Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH, IL 60005
October 21, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Introduction of Susan Viecelli, Senior Citizens Commission Appointment on September 16, 2019

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from August 19, 2019

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

B. Senior Center Manager

C. Senior Impacts Report
1. Not for Profit Corporation
2. Senior Center Advisory Council
3. Legislation
4. Age Friendly Community Certification

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Village of Arlington Heights
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Minutes
August 19, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Feldman opened the meeting by introducing new Commissioner, Nancy Frenk.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:	**Also Present:**
Chair Frederick Feldman	Randall Recklaus, Village Manager
Nancy Frenk	James McCalister, Director Health & Human Services
Dr. George Motto	Karen Hansen, Senior Center Manager
Kristyn Ramsey	
Maureen Seleski	
George Weber	
Tem Williams	

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER MOTTO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SELESKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 22, 2019 MEETING. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

B. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center Manager provided an update on the Senior Center, covering a recent pianist performance that had made mention of the Arlington Heights Senior Center on Chicago Tonight TV show. Dan Hampton would be present on September 15 for a "Rookies" open house. Catholic Charities had conducted its annual volunteer recognition consisting of grilled hot dog luncheon with ice cream sundaes for dessert.

C. Senior Impacts Reports

1. Not for Profit Corporation

Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. has three new board of director members: Kristy McCann from the Arlington Heights Park District, Diane Reier from Brookdale and Brian Reynolds from Lutheran Life Communities. Their next fundraiser is a Senior Health & Housing Fair on November 6.

2. Senior Center Advisory Council

Senior Center Manager Karen Hansen reported that the summer programs had included Flag Day Celebration, Ice Cream Social, Reunion Jazz Orchestra as well as an upcoming fall brats cookout.

3. Legislation

HB 347 amends the Probate Act: A person convicted of assault, aggravated assault, batter or aggravated battery of an elderly person shall not be able to receive any property, benefit or other interest by reason of the death of that elderly person. It passed and became PA 101-0182 and becomes effective on January 1, 2020.

HB 2643 with an amendment by Senate amends the Home Repair and Remodeling Act. A consumer age 65 and over has 15, rather than 3 business days within which to cancel a contract if the sale is made at the consumer's home from an uninvited solicitor. It became effective 8/9/19 as PA 101-0264.

HB 3343 amends the Public Aid Code. The Department of Human Services to establish a restaurant and meals program to permit elderly, disabled and homeless persons to redeem their SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits at private establishments that contract with the Department to offer meals to eligible SNAP recipients at concessions prices. It became effective 7/19/2019 as PA 101-0110.

HB2287 amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Action may be commenced within ten years of the last act committed in furtherance of the crime for an action arising out of, among other things, financial exploitation of an elderly person, or other specific offenses in Criminal Code of 2012, unless other law provides for a longer limitation, in which case, the longer limitation period shall apply. This becomes effective on July 26, 2019 as PA-101-0136.

4. Age Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto reported that he was trying to get the on line survey scheduled. He stated that the two principals that would be pushing this through were Randy Recklaus, Village Manager and James McCalister, Health & Human Services Director.

Dr. Motto noted that there would be a new subcommittee formed, with potentially three commissioners, himself, Chairperson Fred Feldman and another, as well as others.

Commissioner Motto indicated he was looking forward to working with CMAP and that they had put together an 87 page report for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission in 2017.

Dr. Motto then noted that some of the issues facing senior citizens were loneliness and housing and that these were all under one initiative.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Committee Chairperson Weber reported that the Hood Award subcommittee was a wonderful subcommittee. They had selected an excellent candidate, Mary Stitt. The award would be presented by the Village President on September 3 at 8:00 pm at the Village of Arlington Heights Board of Trustees meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dialogue with Senior Citizens Commission-Village Manager Rand Recklaus and Health & Human Services Director James McCalister

Village Manager Randy Recklaus reported that the Village of Arlington Heights had begun a program of connecting with the Boards and Commissions regarding items such as clarity of purpose and whether they were getting the level of support that they need. Last year, there had been a survey, the results of which had gone out with a memo along with some recommendations. An example was a creation of an orientation, a new process for new commissioners as well as a detailed orientation for commission chairpersons. Mr. Recklaus stated that chairpersons need to be equipped to deal with hot button issues. He spoke about annual meetings and the fact that there was some areas of overlap between commissions. The intent was to create avenues for people to work together. Currently the only recognition was for outgoing commissioners. There was no recognition of the contributions of current commissioners.

Some commissions had received small pay, such as $10.00 per meeting. That was discontinued as of July 19. Instead, those funds were put into recognition of all commissioners.

Mr. Recklaus stated that from time to time a commission will want to bring up a recommendation. If a commission decides to take on something, there should be a letter to the Village Manager and the Mayor. The Mayor and the Manager will poll the board. If the board says "yes," then "it's off to the races."

Strategic plans are presented every two years. Staff presents information to the board. The board will form priorities for the next two years. Business plans are then built off these priorities.

The hopes are that by this new process, there will be a better sense of what each commission is doing. There are different kinds of commissions: advisory and working commissions vs. regulative. Each commission will submit its work plans for the year.

Commissioner Seleski asked what are the nine objectives:

Mr. Recklaus outlined that the nine objectives are:

1. Identify and explore enhanced revenue sources.
2. Review and update policy on affordable housing.
3. Improve life safety programs and customer service.
4. Increase efficiencies in processes and procedures.
5. Enhance business development.
6. Exploring new sustainability.
7. Continuing infrastructure efforts.
8. Review cannabis laws.
9. Find ways to embrace diversity.

Commissioner Motto commented that our initiative (Age Friendly Community Certification) needs help. We are hopeful about what CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning) can do to help us. The hopes for the survey are to get involved in issues like housing and senior transportation. The question arose as to how the Senior Citizens Commission can work with the Village of Arlington Heights on this Age Friendly initiative. Mr. Recklaus noted that "we do senior services well" and commented that the fact that something is not "on the list" doesn't mean it's not important. There was discussion that we'd want to improve upon the Age Friendly template and look at where this takes us.

The Senior Center will be updated in the next year or two. Commissioner Seleski noted that the Senior Commission had made a series of recommendations in 2008, but had to step back due to the recession. Commissioner Motto indicated the need to pull a subcommittee together and invite interested citizens to participate. AARP

(American Association of Retired Persons) will insist and many people will be invited to participate in town hall meetings. There was a quick discussion about the fact that the commission was an appointed body and this constrained whether two or more commissioners could get together. Public notices would have to be posted. Senior Commission Liaison Karen Hansen reported that the earlier meetings had always been posted. Chairperson Feldman noted that there could be no more than three on this committee as otherwise it would be a violation of the open meeting act. Commissioner Motto indicated this could be publicized in the newsletter.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER SELESKI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMSEY, MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:45 PM. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.