



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd, AH
July 18, 2022
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from June 27, 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
 - Transportation Report
 - Communication Report
 - 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
7/18/2022

Item: Minutes from June 27, 2022

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from June 27, 2022	Minutes

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissioners Room
June 27, 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
George Motto
Tem Williams
Tim Carter

Also Present

Tracey Colagrossi,
Commission Liaison

Absent

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MOTTO, MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WHITE, ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 23, 2022 MEETING.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impacts Reports

A. Chairperson's Report

a. Chairperson Viecegli reported that she attended the Town Hall Talk held that morning and the Rock and Roll Expo. She said both events were excellent.

B. Senior Center Manager

a. Attended the Northgate neighborhood carnival on Sunday, June 26. Lots of residents in attendance, about 300 people-children.

b. Manager Colagrossi presented on the new Reframe Aging tool that can be found on Reframeaging.org. Some great information on how to

reframe our language. Manager Colagrossi also served on a panel for not saying the “s” senior word for the organization Changing the narrative, Colorado. The commissioners discussed the rebranding of the Senior Center to entice more people to the center. Manager Colagrossi advised that using the word Community Center and defining it for ages 55 and up was something that has been increasingly popular to do. The other effort is to educate and define “senior” to the masses, but with people’s implicit bias on age that is very difficult to do in a short time period.

c. Manager Colagrossi served on the plenary for collaborations with Area Agencies on Aging for vaccinations. NCOA, and Leo Laks recognition, served as chair of the NISC. Now past chair for 2 years.

d. Manager Colagrossi is working with the Fire Department and the new Social Worker position for Health and Human Services for Falls Awareness prevention week in September. The goal is to highlight the importance of falls prevention and introduce Matter of Balance classes in targeted areas of outreach. The Fire Department has data on the number of calls regarding falls in Arlington Heights and to reduce the number with these initiatives.

e. The Senior Center and partner agencies celebrated World Elder abuse day on June 15. Staff wore purple to signify support. There was also a display in the center educating the public on the efforts. agencies taking turns with information on services inside senior center.

f. Agencies directors met June 13. Working on national senior center month in September.

g. Friday, June 17 was the AHML Tech fair.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

a. The Rock and Roll Live Well Age Well Expo on June 22 had 32 paid vendors, 13 non-for-profit booths and over 300 participants.

b. Thank you to Commissioners Voght, Williams and Motto for their help in working the Age-Friendly booth is George Motto, Fred Vogt, Tem, and Larry Williams.

b. Inc (the Not-for-Profit Corporation) is also planning a fundraiser for the sport Pickleball Tournament for September 17 at Dwyer Park.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

a. Upcoming planned events at the Senior Center are:

June 29 – Hot Dog Cookout with Croozin' the Loop Band (patio)

August 18 – Ice Cream Social – with Barefoot Hawaiian (patio)

E. Legislation

a. Commissioner Feldman presented the Legislation report

SB 702 PA102-986 amends Illinois Act on Aging. Senior Housing Residents' Advisory Council

The purpose of the Senior Housing Residents' Advisory Council established under this Section is to create a space and opportunity for senior Illinoisans to connect with each other and meet with representatives from the Department on Aging and the Department of Public Health in order to share their ideas on how the State can improve the quality of life for its senior residents. The Council will also give senior Illinoisans the opportunity to share their findings and recommendations on targeted services and supports for seniors with the Governor and the General Assembly.

Signed on 05/27 and went into effect on 05/27/2022

SB 1633 PA 102-1080 Amends the Nursing Home Care Act
Residents shall have the right to be treated with courtesy and respect by employees or persons providing medical services or care and shall have their human and civil rights maintained in all aspects of medical care as defined in the State Operations Manual for Long-Term Care Facilities. In accordance with 42 CFR 483.10, residents shall have their basic human needs, including, but not limited to, water, food, medication, toileting, and personal hygiene, accommodated in a timely manner, as defined by the person and agreed upon by the interdisciplinary team. Residents have the right to maintain their autonomy as much as possible
Signed on 6/10 effect January 1, 2023.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto; chairperson of the Age-Friendly Initiative reported that he met with AARP Livable Communities Bill Ambruster and our Illinois AARP representative to discuss the current action plan from the Village of Arlington Heights. Commissioner Motto discussed the current activities and AARP granted a three-year extension on the work of the Commission.

Commissioner Motto met with Chairperson Vieceli and Manager Colagrossi to review the draft report and made recommendations. Manager Colagrossi is continuing to work on this effort.

I. Transportation Report

a. Commissioner Feldman reported that the Town Hall Talk on transportation was very successful. The patrons were very engaged and

provided lot of feedback to help the commission. One of the challenges was the lack of drivers in all aspects from Pace to Wheeling Township. It has been difficult to keep up with the demand of services. This has also been a factor with the Pace bus route 696, which is suspended at this point. There has been no determination if it would be canceled yet. Commissioner Feldman reiterated that new and different ideas are needed to fill this gap such as autonomous driving vehicles as seen in Tempe Arizona.

II. Communication Report

a. Chairperson Viecegli confirmed that Manager Colagrossi reached out to the Ministerial League of Arlington Heights as the next plan for outreach. Advising the church and temple communities of what the Senior Center has to offer is a good start.

III. Affordable Housing Report

a. Commissioner Motto reported on the affordable housing development in international Plaza on Golf and Arlington Heights Roads. The organization presented to the conceptual plan (6-7 buildings, 1 affordable building with 44 units)

Income restrictions on these units mean that more affluent seniors will not qualify, giving way to younger people looking for housing. Market rate affordable units for all, older adults are competing for the same housing as other people.

Commissioner Motto noted that designated senior communities, should be considered for affordable housing. The Commission should continue to advocate for affordable senior housing.

G Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

a. Commissioner Vogt reported the sub-committee met before the commission meeting to review the results of the rubric scoring for Kenneth Hood Nominations. The result was an overwhelming score for Jim Harbaugh, a volunteer Alzheimer's/Dementia Support group leader. Five people submitted nominations for Mr. Harbaugh. Commissioner Adams felt that the nominee was especially deserving as Mr. Kenneth Hood took care of his wife who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in her later years. She added that she things that Dr. Hood would have approved as well.

b. Manager Colagrossi will notify the nominee and wait for a formal announcement on Dr. Hood's birthday, July 31. She will also coordinate with Village Hall for a presentation date. She will update the Commission as the process moves forward.

C. Commissioner Carter commended the sub-committee members for all of their work and dedication to the project.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chairperson Vieceleli noted that she received a letter regarding on the 5-year consolidated plan. She thought it would be important for the Commission to attend. The Commission decided to meet at 6:30 PM on July 18, instead of 7 PM to accommodate the 7:30 scheduled meeting on the same day. The Action Plan meeting addresses the housing and community development block grant needs.

Monday, action plan July 18th. 7:30 PM

b. Livability Index: Chairperson Vieceleli reviewed the AARP, livability index printed out the Village of Arlington Heights data. Sue: what she found interesting, taek 60% of population is over 50. Also noting the public engagement numbers on voting seemed to be high. The Commission felt it important to reach out to the League of Women Voters before the next election to possibly host informational sessions at the Senior Center on registering to vote, etc. Chairperson Vieceleli will reach out.

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 MOTTO MOTIONED
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN; ALL APPROVED. THE
MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:32 PM**