



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Buechner Room-33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd., AH

April 28, 2022
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from March 10, 2022

IV. REPORTS

- A. Commission Reports
1. Park District
 2. School District
 3. Library
 4. Police Department
 5. Commissioners at Large

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Lawn Mowing Program
- Commissioners will report on progress for promoting our lawn mowing program.
- B. Teen Job Fair
- Commissioners will review survey results.
- C. Teen Health Programming
- Commissioners will discuss progress on potential mental health training and certification for our Commission and community teens.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Youth Commission
4/28/2022**

Item: Minutes from March 10, 2022

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Minutes from March 10, 2022

Type

Minutes



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Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
500 N Dunton Ave
March 10, 2022
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Son called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alice Son, Chairperson

Matt Healy

Officer Taryn Gombar

Matthew Allaire

Kendall Fahnoe

Jennifer Borrell

Dr. Afroz Hafeez

John Peterson

Also Present

James McCalister, Commission Liaison

Melissa Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant

Absent

Anayah Menzies-Thomas

Chyrel Moore

Anna Fortsas

Connor Neill

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from February 17, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Healy to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gombar and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Park District

Commissioner Healy reported that the Park District was pleased to host the Teen Job Fair and is tracking new hires to identify how many students were hired from the event. He said the Park District is ramping up for Spring activities.

B. School District

No report.

C. Library

Chairperson Son said during spring break the Library will offer a reader's slumber party for teens to discuss their favorite books and build forts. She said that the Library is also preparing for summer activities.

D. Police Department

Officer Gombar said the Police Department received seven applicants from the Teen Job Fair.

E. Commissioners at Large

Commissioner Allaire said students are in the third quarter slump as they have been in school for eight weeks without a day off.

Commissioner Fahnoe said students are preparing for AP testing and spring break.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Snow Removal and Lawn Mowing Programs

Chairperson Son said currently 270 residents and 23 snow shoveling students are signed up for the Snow Shoveling Program, and eight applications were received from the Teen Job Fair for the Lawn Mowing Program. She said as the weather changes, the Snow Shoveling Program shifts to the Lawn Mowing Program. She said that the Commission might need to revisit promoting the programs. Chairperson Son said she saw lawn signs and thought that might be helpful as a way to attract students. Commissioner Fahnoe said including a QR code is popular in schools and would be good to include on the signs. Commissioner Healy said lawn signs were used to promote soccer enrollment and could be placed on Park District property. Commissioner Borrell said using dollar sign symbols instead of hourly rates could attract more attention to the signs, and also to place signs in certain businesses that teens visit over the summer. Commissioner Healy suggested graphics on the signage with a QR code, and will look into getting signs made that are similar to what the Park District has used. Commissioner Gombar said place the signs in the downtown area

and at Frontier Days. Commissioner Peterson said swimming pools and ice cream shops are good locations to promote the program.

B. Teen Job Fair

Chairperson Son said there were 217 attendees and 25 out of 28 businesses at the Teen Job Fair. Commissioner Healy said having the Teen Job Fair at the Arlington Ridge Center worked well. He said the big open space, a section dedicated for parents and a warm up station was well received. The Commission agreed that the Arlington Ridge Center is the best location for next year. Chairperson Son said she noticed teens completing applications at the warm up area and they can create a space for this next year. She asked for feedback about the welcome desk. Commissioner Fahone said the notebooks were popular, but she would have liked to help people feel less nervous. Chairperson Son said it might be helpful to have another table designated for ways to help teens relax. Commissioner Borrell asked if the prep pep talk area that has been offered in previous years could be included on the night of the Teen Job Fair. Chairperson Son said this year mock interviewing and resume prep was offered at the Library the week prior to help teens develop their skills before the Teen Job Fair. She explained that in prior years the prep area was held the same night as the Teen Job Fair and that they can review this for next year. Commissioner Gombar suggested changing the time for next year as some businesses were not present until 8 p.m. Commissioner Hafeez said creating time slots for people to sign up might be an option as well. The Commission drafted survey questions for businesses and teens. Chairperson Son said there might be more opportunities to help businesses prep since some did not have table cloths or other items to attract students. Commissioner Fahone suggested providing information to businesses in advance so they know how to prepare and what to expect would be helpful for next year.

C. The Commission will brainstorm ways to consider which topics teens in our community would most like to learn.

Chairperson Son said in past meetings, the Commission discussed selecting mental health as a topic for teen programming. Commissioner Fahnoe said mental health is discussed in health class but could be covered more outside of school. Commissioner Peterson said two or three classes per topic are covered in health class. Commissioner Allaire said mental health would be beneficial as a topic since it is not covered too much in school.

Commissioner Gombar said mental health first aid training taught by the Police Department might be something to offer as teen programming. Mr. McCalister said he can ask the Social Services Coordinator to see if the mental health first aid training would be something that can be offered to teens. Chairperson Son asked how could the Commission incentivize teens to participate in the program. Commissioner Peterson said shorter training times would be helpful so that teens are not sitting in a classroom all day. Commissioner Allaire said giving information to parents so that they can encourage teens to participate would also be helpful. Commissioner Fahnoe suggested teens getting service credit through schools as an incentive, and possibly include another activity, such as an exercise class or cooking class to balance to classroom training for mental health program. Chairperson Son said the Commission can obtain more information to determine if a classroom training would be feasible.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hafeez, seconded by Commissioner Healy, moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4/21/2022.