



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Virtual Meeting
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
September 21, 2020
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Senior Citizens' Commission meeting is closed to in-person, public attendance. The meeting is being held virtually, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones.**

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II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from August 17, 2020

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
 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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Item: Notice

Department: Village Clerk

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Item: Minutes from August 17, 2020

Department: Health and Human Services

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Minutes from August 17, 2020	Minutes

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room & Virtual
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
August 17, 2020
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Also Present	Absent
Fred Feldman, Chairman	Tracey Colagrossi,	Dottie Hardy
Sharon Adams,	Commission Liaison	Susan Viecegli
Nancy Frenk	Keith Moens	
George Weber		
Tem Williams		
George Motto, M.D.		
Maureen Seleski		
Tim Carter		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from February 17, 2020

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADEMS, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 17, 2020 MEETING.

ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED. Chairperson Feldman summarized that the minutes were approved.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Feldman welcomed Mr. Tim Carter to the Senior Citizens' Commission. Commissioners introduced themselves and told brief backgrounds. Chairperson Feldman expressed that it was good to meet but also misses the opportunity to meet in person. He noted that the commissioners might need to meet this way for a long while.

B. Senior Center Manager

Senior Center Manager Tracey Colagrossi reported on the agency updates as the Senior Center began reopening on July 6, since being closed on March 11 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The reopening process was reviewed by the Illinois Department on Aging, Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Suburban Area Agency on Aging AgeOptions, Health and Human Services Director McCalister, and Village Manager Recklaus. The Nurses Club Lending Closet is open limited to weekday two hour shifts. The Park District is running some exercise and instructional Bridge programs with restrictions on capacity size, mask wearing, and social distancing guidelines. The Athletic Club is open for appointments only. Capacity is four people in the room with 30 minutes in between for cleaning and drying of the space. The Arlington Heights Memorial Library Reading Room is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM with capacity and time restrictions. Appointments to use the computer lab are also available. Catholic Charities Lunch and More program hosts pick up of meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Home Delivered Meals has resumed to delivery 4 days a week. Catholic Charities Northwest has limited staff in the building as most caseworkers are working from home. Escorted Transportation Service Northwest has been operational driving individuals to medical and dialysis appointments only.

The Senior Center staff is conducting a health questionnaire and temperature check for all individuals. The front office has resumed services such as RTA Pass photos, vehicle stickers, yard waste, etc. Bathrooms are sanitized every two hours. There are directional signs on the floors and walls of the Senior Center to ensure there is no cross traffic flow. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The front doors remain locked; however, patrons are instructed to ring the bell for service and screening.

The National Council on Aging and the National Institute of Senior Centers has approved the Arlington Heights Senior Center as a pilot site to submit their documents for accreditation. The Senior Center is one of thirteen sites across the country to begin this pilot project. The Senior Center Manager expects to be reviewed sometime in late September.

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was cancelled this year. The Volunteer Coordinator Swanson has created an alternative method for recognition that will occur in September with a drive-thru event. Invitations for volunteers will be mailed shortly. Program Coordinator Van Grinsven continues to work on virtual program offerings. The September/October Newsletter is completed and will be sent to homes this week. Program offerings will include a hybrid if in person programs along with virtual options. The Senior Center will be celebrating National Senior Center month in September. The Village of Arlington Heights has proclaimed September as National Senior Center Month. The Director of the Illinois Department on Aging, Paula Basta, will be visiting the Senior Center on Friday, September 11.

C. Senior Impacts Reports

1. Not for Profit Corporation

The Senior Center Manager reported that Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. had met last on August 6. The new website for the organization will be ready to launch next week. The board will be working on a virtual Senior Expo to take place sometime in November.

2. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council nominating committee met in June to discuss program limitations for 2020. The Senior Center Manager sent a draft for a new Code of Conduct for the Senior Center for the council to review and provide feedback.

3. Legislation

Chairperson Feldman reported that there were forty-one bills covering issues for older adults. None have moved. Chairperson Feldman noted that most likely some of the bills would be addressed during the veto sessions in November and December.

4. Age Friendly Community Certification

Dr. Motto reported that he reviewed the AARP Livable Communities Website and noted that Arlington Heights was recognized in this capacity. He noted that the Village is in its third year of the process and is on track to achieve this goal. Dr. Motto recommended that Commissioner Viecegli provide a summary during the September meeting and advised Manager Colagrossi to send out the summary for the Commissioners review. Dr. Motto shared that the Village is addressing one of the livability components, which is affordable housing. Dr. Motto suggested that more of the commissioners join in on other meetings that affect older adult issues in the future.

5. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Weber reported that due to the pandemic and low responses for the Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award, he recommends postponing until next spring. Commissioner Williams stated she sent letters to five organizations that responded in the past; however, there was no response so far. The Commissioners agreed that postponing the award was a good idea.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Manager Colagrossi addressed the discussion of attendance from the last meeting minutes. The Senior Center Staff is compiling all mailing lists together on patrons, as well as email lists for one streamlined database. The Senior Center has a Constant Contact account, which is a marketing device to update patrons with weekly and monthly eblasts. The Senior Center is also inputting a Data Page in all of the September/October newsletters and online to grow our database. As the ERP technology is rolled out, the Senior Center will be looking at ways to collect data on patrons as they arrive to the Senior Center. Commissioners will be updated on future developments.

Commissioner Williams reported that she and Program Coordinator Van Grinsven had been working on an intergenerational program to have senior citizens serve as a resource to grade schools and were now working on expanding this to high schools. As schools are determining when and how to return, this is on hiatus for now with the potential of a virtual program in the future.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Chairperson Feldman recognized Commissioner Weber for serving over 5,000 hours. The members applauded his service.

B. Citizens To Be Heard

Chairperson Feldman recognized Keith Moens to address the board. Mr. Moens stated that affordable housing is being addressed in the Village of Arlington Heights. It was important for any new housing project and tear downs to have affordable housing and focus on older adults. Mr. Moens echoed Dr. Motto's comments and advised that more commissioners attend other meetings to advocate for issues affecting older adults in the Village.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER WEBER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:44 PM. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.