



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Arlington Heights Senior Center Room 161
1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights
September 12, 2022
1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from August 15, 2022

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
 - I. Transportation Report
 - II. Communication Report
 - 311 Call Center
 - III. 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
9/12/2022

Item: Minutes from August 15, 2022

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from August 15, 2022	Minutes

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissioners Room
August 15, 2022
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Sue Viecegli,
Chairperson
Fred Feldman
Fred Vogt
Roberta White
Sharon Adams
Tem Williams
Tim Carter

Also Present

Tracey Colagrossi,
Commission Liaison

Absent

George Motto

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER VOGT, MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS, ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 18, 2022 MEETING.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impacts Reports

A. Chairperson's Report

- a. Chairperson Viecegli reported that she attended the National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2, and ran into Mayor Hayes. He said the Senior Citizen's Commission should be working on a big idea. Chairperson Viecegli was surprised and noted that the Commission has been working on the Age-Friendly initiative with the most crucial goal of

the 311-call center that would provide information and resources for older adults in Arlington Heights.

A 311-Call center is on the Age-Friendly Action Plan. One of the steps to research the program's feasibility is to visit various municipalities providing the service. Commission Liaison Colagrossi will contact Evanston, Park Ridge, Des Plaines, and Schaumburg to coordinate a visit. Chairperson Viecegli said she would like the 311-Call Center to be an agenda item for each meeting.

B. Senior Center Manager

- a. The Volunteer Recognition event takes place on Tuesday, August 16, on the patio at the Senior Center.
- b. The Luau Ice Cream Social takes place on Thursday, August 18, from 1:30 to 3 PM. The ice cream is soft served using the Public Works equipment.
- c. The Senior Center Manager, Program Manager, and the Park District's Senior Recreational Manager will be visiting some Senior Centers in the area to get ideas for collaborations in the future.
- d. At the Agency Director Meeting, the directors discussed the upcoming Active Shooter Training from the Arlington Heights Police Department on October 17. The Senior Center will be closed for the afternoon of the training for volunteers and staff.
- e. The Featured Programs and Northwest Community Healthcare Programs will be available to register online beginning September 1. Folks will need a "myseniorcenter" key tag to register for programs.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

- a. Inc (the Not-for-Profit Corporation) is also planning a fundraiser for the sport Pickleball Tournament on September 17 at Dwyer Park. 64 players, and some are on the waitlist for the Round Robin tournament. There are five sponsors for the event.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

- a. Upcoming planned events at the Senior Center are August 18 – Ice Cream Social – with Barefoot Hawaiian and the Brat Cookout on September 14 at 1:30 at the Senior Center. The Advisory Council is planning an event in November for Thanksgiving, a date to be determined. On December 29, the New Year's Eve event with the Fred Astaire Dancers.

E. Legislation

- a. Commissioner Feldman noted that the legislature had not met and had nothing to report. However, he added that the veto session begins in November and will have possibly more to say then.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Age-Friendly Chairperson Motto was absent. Chairperson Veicelli noted that the Village Manager is reviewing the draft of the Age-Friendly Action plan for approval before the report is sent to AARP Age-Friendly and the World Health Organization.

The Commissioners noted it is still challenging to get the word out about the variety of services provided and inform people about the Age-Friendly Initiative. Commissioner Williams said that many seniors still do not use the internet or don't want to. Commissioner White disagreed and noted that many more people went virtual because they had to over the pandemic.

I. Transportation Report

- a. Commissioner Feldman reported no further activity from the Transportation Sub-Committee since the June Town Hall Talk on Transportation resources. Participants were most concerned with the status of the Pace 696 Route, which was put on hiatus during Covid due to a lack of ridership and staffing.

Commission Liaison Colagrossi mentioned that Harper College and Pace collaborated on a new route 697 that takes passengers from the Woodfield hub to Harper College. The Commission discussed the best way to advocate to reinstate the route and how best to do that. Chairperson Viecegli noted that she would email the Pace representative that came to the Transportation session to thank them for participation and to ask about the status. Chairperson Viecegli will report to the Commission on the findings of the email.

II. Communication Report

- a. Chairperson Viecegli reported that the main focus for communication is getting out the word of Age-Friendly work and having folks sign up to receive the newsletter via email. The Senior Center newsletter is a great source of information for individuals wanting resources to age in place.

Liaison Colagrossi noted that the latest flyers have QR codes linking to the section of the website to get included in e-blasts and newsletters.

Ms. Colagrossi has been invited to the First Presbyterian Church on September 8 to provide an overview of services for church members. In addition, the Communications Sub-Committee has been working on outreach into different places of worship. Commissioner White will be contacting places of worship to present information or to have space in their bulletins on other programs and services for older adults.

III. Affordable Housing Report

a. Chairperson Viecegli reported that she, Commissioner Motto and Commissioner Vogt attended the latest Housing Commission meeting for the International Plaza proposal for seven housing units with one being included as affordable housing for senior citizens. Some were concerned that the senior center housing would be deemed the “old people” house and that it would be better to integrate the housing within the other units. The concern is that individuals living in segregated conditions would be isolated and do not comply with the inclusionary housing ordinance.

The Village Board meeting is tonight, and we will review some aspects of the housing proposal for the International Plaza. Chairperson Viecegli noted that she would be going to the meeting after the Commission meeting concludes. Liaison Colagrossi pointed out the Housing Commission's initial review of the project. Commissioner Vogt said it was the concern of the Staff that the housing would not get built at the same. Liaison Colagrossi pointed out that the Village Manager, in his report to the Village board:

1. Staff recommends proceeding with development of the concept of a separate affordable building within the redevelopment area project for 37 affordable residential units (10 more than required) subject to the perpetuity of required units and other details to be worked out between the Village and the developer.

2. The developer shall submit a full Affordable Housing Plan, containing the items listed in the Inclusionary Housing Guidelines, as part of the developer's Plan Commission application and appear before the Housing Commission. At which time specific conditions will be drafted for consideration.

G. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

a. Commissioner Vogt reported that the award presentation would be different than what had been done in the past. The award will be presented to Mr. Jim Harbaugh on Monday, September at noon at the Senior Center. The Commission is welcomed and encouraged to attend the event.

b. Commissioner Vogt noted that we would post an article in the newsletter about the award. Commissioner Adams asked what the sequence of events would be for the day. Commissioner Vogt stated that if the mayor arrives, he will speak first, then Commissioner Vogt will read and present to Mr. Harbaugh, and finally, Mr. Harbaugh will have a moment to speak. After that, refreshments will be served, and the program will conclude.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Chairperson Viecegli reported that the staff was able to connect to the League of Women Voters. In September, they will present at the next Senior Citizens' Commission Age-Friendly Initiative to discuss voting and register folks to vote. Ms. Viecegli also noted that the Commission would like to help in other ways and will connect with the League.

B. The August Town Hall Talk will present Ageism. The purpose is to open a discussion on branding and the Senior Center.

C. Chairperson Viecegli asked how many people just came for those topics. Ms. Colagrossi said about one or two participants attended just for the Town Hall Talks. Some people come for specific issues for transportation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence. None.

B. Citizens to Be Heard. None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER VOGT MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS; ALL APPROVED. THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:57 PM.