



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, AH, IL 60005
July 26, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from June 21, 2021

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
 - a. Transportation Report
 - b. Communication Report
 - c. 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
7/26/2021

Item: Minutes from June 21, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from June 21, 2021	Minutes

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissioners Room and Virtual
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, 60005
June 21, 2021
7:00 PM**

I.CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.ROLL CALL

Present

Fred Feldman

Nancy Frenk

Susan Viecegli,
Chairperson
George Motto, M.D.

Tim Carter

Maureen Seleski

Tem Williams

Also Present

Tracey Colagrossi,
Commission Liaison

Absent

George Weber

Sharon Adams

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from May 17, 2021

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER FELDMAN
MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SELESKI, MOVED
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2021
MEETING.**

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

IV.REPORTS

A. Senior Impacts Reports

a. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli informed the Commission that Commissioner Dottie Hardy has resigned due to health and wellness concerns. Chairperson Viecegli noted that Ms. Hardy has made enormous contributions to the Village of Arlington Heights and will be missed. The Commissioners wished her well.

b. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center will be fully reopened effective July 1st. Drop in programs, walking path, café, will be open Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Extended hours (Mon/Wed/Saturday) will resume after Labor Day. Patrons must be symptom free, not exposed to anyone with COVID-19 for the past 14 days, and they may remove their masks if they are fully vaccinated. Patrons that have not received the vaccine must continue to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth. All agencies will be fully open except for Catholic Charities Northwest Social Services, who continue to work from home and Catholic Charities Lunch and More will provide grab and go lunches only. No in-person dining yet.

Escorted Transportation Services Northwest has formally changed their name to Connections to Care.

The July/August Issue of the newsletter has been mailed out to 312 subscribers and emailed to 1150 contacts on our email list.

Our new Program Coordinator, Sarah Adelphia, will start her employment with the Village on Tuesday, July 6. Sarah's hours will be Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Sarah comes to us from Hanover Township Aging Services where she has served as the Enrichment Program Specialist for the past nine years and was responsible for

research, development, implementation and evaluation of programs to older adults with special attention to the growing number of Boomers/Gen X folks. Her educational experience consists of a master's degree in Art History and a bachelor's degree in English Literature. She currently serves as the Secretary of the Association of Illinois Senior Centers.

BKV-the Architectural firm that will be conducting the space utilization, modernization and program redesign of the Senior Center met with the team last week. Jill Jackson Ledford will initiate the study by presenting a session that will be done virtually; for folks to understand all of the possibilities that a Senior Center could be. After people watch this session, then focus groups and interviews will be conducted. The Senior Center Manager will advise the Commission when more information is available.

Commissioner Williams asked if the Senior Citizens Commission would be included in the process. Manager Colagrossi stated that after the initial presentation, sessions or interviews will be scheduled. More than likely a grouping of three Commissioners and three INC members would be scheduled for an interview. Manager Colagrossi will advise a date for that when proposed.

Chairperson Viecegli asked if the updated 2020 census data was available, notably the population of older adults. Manager Colagrossi stated that the information on ages was not available yet, more likely in September.

c. Not for Profit Corporation

The Live Well, Age Well Expo is this Wednesday, June 23 from 11 AM to 3 PM. We have 30 vendors and 10 nonprofit tables inside the senior center that will lead patrons out to the patio for the Toasty Cheese Food Truck. Patrons can dine outside or take meals to go. At this time, 165 people are registered.

Manager Colagrossi worked with the Commission to create flyers for the Expo Age-Friendly table. One flyer is about

the Age-Friendly Initiative and the other is about Transportation options.

