



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd. AH 60005
November 15, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from October 18, 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 Senior Service Award

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Senior Citizens' Commission
11/15/2021**

Item: Minutes from October 18, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from October 18, 2021	Minutes

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissioners Room
October 18, 2021
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Fred Feldman

Fred Vogt

Susan Viecegli,
Chairperson

Sharon Adams

Tim Carter

Tem Williams

George Motto

Also Present

Tracey Colagrossi,

Commission Liaison

Melissa Cayer,
Resident

Absent

George Weber

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fred Feldman had corrections to the minutes as it pertained to the Legislative Report item ii; iii; iv; vi, and vii.

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS
MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO.**

(COMMISSIONER VOGT ABSTAINED) MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 16, 2021 MEETING.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impacts Reports

A. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Viecegli reported that Commissioner Frenk resigned in September. The Commission is grateful for Ms. Frenk's contributions to the Village.

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 offered in September.

The November/December issue of the newsletter was sent to homes last week and is available online.

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. Manager Colagrossi updated that the designs will be presented to the board for feedback, then a final design will be presented in January.

Commissioner Williams inquired if there was a budget for the building. Manager Colagrossi stated that there is not a budget yet for the project, as the study is to find the best possible outcome for the Senior Center and then to build funding through budgets and CDBG funds. Commissioner Carter inquired when would the Commission be able to view the plans and provide feedback. Manager Colagrossi would find out when in

the process that would occur and get back to the Commission.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Arlington Heights Senior Center, INC (a 501-C3 fundraising arm of the Senior Center) met last week, without a quorum.

Manager Colagrossi presented a web-based customer data management software for INC to fund at their December meeting.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Advisory Council has planned an event each month until the end of the year. A Fall Harvest Festival on October 27, Jeorge Homes & Diva performance and Food Pantry Drive on November 15, and the New Year's Eve celebration with the RKO band on December 30. The Advisory Council are meeting this week to plan 2022 calendar year events.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported on new legislation that concerns older Illinoisans.

SB2137 P.A. 102-640 Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Makes virtual visitation in nursing homes to combat social isolation when in person visits are restricted due to Federal or state rule or guidance. Nursing home residents were 43% of Illinois 25,000 Covid-19 deaths. Effective August 27, 2021

SB2244 P.A. 102-0644 Amends Senior Citizens Real Estate Deferral Act. Allows senior citizen taxpayers to defer a portion of real estate taxes that are due. Makes income limitations \$65,000 for 2022-2025 (currently \$55,00). For 2022-2025 tax referral shall not exceed \$7500/year.

Thereafter, deferral is \$5,000. Law creates low interest loans to repay deferral of real estate taxes. Effective August 27, 2021.

HB 711 P.A. 102-0409 Amends Per dim Authorization Referral Act under Insurance Code. Gives relief to patients frustrated by unneeded delays in their medical care because of insurance requirements for "prior authorization". Effective January 1, 2022.

SB 677 P.A. 102-0399 Amends Department of Professional Regulation. Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall adapt rules to reregulate after January 1, 2025 that providers who serve adults over aged 26 to receive at least 1 hour of training on the Diagnosis treatment and care of persons with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias as part of the continuing medical education for renewal of licensure. Effective August 16, 2021.

B3147 P.A. 102-0398 Amends Nursing Home Care Act. Requires long term care facilities to make "every reasonable effort" to facilitate at least one phone call or video call with a resident and a family member each day during a governor declared disaster. Effective August 16, 2021.

- F. **Age Friendly Community Certification**
Commissioner Motto reported that the Age Friendly Action Plan was presented by Manager Colagrossi at the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and was submitted to the World Health Organization and AARP. Commissioner Motto stated that the Commission should be very proud of these accomplishments and that they are moving forward.

I. Transportation Report

Commissioner Feldman reported that four letters were sent to the elected officials that presided over the Transportation forum held in August. He received one response from Hanover Park Mayor Rodney Craig, a Metra Board member. Mayor Craig responded that he advocates for improvements to infrastructure.

Commissioner Feldman stated that it is important for our elected officials to be engaged on initiatives that allow people to age in place. Commissioner Feldman cited an article in the Daily Herald regarding a program that Pace and the city of Naperville is piloting for transportation from homes to other accessible public transportation.

[Pace looks to electric buses, Uber rides and express to O'Hare to rebuild COVID-19 damage \(dailyherald.com\)](#)

Commissioner Feldman suggested that the Commission reach out to Pace to find out what is possible for similar linkages in the Village, noting that Waukegan, McHenry and Lake Counties have similar programs. Commissioner Vogt suggested contacting Steve Andrews, as he was someone that was a good contact with Rolling Meadows.

II. Communication Report

Commissioner Carter reported that the participation numbers at the senior center have increased to 6,500. Constant Contact email blasts are sent to over 10,000 email addresses. The Age Friendly initiative bulletin board is now installed inside the senior center. In the upcoming year, the Communications subcommittee will begin investigating a 311-call center.

III. Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Motto stated he was previously going to write a letter of support for affordable housing to the Housing Commission, but will not do this as the Housing Commission was in favor of including senior housing as part of the initial recommendation for the ordinance. Commissioner Motto will look into information regarding accessory dwelling units (ADU's), shared housing options, and handyman services that would enable individuals to maintain independence in their own homes.

G. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

This is tabled until next year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was introduced

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Library Services for Older Adults

Mary Jo Lepo, Senior and Accessible Services Manager and Katie Myers, Senior & Accessible Services Supervisor, of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library presented the myriad of different services and programs available to Arlington Heights residents.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

There were no announcements or correspondences to be shared.

B. Citizens to Be Heard

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

1. To conserve resources, change the teen hub at the main library to be the senior citizens' area by day and teen area by late afternoon and evening. The main library is centrally located for seniors and the teen space is not used during the day time. So, the library area of the Senior Center is not needed.
2. To conserve resources, eliminate the Arlington Heights Park District satellite office at the Senior Center. Seniors may sign up for classes online or go to the centrally located AHPD Administration Center which is within walking distance of the library.
3. To conserve resources, close the Senior Center fitness center because seniors can use the AHPD recently remodeled ARC fitness center formerly known as Olympic Pool. It includes numerous fitness activities along with a pool and warm water pool.
4. Moderate property taxes are helpful for all of us.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO ADJORN.
COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MOTIONED SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER ADAMS TO ADJORN THE OCTOBER 18, 2021
MEETING AT 8:40 PM.**