



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Health & Human Services Conference Room, 33 S. AH Rd, 60005
Special Joint Meeting with Sr. Citizen's Commission
August 14, 2023
11:30 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 1, 2023 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Transportation Summit Planning Update
- B. Discussion for Next Steps

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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Minutes

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Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission and Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Health Office
August 1, 2023
10:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Fred Feldman called the meeting to order at 10: 00 AM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Fred Feldman, SCC
Tem Williams, SCC
George Motto, SCC
Roxanne Calibraro, CCD
Fred Vogt, SCC
Eva Mullinax, CCD
Sheryl Letwat, CCD

Also Present

Tracey Colagrossi,
Commission Liaison, SSC
Erin Mercado,
Commission Liaison, CCD

Absent

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Transportation Sub-Committee Chairperson Feldman reviewed the meeting minutes.

CHAIRPERSON FELDMAN REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER FELDMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LETWAT.

IV. REPORTS

A. Transportation Summit Planning Update

Senior Citizens Commission Liaison Colagrossi reviewed the progress of what was done after the last meeting. As directed, she sent out the emails to Pace, Metra, RTA, Wheeling Township and Elk Grove Townships inviting them to the proposed event on Wednesday, August 30 at 5 pm. The providers were to RSVP to the Village by Wednesday, August 2, 2023, and have yet to respond.

The Commission agreed that a follow up email and phone call would be a good idea. Chairperson Feldman noted that all of the providers attended the previous forum in 2021.

The discussion continued to reconnect with the providers or possibly change the date. The Commission agreed to keep the same date of the event.

Commissioner Motto noted that the providers most likely know what the participants needs are. He added what are suggested solutions. Commissioner Letwat remarked that there are most likely good reasons why services are cut like lack of drivers and funding. The discussion moved to having the session more solution based rather than having providers listen to complaints.

Commissioner Mullinax remarked that the surrounding municipalities should be a consideration. She added that a lot of hospitals and medical facilities are out of our area. Commissioner Vogt asked what are the major draws? What facilities are in the most demand? Commissioner Calibraro commented she cannot get to some appointments as she does not drive and that Northwest Community Hospital have offices beyond the Village. She added that the Wheeling Township Bus used to go beyond Central Road, but now does not.

Commissioner Letwat remarked if anyone has looked into the solutions like McHenry Township Bus service and with the Niles Free Bus. Liaison Colagrossi noted that a recent news article on the Niles transportation program serves only Niles and is a funded collaboration between the village and Pace. Tax Dollars from property taxes as well as federal funds from Pace enable the program to run. Some service cuts were done in 2016 as ridership in the south was lacking.

The Commissions agreed that the focus still should be on public providers before the discussion expands to private providers of transportation. Commissioner Williams conveyed that for folks that are newly without a car or unable to drive, it is difficult to navigate how to get places. Which all goes back to how information is disseminated into the community.

Commissioner Vogt remarked what we are wanting to accomplish with the meeting, as well as what the expectation for the meeting. Discussion regarding a better format for the meeting that would be solutions-based, how can the providers be helped, and for agencies only.

B. Discussion of Next Steps

The Commissions will resend an invitation to providers only, to discuss solutions. From their perspective. This with be representatives from the commissions with the providers to discuss what we hear, our ideas for solutions and reformat to a Round Table discussion.

Liaison Colagrossi will resend invitations to providers. If public does attend.

What things would you like to know: current ridership, denials, reason for denials, service area, what determination of service, hours of service, what would be a realistic solution for increase in aging in place for individuals with disabilities. What can the commissions do to help.

The Commission agreed to continue to have the meeting for August 30.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 14, at 11:30 AM.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. No other business was discussed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER FELDMAN CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:47 AM. COMMISSIONER LETWAT MADE A MOTION AND COMMISSIONER VOGT SECODNED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10: 47 AM.