



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., 60005
August 21, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from July 17, 2023

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:

Description

July 17, 2023 Minutes

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Village of Arlington Heights
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Commission Room
33 S Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights
Monday, July 17, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi
Liaison

Absent:

Roberta White

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Monday, May 15, 2023.

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER MOTO SECONDED. ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2023.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impact Reports

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli questioned if the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus meeting is on Thursday, July 20 at 9:30 am. Liaison Colagrossi confirmed that the meeting will be taking place at that time and that the Village was asked to present their Age-Friendly Community Update.

B. Senior Center Manager Report

Liaison Colagrossi reported that the raised garden beds installed on the Senior Center Patio in June is flourishing. Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Swanson's last day was Friday, July 21. The Village is in the recruitment process which received over 60 resumes. Interviews are scheduled this week. The position is 20 hours per week, 4 hours in person daily.

The volunteer recognition event took place on Wednesday, July 12. 74 volunteers were present for the garden party themed event. In all, the Senior Center has 210 volunteers.

Abby Vombreck, Metropolis Theatre Community Outreach programs, has accepted the offer to be the Supervisor of Recreation at the Arlington Heights Park District office. Her first day is July 25.

Evening programs are being filled at capacity. Park District phones are busier with registration.

Commissioner Vogt commented on the National Senior Health and Fitness Day, May 31 with 150 people attending and learning about the various programs and services within the Center.

C. Non-Profit

The Live Well, Age Well Expo fundraiser held by Arlington Heights Senior Center, INC. Had over 315 people attending the event which featured 43 paid vendor sponsorships and 17 non-profits. Lunch was sponsored by INC, which was Toasty Cheese BBQ Food Truck. The event raised over \$18,000 without expenses.

The Arlington Heights Senior Center, INC. approved the purchase of six chairs and two sofas to replace the worn furniture in the lobby of the Senior Center. The old furniture will be donated to another organization at the end of August when the new furniture arrives. The expense totaled almost \$11,000.

Liaison Colagrossi will share the bios and information on INC with the Commission as per Commissioner Adams request. Commissioner Williams inquired about the expenditures and revenues. Commissioner Motto will attending the next INC meeting. A new board member will be voted on before the meeting.

The Pickleball Tournament is scheduled for September 9 at Dryden Courts by Dryden school.

Commissioner Carter inquired about a website. Liaison Colagrossi advised that the site is arlingtonseniorsinc.com but needs updating. Chairperson Viecegli asked how many members are on INC, which current roster is 11 and can be up to 20 members.

D. Advisory Council

The Advisory Council met last week and approved their new by-laws. The Council added that all members, as they represent the Village, go through a background check as part of their application process. Human Resources conducts the background check.

Upcoming events are September (Octoberfest), November (Thanksgiving Event), and December (New Years Eve event).

Chairperson Viecelli inquired how many members are in the council. Liaison Colagrossi advised there can be up to 16 members with a current roster of 10. The members are expected to help with the large-scale events.

Commissioner Motto will represent the Commission to the INC and Advisory Council meetings. In the past, another commissioner with health issues was not able to attend and the Liaison had represented in lieu of another commission member. The Commission was appreciative of Commissioner Motto's initiative in participating on the meeting.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported on four enactments of the General Assembly that effects older adults.

Senate Bill 1892 became Public Act 1030241 on June 30.

Section 5. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is amended by changing Sections 51 and 52 as follows: After an initial eligibility determination is made,

an individual's eligibility for free services shall automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the

Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued identification card validating Illinois residency.

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=103-0241&GA=103>

Senate Bill 1814 became Public Act 1030231

AN ACT concerning regulation. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: Section 5. The Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act is amended by adding Section 113 as follows: (210 ILCS 9/113 new) Sec. 113. Assisted Living and Shared Housing Advisory Board. (a) The Governor shall establish an Assisted Living and Shared Housing Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall consist of the following members:

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=103-0231&GA=103>

House Bill 2562 became Public Act 1030161

AN ACT concerning civil law. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: Section 5. The Common Interest Community Association Act is amended by adding Section 1-71 as follows:(765 ILCS 160/1-71 new) Sec. 1-71. Heating and cooling standards. (a) When a common interest community building has a cooling system or heating system or both serving the entire building, including individual units, the association shall comply with the following standards with respect to the individual units in which

people live

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=103-0161&GA=103>

House Bill 1541 became Public Act 1030019

AN ACT concerning utilities. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing Section 8-205 as follows:(220 ILCS 5/8-205) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-205)Sec. 8-205. (a) Termination of gas and electric utility service to all residential users, including all tenants of master metered apartment buildings, for nonpayment of bills, where gas or electricity is used as the only source of space heating or to control or operate the only space heating equipment at the residence is prohibited,
<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=103-0019&GA=103>

F. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Motto reported that he met with the Advisory Council and with Health and Human Services Director McCalister about the Age-Friendly Initiative. He will meet with the INC. Board. The timeline for the launch of the next survey cycle was discussed.

