



Agenda
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

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from December 16, 2021

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 and prospective means to promote.
- B. Teen Job Fair
- The Commission will review the status of current business invitations and consider other ideas for the program on March 1.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Teen Health Programming
- The Commission will brainstorm ways to consider which topics teens in our community would most like to learn.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Youth Commission
1/20/2022**

Item: Minutes from December 16, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from December 16, 2021	Minutes



**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
December 17, 2021
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
Chyrel Moore
Dr. Afroz Hafeez
Jennifer Borrell
Anna Fortsas
Matthew Allaire

Also Present

James McCalister, Commission Liaison

Absent

Connor Neill
Anayah Menzies-Thomas
Kendall Fahnoe

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from November 9, 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Borrell to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hafeez and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Park District

Commissioner Healy said the Park District is hiring for many positions.

B. School District

Commissioner Moore said everyone in the schools are trying to stay healthy. She said the schools do not have enough staff and they are operating with all hands-on deck.

C. Library

Chairperson Son said the Library is not fully staffed. She said the Library is offering teens a place to study and snacks to support them during finals week. She said that winter break plans for teens include a movie marathon and crafts. She said the Library is hosting a throwback Thursday the last week of December that includes things teens did when they were in middle school and elementary school.

D. Police Department

Officer Gombar said the Police Department is working to no longer be understaffed. She said Hersey High School has their last day of finals this week.

E. Commissioners at Large

Commissioner Fortsas said finals week has been stressful and the Library has been a nice place to study.

Commissioner Allaire said finals week is almost over.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Snow Removal

Chairperson Son said there are 18 students and 226 residents signed up for the Snow Shoveling Program. She said the goal is to try and get more teens to sign up for the program. She said the Commission can determine what the promotional tactic will be to try and increase the number of teens participating in the program. Mr. McCalister explained that the teens are paid for shoveling snow and then in the summer, teens can also participate in the grass cutting program. He said the program offers teens an opportunity to give back to the community. Chairperson Son asked the Commission for ideas about how to attract more teens and spread the word about the program. Commissioner Allaire said he was not aware of the program and using email to share the information in the schools would be helpful. Commissioner Fortsas said flyers in the lunchroom might be helpful. Commissioner Hafeez asked if there is community service credit applied to college. Commissioner Allaire said the program would not apply because students are paid. Commissioner Moore suggested including information in the flyer about receiving community service credit if the student is not paid. Chairperson Son asked if the Youth Commissioners could bring flyers to school and obtain permission to share the flyers at school. After discussion, the Commission agreed that sharing a flyer via email and to schools for sharing through the school's digital means would also work well. Commissioner Healy suggested to send a digital copy to the middle school's too, and to send to the district's which would then be able to send to all the schools. Chairperson Son she will find out if the flyer can be posted on the community board at the Library and that the Commission has decided not to create a video at this time.

Commissioner Hafeez suggested a reward for students, such as gift cards. Mr. McCalister said the Commission has a budget and Administration would need to approve a gift card option. He explained that he would follow up to see if giving gift cards would be approved. Commissioner Fortsas said a gift card would be helpful. Officer Gombar mentioned an idea could be to link the survey with the gift card. The Commission agreed that a gift card to Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Target, etc. would be options and that they would determine how teens would win a gift card.

B. Teen Job Fair

Chairperson Son said everyone should have received a copy to the list of businesses that have been included in past job fairs. She said she also included the invitation for March 1, 2022 and mentioned that having representation from the Commission at the job fair is helpful. Chairperson Son asked what time would be ideal to hold the event. Commissioner Fortsas said 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. since sports usually end around 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. The Commission agreed that 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. works well.

Chairperson Son said that it is most effective if the Youth Commissioners go to the businesses and share information about the Teen Job Fair in person. She said that everyone can go to the online document and select which businesses to visit. Chairperson Son shared a draft letter that can be given to the businesses and will send an email so that everyone knows when to pick up the documents from the Library. She said going into the businesses should be completed by the end of January.

Chairperson Son said the Commission is looking at improving the program and to ask businesses if they hire employees under age 16, and if they offer volunteer hours. Commissioner Healy suggested that the February Youth Commission meeting could be held at the Arlington Ridge Center (ARC) so that the Commission can review how the event will be set up.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Healy said there is a member at the ARC who wrote a book and is interested in healthy lifestyles, which could be a health initiative the Commissions facilitates with the kids. He is going to obtain her contact information. Chairperson Son said an idea that was previously discussed as a health topic is vaping. Commissioner Moore mentioned tracking your steps is another idea, such as Arlington Heights is striving for a million steps. Chairperson Son suggested a summer initiative and she will agenda this topic for the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Son said the next meeting is scheduled on January 20, 2022.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Healy, seconded by Commissioner Hafeez, moved to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.