



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
500 N. Dunton Ave, Room I, 60004
March 10, 2022
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from February 17, 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. Snow Shoveling/Lawn Mowing Program
- B. Teen Job Fair
- C. The Commission will brainstorm ways to consider which topics teens in our community would most like to learn.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Youth Commission
3/10/2022

Item: Minutes from February 17, 2022

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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Minutes from February 17, 2022	Minutes



**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Ridge Center
660 N. Ridge
February 17, 2022
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Son called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alice Son, Chairperson

Matt Healy

Officer Taryn Gombar

Matthew Allaire

Connor Neill

Dr. Afroz Hafeez

John Peterson

Also Present

James McCalister, Commission Liaison

Melissa Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant

Absent

Anayah Menzies-Thomas

Chyrel Moore

Anna Fortsas

Kendall Fahnoe

Jennifer Borrell

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from January 20, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Healy to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gombar and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Park District

Commissioner Healy reported that the Arlington Ridge Center will host the Teen Job Fair and the Park District is excited to fill open positions. He said the Park District will have a pre-job fair table set up the week before March 1 and hand out information about the job fair and open positions available at the Park District.

B. School District

No report.

C. Library

Chairperson Son said the library is preparing for the Teen Job Fair and the week prior, the Get a Job Workshop will be offered to teens to learn about how to build a resume and interview skills. She said a College Workshop is also happening at the library to help teens prepare for college visits.

D. Police Department

Officer Gombar said the Police Department is almost fully staffed.

E. Commissioners at Large

Commissioner Neill said not being virtual has been nice and the no mask updates will be awkward for some students. Commissioner Peterson said masks have created a division among students. Commissioner Allaire said students wearing masks in school is split 50/50.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Snow Removal

Chairperson Son said there is a new flyer which was sent out to the Commission. She asked if there was progress with posting the flyers in school. Commissioner Allarie said the flyers are posted at Buffalo Grove. Commissioner Son asked for the other Commissioners to see if the flyer can be posted at the other high schools.

B. Teen Job Fair

Chairperson Son said 14 businesses are currently signed up to attend the Teen Job Fair. She asked if there is any feedback from the Commission to do anything differently next year. Commissioner Hafeez asked if the Chamber of Commerce was contacted. Chairperson Son said information was not sent to the Chamber of Commerce. She said sometimes contact information can change year to year and thanked the Commission for help in contacting the right person at the businesses. Mr. McCalister mentioned promoting the Teen Job Fair in social media and the Daily Herald would be helpful. Chairperson Son said local Facebook groups for businesses were given information and some new businesses submitted the interest forms.

Commissioner Healy mentioned that the mask mandate will depend upon the Illinois Department of Public Health updates which could be the day off the Teen Job Fair.

The Commission toured space dedicated for the Teen Job Fair and discussed placement of the tables. Chairperson Son said having a U-shaped set up with business stationed towards the back of the gym seemed to work best and not overwhelm the teens when entering the space. She said businesses can arrive at 5:00 p.m. and asked that the Commissioners be present between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Chairperson Son asked if there are other ideas for a warm up station and the Commission agreed to stage the area as the teens enter the gym before greeting the businesses. Mr. McCalister suggested to bring a counter and Chairperson Son said she has one and will bring it to the event. Mr. McCalister asked if there will be a survey and Chairperson Son said yes, they will survey the businesses. Chairperson Son suggested having a parent sitting station to keep parents occupied while teens are meeting with businesses. Commissioner Peterson agreed that a parent station would be helpful. Mr. McCalister suggested offering tours of the facility for parents. Commissioner Healy agreed and could make membership information available too. Commissioner Healy suggested putting the businesses information in binders for the parents to review while waiting for teens. Mr. McCalister said including information from the library, Park District and Health and Human Services at the parent station would be beneficial as well. Mr. McCalister asked that an email reminder be sent to the Commission with the information discussed tonight since not all members were able to attend the meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Son said that the Teen Advisory Board at the library said a teen proposed doing a healthy living topic as a teen program. She asked if the Commission is interested in this topic as a summer program. Commissioner Neill agreed and focusing on how to be healthy would be beneficial for teens. Commissioner Hafeez suggested an online program too. Chairperson Son asked if mental health is something discussed at school. Commissioner Peterson said the freshman talk about suicide awareness in health class. Commissioner Neill said a class about how to reduce stress but also include how to be physically healthy or nutrition information would be nice. Commissioner Gombar mentioned that the school counselors are also involved in the health topics offered through schools.

Commissioner Son said that a teen civic engagement was previously discussed and asked the Commission for thoughts about moving forward. Commissioner Allaire said it might make sense to discuss this topic around September when the Civics Forum is talked about at school. The Commission agreed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Son said the next meeting is scheduled March 17. After discussion the Commission agreed due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting should be moved to March 10 at Village Hall.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hafeez, seconded by Commissioner Gombar, moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.