



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
December 13, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from November 15, 2021

IV. REPORTS

- A. Senior Impacts Reports
1. Chairperson
 2. Senior Center Manager
 3. Not for Profit Corporation
 4. Senior Center Advisory Council
 5. Legislation
 6. Age Friendly Community Certification
 - Transportation Report
 - Communication Report
 - Affordable Housing Report
 7. Kenneth Hood Award

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Citizen Request

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence
- B. Citizens To Be Heard

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Senior Citizens' Commission
12/13/2021**

Item: Minutes from November 15, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from November 15, 2021	Minutes

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissioners Room
November 15, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Also Present	Absent
Fred Feldman	Tracey Colagrossi,	George Weber
Fred Vogt	Commission Liaison	
Susan Viecegli, Chairperson		
Sharon Adams		
Tim Carter		
Tem Williams		
George Motto		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fred Feldman had corrections to the minutes as it pertained to the Legislative Report, and Transportation Report.

Commissioner Carter advised to add attendees Mary Jo Lepo and Katie Meyers.

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER FELDMAN MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 18, 2021 MEETING.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impacts Reports

A. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Viecegli had nothing to report.

B. Senior Center Manager

Manager Colagrossi reported that there continues to be an increase in participants at the senior center, which can be attributed to the extended hours and frequent activities.

Staff is working on the January/February issue of the newsletter.

The BKV Group that is working on the Space Utilization, Modernization, and Program Plan study is in the Program plan and sketching phase of the project. The Commission will provide input on the project. Manager Colagrossi will update the Commission when the time comes.

Commissioner Motto and Commissioner Carter stressed the importance of the commission to provide feedback on the project. Manager Colagrossi stated they will be included. Commissioner Motto again stated the importance of the Senior Citizens Commission to provide feedback, especially through an Age Friendly Initiative lens is imperative. Commissioner Adams said that Age

Friendly is making progress in the Village, especially with the newer crossing lights for pedestrians.

The Commissioners expressed that it is important to be aware of upcoming planning and housing projects in the community. Also, for Commissioners to be present on other commission's meetings to be aware of what is happening, so they can ensure the Age Friendly initiative is part of the process. Manager Colagrossi offered to inquire with staff liaisons to commissions monthly and report back to the commission to update.

Commissioner Vogt asked about CDBG funding requests and timing. Manager Colagrossi advised that funding will be considered after a plan has been approved, more likely for the 2023 budget year.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Arlington Heights Senior Center, INC (a 501-C3 fundraising arm of the Senior Center) did not meet in October. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Advisory Council had a performance from Jeorge Homes & Diva performance and Food Pantry Drive on November 15, and the New Year's Eve-Eve celebration with the RKO band on December 30. The 2022 events being planned are a Valentine's Day magic show and a St. Patrick's Day party.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the veto session began six days before the end of October. No action has

been taken on any of the other bills being watched and pending as of last month. The House and Senate return for session on January 4, 2022.

F. Age Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto reported that the Commission will have a Masters of Public Health Student Intern to research the feasibility of a 311 Call Center as mentioned in the Action Plan. The student is from Benedictine University and will begin the internship in January, 2022.

Commissioner Motto also noted that the Age Friendly Action Plan requires a full report to be submitted to AARP/WHO. A full report should include a Mission, Vision and Value Statement. Manager Colagrossi provided the Commission with three samples from other action plans throughout the country. Commissioners agreed to review the statements and email the Senior Center Manager ideas before the next Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Williams advised that the

Mission/Vision/Values incorporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. She said it was important to include and asked what the outcome of the Village's study on DEI. Manager Colagrossi stated that the new Strategic Plan has the creation of a DEI Task Force to address these issues.

I. Transportation Report

Commissioner Feldman reported that he spoke with Pace Suburban Bus Business Development Representative, Steven Andrews at the suggestion of Commissioner Vogt. Commissioner Feldman was informed about the Paratransit Program and its restrictions to only disabled individuals, as they need to provide certification from the

RTA for ADA. Other services from Pace are Senior Reduced Fare, On Demand Service, and Dial-A-Ride services in collaboration with Townships.

The On Demand service has a low fare of \$2, but services the south half of the Village-south of Euclid. The purpose was to address the transportation needs of folks taking the train into Arlington Heights and to the business drivers of the community (located in the south end of the Village). There is no service for the north side, due to lack of demand or request. The decision to provide service in that area is made by the Pace Board.

The Commission discussed the needs to have transportation in that area of the Village. They suggested the Senior Center Manager contact Planning Department to find any studies related. They also suggested having Director Perkins attend a future meeting to learn more about what is happening in the Village as it pertains to planning and development.

II. Communication Report

Commissioner Carter reported that the Commission Sub Committee had a productive meeting with the Villages' Communication and Outreach Coordinator, Avis Meade. Suggestions for social media blasts and the newsletter is welcomed. Please send ideas to the Senior Center Manager to send to Coordinator Meade. Avis is willing to post as much as possible, while balancing the other departments communication needs. Manager Colagrossi will submit posts on what Age Friendly is, services and resources as well as how folks can get involved and perhaps apply to be a commissioner on social media, newsletter, and the website. The Constant Contact email list is at 10,416.

III. Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Motto reported on an upcoming webinar "Q & A, Shared Housing" from Shared Housing Inc. As this is a possible option for affordable housing. Manager Colagrossi will send out the link after the meeting.

The Commission discussed the importance of being informed of what the Housing and Planning Commissions meetings, as to ensure the Age Friendly initiative principles would apply. Manager Colagrossi agreed to calendar up these meetings and inform the Commission of minutes and upcoming activities.

G Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

This is tabled until next year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Carter inquired if Commissioner Weber's absence was addressed. Manager Colagrossi informed the Commissioners that Commissioner Weber has health and transportation issues that are preventing attendance at the meetings. Commissioner Weber advised that he wishes to continue but is unsure of his presence at future meetings.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

No announcements or correspondences.

B. Citizens to Be Heard

Resident Keith Moens submitted comments via email to the Commission Liaison, Manager Colagrossi to be read at the meeting.

To: Senior Citizens Chairperson Viecegli,

The Affordable Housing Report, during the 10/18/2021 meeting, stated that a letter will not be written to the Housing Commission in favor of re-including Senior Residential Communities into the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. The Housing Commission did recommend to include all Senior Residential Communities under Section 7-1709: 'Senior Residential Community'. However, the Board of Trustees at the Committee-of-the Whole of January 12, 2020 removed that section from the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance by a vote of 5-

4. (1)

Please consider drafting and sending a letter from the Senior Citizens Commission directly to the Board of Trustees requesting them to re-include 'Senior Residential Community', Section 7-1708, into the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Keith Moens

Arlington Heights

The Commission agreed to place the request on the next month's agenda for discussion.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO
ADJORN. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS
MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN TO
ADJORN THE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING AT 8:20 PM.**

