



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Ridge Center, 660 N. Ridge Ave., 60004

February 9, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 19, 2023 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Snow Shoveling Program
Commissioners will provide updated and further suggestions for recruiting teens for the program.
- B. Teen Health Programming
Commissioners will discuss any updates regarding potential teen health programming.
- C. Commission-Hosted Dodgeball Tournament
Commissioners will discuss any updates regarding a sub-committee and timeline for the event.
- D. Teen Job Fair
Commissioners will do a walkthrough of the event site and make final planning decisions for the event.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Youth Commission
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Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
500 N. Dunton Ave 2nd Floor, Room I
January 19, 2023
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. The Commission welcomed new member Gabe Cherwin and all introduced themselves.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alice Son, Chairperson
Jennifer Borrell
John Peterson
Chyrel Moore
Matt Healy
Nathan Georg
Owen Smith
Detective Taryn Gombar
Gabe Cherwin

Also Present

James McCalister, Commission Liaison

Absent

Dr. Afroz Hafeez
Connor Neill
Anna Fortas

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from November 17, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Borrell to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Owen and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Commission Reports

1. Library

Chair Son stated that the library has been very busy because of winter break. She said that there was an awesome Arcade exhibit through last Sunday. Chair Son said that the teen job fair will take place in March. For finals week, the library saw over 800 students and Gracie the therapy dog was there for two days.

2. Park District

Commissioner Healy stated that the Park District was super packed over at the Arlington Ridge Center during winter break. On Martin Luther King Day when school was off, around 1600 people came through. He said that they are starting to hire for the spring and summer jobs which includes lifeguard and summer camp positions. He said they are looking forward to hosting the teen job fair in early March because they usually hire a few staff members from the job fair. All positions are posted on the Park District website.

3. Police Department

Commissioner Gombar said that she graduated from Hersey and she is in her new role at the police department. No report.

4. Schools

Commissioner Moore stated that everyone is back in session.

5. Commissioners at Large

Commissioner Georg from Rolling Meadows shared that second semester is back in full swing and winter sports are up and running. He said that it seems that there will be a tough second semester. Commissioner Cherwin from Rolling Meadows agreed with Commissioner Georg that second semester will be tougher than the last semester.

Commissioner Smith from Prospect Heights shared that they are busy with second semester. Commissioner Peterson from Prospect Heights shared that people are not excited to be back in school.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Snow Shoveling Program

Chair Son provided a quick review of the Snow Shoveling Program for new Commissioner Cherwin. She said that the Youth Commission partners with the Villages Senior Services to do the snow shoveling program where teens sign up and also seniors sign up so that they can communicate with each other to have the teens shovel snow for the seniors. The Youth Commission has been charged with getting more teens to sign up for this service because there are hundreds of seniors who sign up and tens of teens who sign up. Chair Son said that Commissioner Fortas designed the snow brochure with everyone's help.

Mr. McCalister provided an update. He talked to Tracey Colagrossi, the Senior Center Manager that oversees this program, and because of the Youth Commission's hard efforts they have thirty-two students signed up. Chair Son replied that the most students that signed up were in 2020 at thirty-six students.

B. Teen Job Fair

Chair Son explained the teen job fair. She said that this is the eleventh year hosting the Teen Job Fair. The job fair is a partnership with the library and Youth Commission. It is a bunch of businesses who set up shop to talk to teens about potential job opportunities for the summer and beyond. The job fair will be on Tuesday, March 7th. She said this year they are partnering with the Park District to have it at the Arlington Ridge Center. She said the library will push it out to the public in their February and March newsletter.

Commissioner Healy explained the location of the teen job fair. He said that it will be in the large gymnasium where there are two full size basketball courts. Commissioner Healy mentioned that they will drop curtains to split up the space. He said there was discussion last year to have the first court area to stop, talk and check in and then go into the next court area where the businesses will be housed.

