

**DECEMBER 12, 2024  
COUNCIL ON AGING COMMISSION MEETING  
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL/REVISIONS**

**REQUESTED ADDITIONS TO THE PACKET:**

<b><u>ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>REQUESTED BY</u></b>
Add Item F.1	<b>Review/Approve</b> – Council on Aging 2024 Annual Report for Submission to City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2024 Council on Aging Commission Annual Report</li></ul>	Chair Ayers

## SUMMARY OF REPORT



The Council on Aging commission made three goals for 2024:

Goal #1 - Enhance Kenai Senior Center (KSC) Community Outreach and Membership.

Goal #2 - Discuss and Research adding more Senior Housing for the City of Kenai.

Goal #3 - Assist the KSC staff in researching topics that can enrich Senior Programs.

All Goals were accomplished with a Council on Aging Commission recommendation to continue work on goals and achieve implementations for the website changes and city council senior housing research authorization in 2025.

## MISSION STATEMENT



The purpose of the Council on Aging Commission is to advise the Council and Administration on issues involving the Kenai Senior Center and senior citizen programs supported by the City. Duties include reviewing and providing recommendations on any master plans for senior citizen services; acting in an advisory capacity to the Council and the Administration on matters affecting the Senior Center and senior citizen services provided by the City; making recommendations to the City Manager on the budget for the City's Senior Center; submitting annually a list of the recommended capital improvements; and providing information and recommendations as requested by the City Council and Administration.

## HIGHLIGHTS



Goal #1 was supported with the plan to update the City of Kenai Webpage design and by adding easy-to-use features for the Senior Services section and by the successful "Bring a Friend to Lunch Day" event.

Goal #2 was supported with numerous discussions and research on adding more senior housing and on an action plan to have the commission representative request the city council authorize formal research in 2025.

Goal #3 was supported with assistance in researching intergenerational programs that connect high school or college-aged youth with lonely or isolated senior adults.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Goal #1 - A Power Point Briefing was created for city staff showing an updated model for the City of Kenai Webpage and Senior Services section that incorporates all the changes to support Goal #1. These changes allow Seniors to access the Senior services section in only two clicks instead of 5 clicks and advertised the age of 60 to use senior services. The Bring a "Friend to Lunch Day" was a great success and provided outreach to the community.

Goal #2 - Research on additional senior housing was successfully completed and will continue in 2025.

Goal #3 - In-depth research was conducted and a 22 page research report was prepared for the Kenai Senior Center Staff. An outreach letter and questionnaire was also developed for use in soliciting inputs from schools and colleges on what programs they had supporting intergenerational programs that connect high school or college-aged youth with lonely or isolated senior adults.

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Goal #1 encompassed education and outreach to the Kenai community.