



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library - Room 1
500 N Dunton Ave Arlington Heights, IL 60004
September 15, 2022
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from April 28, 2022

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Lawn Mowing Program
- B. Teen Health Programming
- Commissioners report on and discuss any leads for facilitators for training or programming around teen mental health

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Youth Commission
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Item: Minutes from April 28, 2022

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Son called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commission welcomed new member Nathan Georg and all introduced themselves.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alice Son, Chairperson

Matt Healy

Officer Taryn Gombar

Matthew Allaire

Kendall Fahnoe

Jennifer Borrell

Dr. Afroz Hafeez

Chyrel Moore

Anna Fortsas

Nathan Georg

Also Present

Melissa Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant

Melissa Cayer, Resident

Absent

Anayah Menzies-Thomas

Connor Neill

James McCalister, Commission Liaison

John Peterson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from March 10, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Borrell to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Moore and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Park District

Commissioner Healy reported that the Park District was busy this time of year and the paper brochure is being mailed to all residents. He said pool passes are being sold and the Park District is hiring.

B. School District

Commissioner Moore said just completed was the Illinois academic assessment testing and that the countdown to summer has begun.

C. Library

Chairperson Son said volunteer opportunities at the Library are available and applicants can apply online. She said the Library is prepping for finals and creating destressing areas designated for students. She mentioned that summer is a busy time of year for the Library.

D. Police Department

Officer Gombar said the Police Department is focused on recertification training and hiring lateral police officers.

E. Commissioners at Large

Commissioner Allaire said they had finals week for juniors and seniors, along with AP testing. He said freshman and sophomore finals are coming up too. He said that he is graduating and will be going to Notre Dame. He mentioned that prom is on different days for different schools in May.

Commissioner Fahnoe said she is graduating and will attend Northwestern University. She said that students are preparing for AP testing.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lawn Mowing Program

Chairperson Son said summer is approaching and it was decided to focus on promoting the Lawn Mowing Program. She said that lawn signs with a QR code illustrating that this is a paid program was discussed at the last meeting. Commissioner Borrell said she will prepare a draft sign and send to the Commission. Commissioner Fahnoe said the graphic could be posted on social media and on lawn signs. Alice will create a QR code. Commissioner Allaire suggested placing signs at the schools as well. Commissioner Georg said he signed up for the snow shoveling program and said promoting the program would be helpful.

B. Teen Job Fair

Chairperson Son said the Library sent a survey to the businesses to gather information about the Teen Job Fair experience. She said the results varied for how many teens were interviewed by businesses and how many teens were hired. She said each business hired at least one teen and the max was four teens. She shared that some businesses indicated that parents should not be involved in the interview process. Commissioner Borrell suggested creating a separate room. Commissioner Gombar said offering parents a refreshment area would be helpful too. Commissioner Fahnoe suggested that at check in, split the line and send parents one way and teens another way. Chairperson Son said another theme from the survey was that teens seemed nervous. Commissioner Moore said a coaching session for teens would be helpful. Chairperson Son said bringing back a coaching and calming room for teens to utilize before meeting with the businesses would help teens. Commissioner Hafeez said retaining businesses to stay to the end of the job fair is important too. Commissioner Healy said working with set time blocks to sign up for prep time and interviews might help the businesses stay until the end. He said teens can still show up and attend. Chairperson Son said reducing the event by 30 minutes and creating a prep session at the Job Fair would be a benefit too. Commissioner Borrell said having the first half hour be the prep session and then the businesses could use the remaining 1.5 hours. Chairperson Son said rating the event was mostly 5 out of 5.

C. Teen Health Programming

Chairperson Son said this topic was discussed at the last meeting and the focus was on mental health training and in combination with physical health programs. Commissioner Moore said a social emotional learning program that is used every day might be helpful, such as helping kids get along with each other and understanding their differences. Chairperson Son said potentially auditing a youth certification program to determine if this topic would be worth pursuing could be a possibility. She asked the Commission to find and research any information and send to her. Commissioner Georg asked if there is a focus for teen health programming. Chairperson Son said the Commission was thinking of offering a program for teens in the community and discussed getting a base level understanding to determine what topic to pursue. Chairperson Son said offering a program to the community might need more time and something that the Commission can consider in the Fall.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Gombar said National Night Out is August 2 and it might be a good event to promote the Youth Commission. Chairperson Son said they could get feedback from teens to determine what topics they would be interested in learning about. Commissioner Moore said promoting the Teen Job Fair and Snow Shoveling/Lawn Mowing programs at National Night Out would be helpful.
- B. The Commission discussed and determined that the May 19 meeting will be canceled.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Healy, seconded by Commissioner Gombar, moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6/16/2022.