



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., 60005
October 16, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 18, 2023 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Senior Impact Reports
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Senior Center Manager
 - C. Not for Profit Corporation
 - D. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - E. Legislation
 - F. Age-Friendly Community Certification
 - I. Transportation Report
 - II. Communication Report
 - III. Affordable Housing Report
 - G. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**Senior Citizens' Commission
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ATTACHMENTS:

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**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizen's Commission
Commission Room
33 S Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights
Monday, September 18, 2023
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecelli called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Also Present:	Not Present:
Sue Viecelli, Chairperson	Tracey Colagrossi,	George Motto
Fred Feldman	Liaison	Tem Williams
Tim Carter		
Sharon Adams		
Fred Vogt		
Roberta White		

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Monday, August 18, 2023

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, AND COMMISSIONER FELDMAN SECONDED. ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2023.

III. REPORTS

Senior Impact Reports

A. Chairperson

No Chairperson's report today.

B. Senior Center Manager Report

Liaison Colagrossi reported on the Village Board's 2024-25 Strategic Priorities. Liaison Colagrossi noted the 2024 initial critical projects for the Health and Human Services Department and Senior Services Division.

Liaison Colagrossi reported that the Matter of Balance Class, an evidenced-based fall prevention course that began in September, has been well attended. The eight-week course will be offered again in the spring.

The Village Nursing Services began their mom and Baby monthly classes at the Senior Center this month. The hospital dropped this course, and the village started it up with eight moms signed up.

Liaison Colagrossi remarked that the branding will be changed to Strategic planning for all of the center's agencies to participate in. She added she requested an expanded budget request from the finance department and added this goal, which she hopes the Board will approve in November.

C. Non-Profit

The Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. (Foundation) is hosting a second annual Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, September 9, at Dryden Courts. Sixty-four players are committed to the tournament, and seven sponsors will help defer the cost. Inc. is looking to host a possible Casino night in 2024.

D. Advisory Council

The Advisory Council is hosting its next event, the Oktoberfest Cook Out, on September 27, followed by the Thanksgiving and New Year's events in December.

They are currently accepting applications for council members as terms renew each year. New members need to file an application and undergo a background check to be considered for the council, which they are then voted in by a majority in January. Council members are expected to plan significant events and volunteer at those events as part of their duties.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the General Assembly is in recess. He noted that the Governor's office reports on signed bills and mass signing

announcements. None of the bills have an impact on older adults. Commissioner Feldman will watch on future developments.

The Veto Session will be in late October and mid-November (three days each). Commissioner Feldman noted that some different items can occur and will watch closely on bills and activities.

F. AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Motto is absent, so there is no overarching summary for the Commission on Age Friendly.

1. Transportation Sub Committee

The Commission for Citizens with Disabilities and the Senior Citizens Commission held a Transportation Round Table on August 30—Metra, Pace, RTA, and Elk Grove Township Dial a Ride presented overviews of their services. Commissioner Feldman reported that the providers were articulate and spoke well about their agency. He added that the impression was that they seemed to be pretty much set in what they were going to do and how they were going to operate. The Commission expressed an interest in eliminating silos and having more connectedness with each provider. He added that each agency knows its particular area of expertise but doesn't know if what they do can somehow assist another agency without too much difficulty. Commissioner Feldman added that State Senator Gillespie was at the round table, pledged her cooperation with whatever we came up with, and volunteered her office to advocate on our behalf. Additionally, Cook County Commissioner Maggie Treavor was in attendance and pledged to assist collaborations.

Additionally, Steven Andrews of Pace reported that the evaluation is launching in 2023 or early 2024, and they will let us know when those listening sessions will take place. Also, Brianna Diaz from RTA mentioned the collaboration between Ride-McHenry and Ride-Lake County. So Lake County and McHenry County have intergovernmental agreements that enable residents of all ages to go across township lines and to get accessible transportation even past additional hours. So, it would behoove this Commission to invite a representative from both Ride McHenry and Lake County to find out how they did it in those spaces and have a presentation from them.

Chairperson Viecelli requested to have an outcomes document of that summit. Liaison Colagrossi said she would get comments from the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities and then follow up with a document for the Senior Citizen's Commission to review.

Wheeling Township was unable to attend the session. Liaison Colagrossi is waiting for their response to the questions posed by the Commissions and will include them in the final summary.

2. Communication Sub Committee

The updated flyer has been disseminated to all partner agencies, Inc. Board members, and other collaborators. A tablecloth and banner have been ordered for the Commission at various public functions in addition to promoting the survey at the Senior Center. An advertisement has been placed in the Journal and Topics publication noting the survey, which will be published in conjunction with the Senior Expo in Arlington Heights on October 12.

Commissioner Adams recommended adding the flyer to the Village television. She said that the station has old information and is curious if anyone looked at it. Liaison Colagrossi said she would look into it and ask if a flyer could be uploaded to the site.

3. Affordable Housing

Commissioner Vogt reported the Housing Commission was due to meet later in the week and will have more to say at the October meeting.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Steven Schultz was presented with the Kenneth Hood Award on September 5. There were some technical issues with the broadcast of the meeting. Therefore, it was not televised. The reception was held in the Buechner Room.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No announcements

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE THE MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR, AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 p.m.