Liaison Colagrossi reviewed the timeline and the actions for the launch of the survey as well as the Polco survey results conducted this past May.

Chairperson Viecegli remarked that transportation appears to be a concern within the latest survey results. Commissioner Motto noted that transportation was 64% satisfaction rate, and the data gets compared with other communities with similar populations.

Commissioner Motto commented on the report section in response to the Arlington Park Racecourse and the portion of the website dedicated on the vah.com.

I. Transportation Report

- a. Commissioner Feldman reported that members of the Senior Citizens Commission and the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities met on Tuesday, July 11.
- b. Summit Agenda
 - i. Public Transportation providers
 1. Introductions and service parameters (5 minutes each)
 - ii. Comments from the audience (3 minutes each)
 - iii. Address gaps, solutions and next steps.
- c. Marketing of the event will encompass Age-Friendly. Commissioner Motto will send to his contact at the Daily Herald.

- d. Summit will be in person and on Zoom.
- e. An invitation to public transportation provider will be sent on July 18.
- f. The next meeting will take place on August 1 at 10 am.
- g. A draft of a flyer was reviewed at the meeting.
- h. Challenges that have been discussed are:
 - 1. The discontinuation of the Pace Route 696
 - 2. Township Dial-a-Bus limited availability.
 - 3. No public service on weekends and week nights.
 - 4. Challenges with individuals using mobilized wheelchairs and capacity.
 - 5. Public Transportation not being accountable, leaving folks at stops.
 - 6. Lack of drivers.
- i. Feedback on the flyer is having a logo, communicating those public comments are encouraged.
- j. Get data from providers on:
 - i. Total rides
 - ii. Ride Destinations (Medical, Dialysis, visits, grocery)
 - iii. Total number of refused rides.
- k. Suggestion that the flyer should stress Public Transportation only.
- II. Communication Sub Committee
 - a. A meeting in August needs to be scheduled for a Wednesday evening. Liaison Colagrossi will coordinate with the group.
- III. Housing Report
 - a. Commissioner Motto had no new projects to report on. The last meeting occurred on June 21.
 - b. Commissioner Motto or Vogt will attend the next Housing Commission meeting.
 - c. Low interest loan application program has low applicants and may need some more publicity (eblast and newsletter).
 - d. Commissioner Motto inquired about Shared Housing with the Commission and why that is not a topic of interest.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Commissioner Vogt reported that there were four nominees for the Kenneth Hood Award this year. Commissioner Vogt, Adams and Williams scored each candidate through a rubric and the nominee identifying information was redacted for fairness.

The subcommittee selected Steven Schultz at the 2023 Kenneth Hood Award winner. Liaison Colagrossi read the submission. Mr. Schultz will be notified tomorrow and the winner will be announced publicly on July 31, Dr. Kenneth Hood's Birthday. Liaison Colagrossi will coordinate with the Village to present the award at a future Board meeting in late August or September.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Motto commented that there seems to be two categories of seniors; individuals that use the senior center and individuals that do not. Could a program one to two times a year to attract more people to the Senior Center and to be aware of the various services and programs. Attracting residents to the center, without the stigma of a place for “old people”. Commissioner Motto stressed on the importance of services and for people to be aware of them. This ties into the branding concerns with the Senior Citizens.

Chairperson Viecegli remarked that the determination of next year’s budget cycle. She added that this will be discussed at the next Communication Sub-Committee. Actual budget costs will be discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

- a. Commissioner Feldman expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Administration, Instructors and Students at the Kirk School in Palatine for the flowers that were delivered by students to his home on May 19 on recognition of his volunteer service. Commissioner Adams mentioned she received flowers from a student named Joan.

Chairperson Viecegli inquired where the names came from. Liaison Colagrossi mentioned that the program was coordinated by Sharon Swanson with Kirk School and the program would continue after Sharon’s absence. Chairperson Viecegli would like to acknowledge the school on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Adams stated that there were three very good candidates for the Ken Hood Award. She said without INC, there would be programs that wouldn’t have been able to be funded. With the funds secured, and the volunteer’s perseverance and dedication, the Senior Center Agencies and INC is in a better place.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.
COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AND WAS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VOGT. THE COMMISSION MEETING
CONCLUDED AT 8:27 PM.