



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library 500 N Dunton Ave Room I Arlington
Heights, IL 60004

August 17, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. July 27, 2023 Minutes

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V. OLD BUSINESS

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- B. Teen Health Programming
- C. Commission-Hosted Recreational Event

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July 27, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Son called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commission welcomed new member Lucy Jochaniewicz and all introduced themselves.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alice Son, Chair

Jennifer Borrell

Dr. Afroz Hafeez

Owen Smith

John Peterson

Gabe Cherwin

Lucy Jochaniewicz

Also Present

Mr. James McCalister, Commission Liaison

Melissa Cayer, Guest

Absent

Chyrel Moore

Nathan Georg

Taryn Gombar

Matt Healy

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from February 9, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hafeez to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Commission Reports

1. Library

Chair Son said summer is a busy time at the library with kids out of school. She said that this year in terms of teens between 7th – 12th grade, they had 346 teens sign up for summer reading. There were more kids signed up than before pre pandemic. Teens have also been doing summer volunteer squads which is a volunteering program they have every summer for teens between 7th – 12th grade. They are a part of a squad who focus on different missions for the summer. Chair Son described the variety of fun squads this summer. She also discussed the Teen Film Fest on August 18th. She said teen film makers submit films and the submissions are due this Sunday. The films are screened, judged and they win cash prizes. Chair Son said that they are prepping for back to school.

2. Park District

No Report.

3. Police Department

No Report

4. Schools

No Report

5. Commissioners at Large

Commissioner Peterson said there are a lot of sports camps going on.

Commissioner Smith agreed about the sports and camps taking place.

Commissioner Cherwin also said that teens were busy with their sports.

Commissioner Jochaniewicz said that fall sports starts 2 weeks before school starts so they are starting now.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Teen Job Fair

Chair Son said that after the Fair, they like to talk about what worked well and what can be improved. There was a discussion on what worked well and what could be improved on. Some things that worked well were: well organized, good number of vendors to teens, welcome desk worked well to encourage parents to go to parents' lounge, shortened timeframe of 1.5 hours versus 2 hours, the ARC as a venue, and VAH posted on social media and did more promotional work than in previous years. Improvements can be made by: offering a raffle for prizes, more publicity to have more businesses who hire under 16-year-old at the event, more publicity to have more teens attend, incorporate internships and volunteering opportunities service hour requirements for schools, have members of the Commission at the Senior Center table for Snow Shoveling and Lawn Mowing Program. There were over 200 teens that attended the fair. Chair Son said that this topic will be brought up again in November to plan the 2024 Teen Job Fair.

B. Snow Shoveling and Lawn Mowing Program

Chair Son explained the Lawn Mowing and Snow Shoveling Program to the new Commissioners. There was discussion on updating and expanding the form to include more information to match the teens with Seniors. Chair Son will bring the form to the next meeting for discussion. She said that promotion is integral for the program to succeed. She said that former Commissioner Fortas made a flyer for the program and it was very effective. Last year the student Commissioners were asked to promote it at their schools. Commissioner Jochaniewicz suggested social media posts. There was discussion if the schools could post on their social media pages since the pages are student run. There was also discussion on how to target and market to the parents of the teens. This topic will reconvene next month.

C. Commission-Hosted Dodgeball Tournament

Chair Son explained the Commission-Hosted Dodgeball Tournament which was championed by a former Commissioner. She asked if this is something that the Commissioners would like still like to make happen or if they would like to work on another event. There was some discussion on the tournament regarding entrance fee, cash prize and contributing to a charity. There was also discussion on previous events that the Commissioners held. This topic was tabled for next meeting so that the Commissioners can have time to think about it and/or come up with another event.

D. Teen Health Programming

Chair Son explained that the Teen Health Programming focuses on how to help teens with mental health resources and other health aspects. Commissioner Hafeez added that they need a number of activities for Public Health Week which is in April. Chair Son said that she is in talks of having a resource hour at the library to have the Village Social Worker come and be a presence for teens. She also mentioned if teens were aware if their schools have a social worker and school psychologist. Commissioner Hafeez said that he went through an 8-hour program for a mental health certification and asked the Commissioners if they would be interested in the program. Commissioner Jochaniewicz mentioned that it would be nice to have CPR training or other training because they do not have that at St. Viator. Liaison McCalister said that the Village nurses host CPR classes at the Senior Center and the nurses could put classes on during Public Health week. Commissioner Hafeez discussed Stop the Bleed training which is how to use an epi pen and Narcan, among other techniques to save a life, and would like to connect offline with the nurses as part of the package. Commissioner Hafeez will research a shortened training or program meant for youths. Chair Son suggested a program that is in person versus virtually.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2024 Budget

Chair Son stated that they have \$400 to use for the Commission. Right now, the \$400 are separated into different categories and she will request to combine some of the funds to go into Other Supplies.

B. New Commissioners

Commissioner Borrell had a question on the new Commissioners to replace the graduates. Chair Son said that they will need a Hersey and Buffalo Grove School student and if anyone knows a youth that is interested, they should contact the Village Administration office.

The next meeting is scheduled on August 17, 2023.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hafeez, seconded by Commissioner Owen, moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.