Chair Son said that it is really nice to have it at the Arlington Ridge Center. The library has hosted it in the past but the room is fairly small for the number of businesses. Chair Son explained the details of the job fair. She said the hours of the job fair are from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Chair Son said that the feedback received from teens and parents is that the teens are really nervous getting their first job. Teens are intimidated talking to businesses. In past there has been a warm up where a library staff member or other people are there to provide the teens tips on what to ask the businesses before they go into the job fair and also give them a pep talk to get them ready. She said this was not done last year so they will try to do it this year. She also said that last year due to Covid, there was no food at the job fair. In previous years, there was lemonade, donuts and hot chocolate.

Commissioner Healy suggested that there is an area by the concession area where there are tables and chairs and the teens can stop there for refreshments. He said that this would also be where the parents can hang out while the teens are at the job fair talking to businesses. Commissioner Borrell suggested having a greeter at the door to direct parents to the concession area and Commissioner Moore suggested giving parents a handout that provides information on the businesses that are participating at the job fair and what the businesses are looking for. Businesses should also provide flyers. Commissioner Smith suggested that curtains are left up in the job fair so that parents can see their children. Commissioner Peterson asked if parents can walk the track. Commissioner Healy replied that during the hours of the job fair, parents can walk the track at no cost. He also said they have a fifty-inch tv on a rolling cart that they can play a video on loop for the parents. Chair Son is naming this area the Parent Zone.

Commissioner Smith asked how many people attended the job fair last year. Chair Son responded that 217 people attended the job fair which consists of teens and parents. Mr. McCalister said that last year was a year coming off of Covid. Chair Son believes this year there will be better attendance.

Chair Son said feedback from businesses last year was that they were impressed with teens who had resumes. She said the library is hosting a program on February 28th called Get a Job Workshop for Teens where they will be talking about resumes and building resumes for the job fair. Chair Son would like to have a handout for teens with tips to prepare for the job fair. Commissioner Cherwin asked how is the Commission advertising the job fair? Chair Son responded that it is in

the library newsletter and also flyers are printed out to be distributed through schools and towns. Commissioner Cherwin suggested that they put on the flyer that resumes are encouraged for teens looking to attend the job fair. Commissioner Borrell suggested adding a QR code that links to the resume event in the library. Chair Son said the flyer for the Teen Job Fair will also likely have information about the resume building event taking place the week before the job fair.

Chair Son said their next task is to get businesses for the job fair. She said last year is the first year they asked businesses if they hired teens under sixteen and some businesses responded that they were able to. She said they are tasked with asking the businesses if they are returning and inviting new businesses to attend. Chair Son would like confirmations by February 1st because businesses need time to prepare for the job fair. There was discussion on what should be on the invitation that is being sent out to businesses. Chair Son will send the template to Commissioners for inviting businesses. She said if any businesses have any questions, please feel free to copy Chair Son on the email and ask the businesses to contact her.

C. Teen Health Programming

Chair Son will collaborate with Ms. Espinoza to host a resource hour at the library for teens. This resource hour will be for teens to discuss mental health issues

D. Commission-Hosted Dodgeball Tournament

Chair Son stated that the Commission wants to host a fun activity and the vote was a dodgeball tournament between the schools. Commissioner Georg suggested that the dodgeball tournament should be hosted after the job fair. Commissioner Peterson suggested to host the tournament during a three-day weekend on a non-attendance school day. Commissioner Smith suggested the tournament should be held in April because it is after the job fair and before finals and AP tests. Chair Son said that the Commission will try to host the dodgeball tournament on Friday, April 14th, Saturday, April 15th, Friday April 21st, or Saturday, April 22nd. Commissioner Healy will discuss with supervisors at Camelot and Pioneer because they have nice gyms and those gyms are easier to shut down on a school day off. He will also determine hours for the tournament and find out if the centers have dodgeballs. There was discussion on registering and charging to enter the tournament and use the monies to donate to a charity. All District 214 schools and St. Viator should be invited. There can be multiple teams per school that sign up and then build brackets depending on how many teams there are. Chair Son said that they need to figure out the time, date, space, get the word out and then promote the dodgeball event. Mr. McCalister stated that the tournament can be promoted on the Village website and social media.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled on February 9, 2023.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Georg, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.