

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
October 21, 2024
7 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sue Viecegli, Chair

Sharon Adams

Tim Carter

Corinne Drew

Fred Feldman

George Motto

Steve Raminiak

Fred Vogt

Gary Wood

Ellyn Zimmerman

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 16, 2024

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO MOVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER VOGT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS. COMMISSIONER RAMINAIK ABSTAINED ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli had nothing to report.

B. Liaison

Liaison Colagrossi updated the commissioners on the Strategic Planning process from Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies. A draft of a report was sent to the department for review and an action planning date will be selected shortly. Short- and long-term goals were drafted and will be presented to the Board soon.

Meals on Wheels of Northeastern Illinois is running the congregate and home delivered meal services since October 1. The food offerings are still from the

catering provider, Hoffman House, but will be transferred to the Evanston distribution center once their operations can be scaled up potentially by January 1.

Aging and Disability Resource Network and Caregiver Supports have been transferred to the Kenneth Young Center for the Wheeling Township area. Staff is advising patrons to contact them for services such as Benefits Access for the license plate discount services.

The Senior Health Insurance Program or SHIP prescription drug open enrollment began on October 15 and runs through December 7. The senior center volunteers are taking appointments on Tuesdays and Friday mornings at 9, 10 and 11 am with 9 slots at each hour.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

The Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Foundation was planning to host their first Casino Night event on October 10. They had enough sponsors, vendors reserved, volunteers, and baskets, however, they only had 10 tickets sold. The decision was to postpone the event until further notice. The fee was \$45. They are trying to determine the reasoning for the lackluster sales.

A promising partnership we are working on for 2025 is a Senior Center Showcase or Roadshow. This will be a collaboration between all of the agencies, foundation and we foresee Age-Friendly being a strong partner as well. We have four locations in the Village that we will have programming, music, food, and the like to show aging in Arlington Heights and the gem of the center.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council held their Oktoberfest Brat Cookout, with traditional German music. The event is well attended with 95 people. The next event will be the Halloween Costume Party which will also serve as the food donation drive for the Wheeling and Elk Grove Township Food Pantries. This is the first time we are hosting a costume party. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. The event is on October 30 from 1 to 2:30 pm

The last event of the year is New Years Eve on New Years Eve. George Holmes will entertain the crowd along with snacks and a countdown to the new year.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the veto session is the second and the third weeks in November. At this time there is nothing to report.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto stated that we would need to check in with AARP Age-Friendly Staff person Bill Ambruster to see where the Village stands within the Age-Friendly certification cycle. Liaison Colagrossi stated she will inquire and update before the next meeting.

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Vogt reported that there was not a Housing Commission meeting last month. However, there is continued interest to have the Housing and Senior Citizens Commission meet. Planning staff person Boyer stated that the Village Lawyers are looking into Roberts Rules of Order to ensure there are no violations into meeting and that there will be a clear agenda for the commissioners.

Commissioner Raminiak stated that his memo to the Commissioners proposed that the Housing Commissioners Trust investigate housing subsidies for affordable housing for older adults. He added that this can be an agenda item for discussion at the joint meeting. The commissioners agreed that this would a nice discussion item.

Commissioner Feldman reported on the transportation memo was drafted and is being reviewed by the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities. They will provide feedback, and it will be sent to the Village Manager on Thursday. Liaison Colagrossi added that she will be attending the RTA Transit Summit in Arlington Heights on Thursday, October 24.

2. Communications

Chairperson Viecegli reported the subcommittee met before the regular meeting. The website draft will be reviewed by staff later in the month. Liaison Colagrossi presented a 2025 marketing plan on Age-Friendly to the subcommittee. The plan will be reviewed by the Director of Health and Human Services

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Nothing to report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Viecegli remarked that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18 at 7 pm.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN.
COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED
BY COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 PM.