2,500. This year's theme is 'Flip the Script on Aging'. A description was provided to the members to assist in the choice for speaker. The Ron Hammett Award Criteria and Nomination form will be sent out in the near future. A small committee will be formed to review the nominations and present a winner. Ms. Atkins will update Ron Hammett information, prepare a flyer, secure the singer, ensure invitations are sent to the Mayor, Assembly, Governor. She will also work with the Congressional delegation to obtain short videos to be played during the event. Many more additional duties.

AgeNet Priorities 2025 – Commissioner Glaser provided the group with information about the community-based state grants that serve older Alaskans and what they see as the priorities for Alaska Legislators to take action upon. He will be going to Juneau next month to advocate for them and asked if we want to do a letter of support. Nothing finalized

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Comments | Announcements

- David Washburn is leaving OPAG/Senior Voice.
- Two commission vacancies – please identify potential applicants

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bear; seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Hearing no objections, meeting adjourned at 11:38. **Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 2025**