



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., 60005
September 18, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 21, 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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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

August 21, 2023 Minutes

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Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizen's Commission
Commission Room
33 S Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights
Monday, August 21, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Commissioner Feldman filling in for Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Fred Feldman, Acting Chair
Tim Carter
Sharon Adams
George Motto
Fred Vogt
Tem Williams

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi
Liaison

Not Present:

Sue Viecegli
Roberta White

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from Monday, July 17, 2023

ACTING CHAIRPERSON FELDMAN PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED. ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM JULY 17, 2023.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impact Reports

A. Chairperson

No Chairperson's report today.

B. Senior Center Manager Report

Liaison Colagrossi reported that Liz Nierman is the new Volunteer Coordinator. Liz is a resident of the Village, children in the school district and currently serves on the district 25 School Board. Liz has various connections into the community and will bring new energy into the Senior Center. Volunteers are the gateway into getting new people introduced into the Senior Center.

Social Worker Erin Mercado and Liaison Colagrossi will conduct the falls prevention program Matter of Balance. This is an 8-week evidenced based program proven to increase awareness for falls prevention. Registration opened yesterday, and the class is full. They are certified instructors, and observed a class at Ela Township last week as part of the process.

The Department is working on a grant to provide the SHARE Program to residents with newly diagnosed early onset dementia and their caregivers a guided care plan. Social Worker Mercado would facilitate a one-hour session where the resident and caregiver use an iPad, for five weeks. The grant application is through Alzheimer's Foundation Association and requesting \$6000 for license, training and technical tools.

Program Registration has been open since Monday, August 21. Some programs are already filled up. As the rising heat may affect people, a social media post highlighting the senior center is a cooling center was posted.

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 the annual Ice Cream Social on August 24. The next event is the Oktoberfest Cook Out in September, followed by the Thanksgiving Event and New Years event in December. In their last meeting, Commissioner Motto advised about the upcoming AARP Livability Community Survey.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the General Assembly is in recess. He noted that the Governor's office reported on signed bills, mass signing announcements. None of the bills has 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 Feldman reported on the activities of the joint commission planning a public transportation roundtable on August 30 at 5 pm at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. Four of the public transportation providers and one more has yet to respond. Commissioner Feldman noted his concern that the meeting was initially going to be without public comment. After reviewing with the Village, the meeting needs to comply with the Open Meetings Act and allow for public comment. Commissioner Feldman conveyed that the meeting should be introduced as a collaboration with all partners and would not be a "gripe session" for the public to complaint. The public will be able to comment for a maximum of three minutes as they do at regular public meetings.

The public meeting discussion was reviewed at an earlier time when the Age-Friendly meetings were being held. Discussion regarding the maximum number of commissioners was debated on if there was three, needing to publish, or two.

The Commissioners agreed to be transparent in how the meeting will go, submitting the questions to the providers, and have minimum time to comment. Participation is limited to members of the public and not virtual. The Commissioners commented that the questions collaborated with the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities were good.

Some of the concerns are the 2019 Age-Friendly survey noted that the older population were located mostly to the north of the Village, and public transportation is mostly available in the southern half. The township provided transportation is limited until 3 PM, and unable to provide rides later in the evening. Some of the questions were addressed to ensure collaboration. Also to include late afternoon session

The tone of the meeting will be of collaboration and provide recommendations to the Village Board.

1. Communication Sub Committee

- a. The commissioners reviewed the revised flyer for the AARP Age-Friendly Survey. The flyer will be available at the Heritage Festival on August 27. Commissioner Motto presented the Age-Friendly Survey to Inc. The members agreed to disseminate the survey in their perspective areas.
- b. Commissioner Adams recommended to add the flyer to the Village television. The flyer will be available on the website.
- c. The other agencies in the Senior center will assist with getting the word of the survey out.
- d. A destined table with table cloth and banner at the senior center to promote the survey.

2. Affordable Housing

- a. Commissioner Vogt reported on the activities of the Housing Commission that met on August 17. NE Corner of Arlington Heights Road and Route 62 is a 300-unit building. 2201 Chestnut is 9 units no specific details. Grace Development 1519 Arlington Heights Road-an affordable housing unit has been submitted and minor comments from staff. International plaza site, low-income housing tax credit IDHA Board didn't approve in their first submittal. Most likely they can apply in 2024, and often get approved after their second time. 116 N Eastman at the intersection of Highland, existing building. There are a number of changes made including the affordable housing plan and may need to be reviewed by the housing commission. Hickory Kensington still under construction. Single family rehab program promotion discussed. Noted that the submit the articles yourselves. A submittal that they

think is coming on group homes. Nothing further on the affordable housing ordinance.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Steven Schuldt will be awarded at the Board meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at either 7 or 7:30 pm. The Buechner Room will serve as a reception before the meeting. The Commission agreed to continue to have their regular meeting scheduled for September 18 at 7pm. Commissioner Vogt will interview with Mr. Schuldt to introduce to the Board.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No announcements

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. No members of the public were in attendance

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ACTING CHAIR FELDMAN REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.
COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE THE MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER ADAMS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED BY 8:23 PM.