



**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, A.H., 60005
Transportation/Affordable Housing Sub-Committee
September 16, 2024
1:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Feldman called the meeting to order at 1 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:
Fred Feldman
George Motto

Also Present:
Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER FELDMAN REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MOTTO MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2024.

IV. REPORTS

Transportation Report

Commissioner Feldman reported that Liaison Colagrossi contacted Steven Andrews of Pace to clarify services in the area. Response:

[ADA paratransit service](#) is provided for customers whose disability or health condition prevents them from using CTA and/or Pace fixed route services for some or all of their travel. Only persons who are certified by the Regional Transportation Authority are eligible to ride ADA Paratransit. Trips are only provided at the same times and within the same geographic areas as fixed route. So, if fixed route is

available on weekends, ADA would be available on weekends in those same areas. Pace operates this service across the entire six-county region, including Chicago.

- For example, Routes 208 on Golf Road and 606 on Algonquin Road operate daily service in Arlington Heights, so along those corridors you'll see daily bus service as well as ADA Paratransit service available daily to ADA eligible riders. Route 604 operates weekday and Saturday service, so along Dundee you'll see bus service as well as ADA Paratransit service available weekday and Saturdays. Etc.*

The [Arlington Heights-Rolling Meadows On Demand](#) offers a reservation-based, ADA accessible, shared-ride service for the General Public in a designated zone bounded by Euclid, Arlington Heights Road, I-90, and IL-53. Currently, the On Demand operates weekdays only.

Regarding funding, the "Fiscal Cliff," and its impact on Northeastern Illinois transit:

- THE DEFICIT. For 2026, the RTA estimates there will be a \$730 million annual operating funding shortfall just to maintain the system that we have. All transit agencies in America face a similar challenge.*
- THE NEED FOR MORE SERVICE. Finding \$730 million in new revenue would provide only for a status quo system. For suburban communities to receive more robust service that is competitive with private automobiles, Pace needs funding beyond today's status quo.*
- Suburbanites need more service and more frequent service. In order to provide more service to the suburbs, Pace needs more ongoing, sustainable funding. Funding for Chicagoland transit is lower than in other major US cities. Peers agencies in other US cities are annually spending more per capita on transit, including Boston (28% more), Washington D.C. (34% more), and New York (141% more).*
- Pace's network restructuring initiative, [ReVision](#), is underway. This project will review and reimagine where and how often Pace routes should run, and what types of transit service are appropriate in different areas of the Chicago region. Pace's funding levels will directly impact what type of service network we are able to plan and develop for the future.*

Commissioner Feldman reported that he and Liaison Colagrossi attended Cook County Commissioner Maggie Trevor's forum on Public Transportation, September 10 at Endeavor Health Northwest Community Hospital. Mr. Andrews was present as well. He stated that 30 people use the Pace OnDemand service daily and one bus is used for the route. At the same meeting, Pace's CEO Melinda Metzger discussed the service issues and the "fiscal cliff" that will affect more services in 2026.

Commissioner Feldman added that Pace is in process of converting the entire fleet to electric by 2030. Liaison Colagrossi added that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning will discuss the recent Plan of Action for Regional Transit at an upcoming AgeOptions Advocacy Task Force meeting. Lastly, Commissioner Feldman

added that he monitored the August 21 Pace Board of Director's meeting. They discussed the 750-million-dollar shortfall, Lansing's OnDemand program that runs from 6 am to 8 pm, Monday through Saturday. Arlington Heights ends at 6 pm and only runs Monday through Friday.

Liaison Colagrossi added that she discussed the commissions request to send letters to elected officials to have Pace expand services for low income and disabled. Manager Recklaus advised her to write a memo outlining the issue and the action taken.

Housing Report

Commissioner Motto discussed the affordable housing project from Full Circle, Grace Terrace at the Board voted in favor of a two-story building instead of three stories.

Commissioner Motto reported the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce will host the same "Affordable Housing 101", on October 2 via Zoom.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present to comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMISSIONER FELDMAN REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.
COMMISSIONER MOTTO MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING
CONCLUDED AT 1:45 PM.**