



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
500 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004
January 30, 2017
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 12/15/16

IV. REPORTS

- A. Park District
- B. School District
- C. Arlington Heights Memorial Library
- D. Police Department

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2017 Teen Job Fair
- B. Teen Snow Shoveling Program

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTACHMENTS:

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**Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Minutes from December 15, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Youth Commission was called to order by Chair Spicer at 6:07pm at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman Spicer
Commissioner Kho
Commissioner Allaire
Commissioner Moore
Commissioner Prusener
Commissioner Glasgow
Commissioner Guerra
Commissioner Schraeder

Absent:

Commissioner Sordo-Palacios
Commissioner Robinson
Commissioner Healy
Commissioner Dyer
Officer Pete Hamrick

Also Present:

James McCalister, Director of Health & Human Services

The Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed the new Youth Member, Max Schraeder.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Prusener to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Kho. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

Park District – No Report

School District – No Report

Arlington Heights Memorial Library – Chair Spicer stated that the Finals Study Lounge will be returning in January which will have study space, snacks, and tutors.

Police Department – No Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

2017 Teen Job Fair – Tuesday, February 7, 2017 6:00pm-8:00pm. The Commissioners discussed some of the stores/businesses they visited and they will all update the Google doc so the Commission knows which stores/businesses were visited. Chair Spicer asked those that did not pick-up the letters to take them tonight and call him with any questions.

Chair Spicer stated that he will have posters printed at the Library and after Winter Break; he wants to get the word out through Facebook and Twitter, video announcements and get posters up in the schools. Commissioner Prusener suggested that we tag #dist214 so that Tweets are retweeted on District 214's Twitter page. Mr. McCalister reminded the group that they need to get this information to the Daily Herald and Chicago Tribune in advance. He offered to help with this.

Commissioner Glasgow suggested that we survey those in attendance as they leave to see how we can improve future Teen Job Fairs.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

2017 Projects – Teen Snow Shoveling Program

Chair Spicer said a possible new program for the Commission to consider for 2017 is a snow shoveling program. Mr. McCalister said that in 2014 the Commission looked into creating a snow shoveling program. At that time they evaluated the Teen Link program being done in Skokie. He said the Senior Citizens Commission has also been interested in the past of having the youth provide a snow shoveling program. In 2005 the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities looked into finding a snow shoveling program for residents with disabilities. At that time there were concerns with liability. Since then other communities have provided snow shoveling programs.

He provided a brief overview of the programs provided in Skokie and Evanston. He said Commissioner Glasgow has recently expressed interest in this topic and he wanted to see if the Commission would be interested in establishing a program for our community. He noted the Village Manager is supportive of providing a pilot program. He asked what the Commissioners thought and explained this program would be for seniors over 60 and residents with disabilities. The Youth Commission would be responsible to get the word out to the youth at their schools to see if students would be interested. We would need to have youth signed up before a program could be initiated. The Senior Center staff would then oversee the program.

Chair Spicer said the Senior Citizens Commission would promote this to the seniors and the Youth Commission would promote this as a job. Chair Spicer said that there are many things to talk about – do we understand this, do we think the teens that you know would be interested, what we would name it, etc.

Commissioner Allaire said she knows many kids that would need volunteer hours instead of pay. Mr. McCalister said the youth in Skokie state what they want to be paid per hour and Evanston is strictly a volunteer program. Commissioner Glasgow said if a senior sees a teen that charges \$0 vs. \$20, they will always call the cheaper person. They talked about a rating system based on the size of the driveway or the amount of snow. They also discussed uniform pay – hourly and the Youth Commission could set what the fee should be and if you want to sign up that is the pay you would receive. The Commissioner felt a fee in the \$10-\$15 per hour range was appropriate. After further discussion on the difficulty of snow shoveling, they decided a fee of \$15 per hour would be appropriate.

When the Senior Citizens Commission, the Youth Commission, and the Village have created both pools, it will be the seniors' responsibility to contact the teen. The teens and parents will sign a "holds harmless" agreement with the Village. There will be rules about the teen not entering the home, etc.

Chair Spicer asked if the Commissioners thought teens would be interested. They responded that younger teens would probably be interested – 13-16 years old. Some felt that Middle Schoolers might be too young, but OK if they brought a parent. They also thought some older teens might be interested as this is not a permanent job – they will be able to respond when they can work.

Chair Spicer said if the Youth Commission can get the paperwork together by the 2017 Teen Job Fair, they can set-up a table to promote the shoveling program. Mr. McCalister explained that in Skokie once a teen signed up there was a list that was available to seniors upon request. Skokie was now done and the teens worked out the details with the senior looking for shoveling. Skokie has been running this type of program for 20 years and the needs seems to be greater than the supply.

Chair Spicer asked the Commissioners to brainstorm to come up with a name for this program and that the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Schraeder and seconded by Commissioner Glasgow. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2017 at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.