



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
ARC 660 N. Ridge-Poolside Room

February 17, 2022
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from January 20, 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 Program
The Commission will discuss what was done recently to promote the program.
- B. Teen Job Fair
The Commission will review the status of current business invitations, tour the venue where the Fair will be held, and finalize plans for the event.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Teen Health Programming
The Commission will brainstorm ways to consider which topics teens in our community would like to learn.
- B. Teen Civic Engagement
The Commission will discuss ideas for how to involve and educate teens on Arlington Heights' civic life.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIIIADJOURNMENT

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**Youth Commission
2/17/2022**

Item: Minutes from January 20, 2022

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from January 20, 2022	Minutes



**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
500 N. Dunton Ave 2nd Floor, Room I
January 20, 2022
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Son called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alice Son, Chairperson

Matt Healy

Officer Taryn Gombar

Chyrel Moore

Anna Fortsas

Matthew Allaire

Kendall Fahnoe

Also Present

Melissa Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant

Absent

Connor Neill

Anayah Menzies-Thomas

Dr. Afroz Hafeez

Jennifer Borrell

James McCalister, Commission Liaison

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from December 16, 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Healy to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Moore and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Park District

Commissioner Healy reported that the vaccination checks and mitigation guidelines are not presenting any issues. He said lifeguard classes are continuing until the pools open and the Park District is hiring for many positions.

B. School District

Commissioner Moore said schools have resumed since the winter break and staffing challenges are decreasing since the first week that staff and students returned.

C. Library

Chairperson Son said the library canceled in-person programs due to COVID-19 and is offering virtual options. She said practice ACT and SAT exams is in-person and nearly 900 teens came to the library for the finals study lounge. She said mitigation guidelines pertain to food and eating at the library.

D. Police Department

Officer Gombar said the Police Department has many staff promotions occurring. She said Raising Cane's is opening next week and Police presence will be onsite to help with traffic if needed.

E. Commissioners at Large

Commissioner Fahoe said finals went well without any issues and they are in their third week of school. She said COVID-19 policy is a busy topic in school and staff is trying to manage the best they can.

Commissioner Fortsas said many teachers and students are sick, and school does not have enough substitute teachers.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Snow Removal

Chairperson Son said there are 20 students and 247 residents signed up for the Snow Shoveling Program. Commissioner Allaire said he could provide a one-page flyer to his school and ask to share with students. Commissioner Healy said adding a QR code linking to the teen application on the Village website would work well. Chairperson Son asked how the flyer would be approved to disperse in schools. Commissioner Allaire said he could take the flyer to school staff for approval.

B. Teen Job Fair

Chairperson Son said the Teen Job Fair is scheduled March 1 at the Arlington Ridge Center (ARC), and the folders provided includes print copies of the invitations, email contacts for the businesses and a Google Doc for Commissioners to sign up for businesses to reach out by this weekend. She said the instruction sheet explains what to do when meeting with or contacting businesses. Chairperson Son said if businesses are tentative or yes to attend, obtain information of the correct person to speak with at the business. She said try to be cheery because many teens have been hired on the spot. Chairperson Son said the invitation letter sends the business the Interest Form to complete online. Commissioner Fahone suggested updating the online form so that businesses understand hiring ages under 16 is not required. Chairperson Son agreed and updated the form.

Commissioner Healy said offering a warm up area as in previous years would be helpful. Chairperson Son said in prior years the library staffed the warm up table and provided fun activities and prep tips for teens, such as mirrors to practice interviewing. Commissioner Moore suggested having pens and papers for teens so that they can take notes during the interviews would be helpful. Commissioner Gombar suggested providing a fidget of some sort so that teens could keep it with them during the Fair. Commissioner Moore said she will reach out to Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts about providing hot chocolate, and asked if Commissioner Borrell could follow up with Marianos to provide orange juice and cookies. Commissioner Son said the next meeting can be scheduled at the ARC to determine how tables should be set up and walk through the area to spark any other ideas to consider prior to the Fair. Commissioner Son said the deadline for businesses to respond is by February 13.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Son stated that previously discussed was for the Commission to develop a teen health program and asked the Commission for insight on what topics teens might have an interest in. Commissioner Allaire said that any health topics selected would be helpful. Commissioner Moore suggested a theme of knowing your numbers, such as ideal heart rate, blood pressure, body mass index and weight or vision screening. Chairperson Son stated some topics that have been discussed previously were about vaping, mental health, or stress. Commissioner Healy said he will follow up with author Jacqueline King and obtain ideas to share with the Commission. Commissioner Son said the item will stay on the agenda to possibly create a summer project for the Commission.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Healy asked if there is a wood shop at the Makers Space because a couple parents have inquired while at the ARC. Chairperson Son said not at this time but in March there may be more programs offered. Commissioner Moore suggested pairing senior residents with teens in some fashion. Commissioner Allaire said Buffalo Grove High School partnered with the Village of Buffalo Grove to create a civics forum, which allowed students to learn more about the Village roles and participate in a mock board meeting. Commissioner Son asked for more information regarding the program and that the Commission can further explore the topic. Commissioner Moore suggested an education week topic to add as well.

Chairperson Son said the next meeting is scheduled on February 17, 2022.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gombar, seconded by Commissioner Healy, moved to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.