Commissioner Motto suggested that perhaps a tag line is needed for the Age-Friendly initiative and should go on the flyers. A strategic topic for discussion for the Communication Subcommittee. Commissioner Motto and Chairperson Viecegli will be present at the booth.

d. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council has planned Ice Cream Social event on Thursday, August 19 from 1 to 3 PM with Edizon Dayao performing. Other events are scheduled for September (Oktoberfest), October (Fall Festival), November (Thanksgiving), and December (Magic show/New Years' event). The Program Coordinator will work with the council to plan these events.

e. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that 660 bills have gone to the Governor for signature, none that has been signed yet. None of the 50 bills that Commissioner Feldman was following are included in that group. There were 4 or 5 bills that directly effects older adults, that are still tracking which may come to fruition.

f. Age Friendly Community Certification

The Transportation Sub Committee consisting of Fred Feldman and Tem Williams reported that they collaborated on updating the Transportation flyer to be distributed at the Expo. The committee may meet to discuss further initiative discussing affordable options regarding transportation. Such as marketing recommendations and dissemination for a broader audience.

Commissioner Motto wanted to make sure that the 311/Central Source of information is necessary. Educating folks about other forms of transportation, notably Uber/Lyft can be cheaper for people than owning a vehicle. Commissioner Seleski suggested that both flyers be put up on the website. Manager Colagrossi stated that she will have these included. Commissioner Williams stated it is important for people to be comfortable with transportation

options. A program highlighting transportation options with buses, may be helpful for future programs.

Commissioner Carter reported on the Communications Sub Committee meeting. The Committee focused on the methods of communication by the Village to reach people. Direct communication with presentations and marketing pieces that are geared to religious communities, limited English speakers, and training a Self-Directed Volunteer Team to help with efforts. Commissioner Motto asked if the committee will work with the new Communications Director. That position is still yet to be hired, but it would be an outcome for the group. Chairperson Veicelli asked who is responsible to put something in the water bill. She added to have the data page to be put inside the water bill. Tracey will discuss with Finance to put this link in the bill. Commissioner Williams noted that putting the info in doctor's offices would be a suggestion. At this moment, doctor's offices do not have a lot of paper out due to the pandemic. This could be a focus for the future.

Commissioner Motto wanted to make sure that 311 is a consideration for an outcome as well as a call center for trained volunteers/staff. The Sub Committee noted that this is an outcome that is included, however, at this time the group is focusing on the immediate marketing efforts and build upon for the future which will include 311/call center.

Commissioner Frenk reported on the Affordable Housing Sub Committee. New topics of discussion included creating a legislative round table, which will include Representative Walker in the Fall. The subcommittee is interested in writing a letter directly to the Housing Commission to create a dialogue with the Commission to address the concerns for affordable housing for older adults. Tracey will connect with the Housing Commission liaison on current activities. Commissioner Motto will write a draft letter and send it to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Motto added that another way would to have a Board Trustee bring up affordable housing under new business in a board meeting. However, Commissioner Motto felt strongly that collaborating with the other commissions to address this would send a stronger signal to the board. Chairperson Viecelli wanted it to include

other affordable options for people to age in community. George agreed that he will write a draft for the Commission to review. Commissioner Motto stressed the importance of housing and that it should be a focus. Having different options such as Middle housing was an option which AARP just conducted a webinar on.

Commissioner Frenk said that Housing information from Catholic Charities will be disseminated at the booth. Commissioner Frenk added other civics education sessions regarding how folks can remain independent in their homes. Contacting the Assessor regarding taxes, township/village government in the fall and Spring Sessions to include handyman services and home modifications, and transportation session.

Commissioner Carter asked if there was any discussion regarding snow removal of walkways in areas that was brought up by a resident in the Winter. Commissioner Carter asked if this could be addressed or collaborated with the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee. Commissioner Motto added when this was addressed earlier, Charles Perkins noted that walkways are responsible for other agencies, so it is difficult to manage. Commissioner Carter asked the Commission is an ordinance on snow removal is needed. Commissioner Carter asked Manager Colagrossi to check with the Committees liaison if they had addressed this issue and report back to the Commission.

g. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Williams reiterated that the Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award is postponed until the meeting restrictions are lifted.

V.OLD BUSINESS

- a. No old business was discussed.

VI.NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business was discussed.

VII.OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

- a. Manager Colagrossi mentioned that in person meeting is available for the next meeting July 26 at 7 PM.

B. Citizens to Be Heard

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

AT 7:59 PM, CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MEETING ADJOURNED.