



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Virtual Meeting

August 17, 2020
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this 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 February 17, 2020

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson
- B. Senior Center Manager
- C. Senior Impacts
- D. Senior Center Advisory Council
- E. Legislation
- F. Age Friendly Community Certification
- G. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Senior Citizens' Commission
8/17/2020

Item: Minutes from February 17, 2020

Department: hhs

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Description

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Feldman announced that the motion to approve the Kenneth Hood Award Subcommittee meeting would be considered under Section V, Old Business when that report came up.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Fred Feldman, Chairman
Sharon Adams,
Nancy Frenk
Dottie Hardy
Susan Viecegli
George Weber
Tem Williams

Also Present

Karen Hansen,
Commission Liaison

Absent

George Motto, M.D.
Maureen Seleski

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from January 13, 2020

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FRENK, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 13, 2020 MEETING.

Commissioner Viecegli noted on the first page (Chairperson's report) Chairperson Feldman had reported on attending the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus and requested additional detail on the meeting. Chairperson Feldman reported that this was a first meeting and that not much had happened. He noted that there was discussion on

"low cost" housing (the big issue) and dementia friendly communities. Commissioner Viecegli clarified that there had been no action items.

Commissioner Viecegli noted that she had not recommended the use of focus groups, as she was not a fan of focus groups. (Results of AARP Online survey-IV Reports, C-Senior Impact, 4A).

Commissioner Viecegli noted that in VI-NEW Business reported that there was "tremendous competition" as it was one of the few stand-alone SHIP (Senior Health Insurance) programs. She asked how it could face competition if it was one of a few programs. She asked if the numbers had gone down as a result of this competition. Commissioner Weber said that the growth was fine; it was just that other programs offered Medicaid assistance and in the (Arlington Heights) Senior Center this wasn't necessary as Catholic Charities was able to offer that assistance. Commissioner Viecegli asked if SHIP was really facing little competition or tremendous competition. Commissioner Frenk clarified that there were three SHIP programs operating in the Senior Center.

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Feldman noted that one bill provided that if between 2020 and 2025, senior citizens would not have to renew their homeowners and senior citizens exemptions annually. They would have to renew their freeze.

B. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center offered another session of the Brain Enrichment program. The Village Manager provided his quarterly update in the Lunch and Learn program on January 15.

The Volunteer Coordinator prepared for the annual recognition luncheon by distributing year-end volunteer hour reports to the Agency directors, ordering invitations, ordering pins for the milestone volunteers and notifying these volunteers of the upcoming honors. Commissioner Hardy asked to be notified of the date. The Volunteer Coordinator had arranged for the Arlington Heights Memorial Library Manager of Human

Resources to give a presentation on "The Legalities of Employees vs. Volunteers" for the Northwest Volunteer Administrators Network. The Volunteer Coordinator developed the upcoming March 16 "disability awareness training" for Village employees and Senior Center staff. Commissioner Frenk asked how many volunteers attend the volunteer luncheon. Ms. Hansen responded roughly 200. Commissioner Viecelli asked if there was a presentation to the outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Hansen indicated that it was more of recognizing (milestones) categories, such as 1000 hours, 2000 hours. Commissioner Viecelli asked how many people were in each category. Ms. Hansen indicated she would have to find out and get back to the Commission. Commissioner Viecelli asked if it was 3-5 or how many. Ms. Hansen indicated it was more than that. Commissioner Hardy asked when the Volunteer Luncheon was scheduled. Ms. Hansen indicated that she would send the commissioners that information.

The Arlington Heights Nurses Club lost Terry Scola, a seven-year Lending Closet volunteer in January and Pat Budin, Past President in February.

C. Senior Impacts Reports

1. Not for Profit Corporation

The Senior Center Manager reported that Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. had met last on February 13. Two new members, Jeannette Guzman and Steve Piscitello were added to their Board of Directors. Their Board was also working on developing a new website and they made almost \$12,700 on their November Senior Services Expo.

2. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council's nominating committee met to discuss potential new members and then met as a whole.

3. Legislation

Chairperson Feldman reported that there were 90 new bills, one of which focused on driving tests for persons over age 75. Other bills had been reintroduced as well.

4. Age Friendly Community Certification

Chairperson Feldman noted that the Committee had met to review the summary of the report and get the data in a more usable fashion. There would be another committee meeting before the March Commission meeting. In determining action points, do you look at what needs work? Commissioner Viecelli asked where do we set the bar where it is bad enough? The Senior Center Manager noted she had done her best to summarize the subdivision/area data. She had also tabulated the age data. Commissioner Viecelli asked if we take into consideration those who are 60 and younger? Commissioner Frenk asked if there had been any discussion about Arlington Heights becoming a dementia friendly community, citing the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging's Community Initiative flyer. It was noted that Arlington Heights had a lot of these programs and services already in place. Commissioner Viecelli noted she would not be available until March 15. Commissioner Williams noted on the subdivision tabulation that Surrey Ridge and Surrey Ridge West were two separate areas, with Fernandez as the dividing line.

5. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Minutes from the Kenneth Hood Service Award Committee Meeting January 28, 2020

COMMISSIONER HARDY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FRENK, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 28, 2020 MEETING. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Weber reported that a majority of the nominees had affiliations come through the Senior Center. He summarized plans to expand the show (visibility) at the Senior Center. One suggestion was to put an article about the award in the newsletter, but this was already being done. The question was asked whether the application itself went into the newsletter. There was a quick discussion about radio and Commissioner Viecelli indicated that it was not affordable. Commissioner Viecelli indicated it should be on the Village of Arlington Heights Facebook. This was already being done. It was suggested to place something in the Senior Center's information rack wall. The Senior Center Manager noted that there was a whole display under the plaque with brochures and applications.

Commissioner Weber indicated he would talk to Karie (Van Grinsven, Senior Center Program Coordinator).

V. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Williams noted that the new therapy pool was working well, but that the doors into the pool area need to open automatically. She had spoken with James McCalister (Health & Human Services Department Director) and with David Robb, Disabilities Services Coordinator. The pound-pull has to be five pounds or less. Commissioner Williams noted that the doorway is in a "wind tunnel." Commissioner Hardy advised Commissioner Williams to approach the Park District using the word "safety."

Commissioner Williams reported that she and Karie 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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

B. Citizens To Be Heard

Chairperson Feldman noted that due to the open meetings act, all public meetings were required to have an opportunity for public comment and this had been added to the agenda. He asked for a motion to limit this time to three minutes. **Commissioner Weber moved that the citizens to be heard be limited to three minutes at Senior Citizens Commission meetings, seconded by Commissioner Hardy. All concurred and the motion carried.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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