



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
Kenneth Hood Committee Meeting-33 S. AH Road, 60005
July 17, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 27, 2023 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review Applicants

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Senior Citizens' Commission
7/17/2023

Item: Minutes

Department: HHS

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

June 27, 2023 Minutes

Type

Minutes

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Kenneth Hood Committee Meeting
1801 W. Central Rd, Rm 190,
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
2:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kenneth Hood Award Co Chair, Sharon Adams called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present

Sharon Adams

Tem Williams

Also Present

Tracey Colagrossi, Staff Liaison

Absent

Fred Vogt

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**COMMISSIONER ADAMS REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
OF MSTVH 28, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO
APPROVE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS.**

III. REPORTS

Manager Colagrossi reviewed the mailing list of organizations that were contacted for the award by commissioners.

Four nominations were received.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners were given the nominations and scoring rubric. Nominations had name and contact information redacted for a blind review.

The Commissioners decided to meet on July 17 at 6 PM to select a winner.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:45 PM.



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., 60005
July 17, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from May 15, 2023

IV. REPORTS

- A. Senior Impacts 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
 - a. Transportation Summit
 - 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

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Description

May 15, 2023 Minutes

Type

Minutes

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Village Hall Commission Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights
Monday, May 15, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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
Tem Williams
Fred Vogt

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi,
Liaison

Absent:

Roberta White

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 17, 2023

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER VOGT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER FELDMAN SECONDED. ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2023.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impacts Reports

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli had nothing to report.

B. Senior Center Manager

Manager Colagrossi requested to have the Commission move the June meeting to either Monday, June 12 or Monday, June 26 as she would be out of town. The Commissioners agreed to move the meeting to Monday, June 26 at 7 PM.

As reported last month, the vegetable garden will be expanded regardless of potential funding from AARP Challenge Grant. Coordinator Swanson will pick up plants from the Kirk School Garden sale. Winners will be notified by AARP sometime in May.

Volunteer Recognition event is in the planning stages "Thanks for Helping Us Grow" on July 12. Initiations will be sent soon. Volunteers expressed that no large luncheon needed but a smaller social event is preferred.

Health and Fitness Day is on Wednesday, May 31 from 9 to 12. The Commission will have a table promoting Age Friendly. The Keynote Speaker is a motivational speaker, Jeanne Roppolo. Commissioners Vogt will be present in the morning and Commissioner Motto will complete event mid-morning.

Wednesday, May 24, the Senior Center will host all of the Village employees for a Celebrating Older Americans Month breakfast in the morning. Four volunteers will tour the Senior Center as some employees are brand new and do not know about all of the services at the center.

Park District supervisor of senior center programs, Kristy Henson resigned from her position. She is moving to a position at a Special Recreation position in DuPage County. Her last day will be May 24. Donna Schultz, Catholic Charities Lunch and More Director is retiring on June 22. Spencer Harsted will replace Donna's position.

Commissioner Motto asked about the Area Agency on Aging public hearings on the FY2024 plan. The session is on Monday, May 22 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Des Plaines Public Library. Tracey will send out the information to RSVP, if anyone would like to attend. Tracey is unable to make that time.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

The Celebrating Independence Expo (Live Well, Age Well) is on Thursday, June 29, from 11 am to 1 pm. The Toasty Cheese Food truck will serve BBQ during the event. The free event is open to all. The capacity for vendors is around 52. In addition, collaborating agencies and the Commission will have a booth at the event promoting Age-Friendly.

They are also planning a Pickleball Tournament at Dryden Courts on Saturday, September 9.

The Senior Center Manager will also submit a quote for INC to purchase two sofas and six armchairs for the lobby of the Senior Center. The funding request will be reviewed at the June 14 meeting.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council is hosting the Hot Dog Cookout on Wednesday, June 14 with the Croozin the Loop band on the patio. The following event is the Ice Cream Social with the Barefoot Hawaiian group performing on August 24.

The Council advised if possible if someone from the Commission could be on hand to report for those meetings. Tracey will send out the dates for the Commissioners to attend. Historically, the Commission sent a representative to report and provide feedback.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the legislative session ends on Friday May 19 and will begin the veto session in November. Of the ten items that he was tracking none came to fruition. Chairperson Viecegli noted that Representative Walker sent an e-blast on all the approved Bills. Commissioner Feldman remarked there was about 4 or 5 that affected older adults. To reference the bills, please advise <https://legiscan.com/IL/legislation?status=passed> Bills were related to the heat malfunctions in Chicago, safeguarding older adults in extreme temperatures.

The Commission inquired if the Illinois Department on Aging create legislation. Manager Colagrossi stated that IDOA can advocate but not create legislation. She added that they work with AARP Illinois for an overall advocate policy list which involve care givers, workers, and advocate for those initiatives.

F. Age Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto discussed the AARP Community Living Survey. The only change to the community survey is to have the Village logo. Commissioner Motto noted that the recent Village of Arlington Heights Community survey made available April 24 through May 6 was similar to the AARP Community Survey. Manager Colagrossi noted that the survey included all age groups in the village and will be interesting to see the results and compare it to the data that the AARP survey will collect.

Commissioner Motto is concerned about a plan to disseminate the survey. He added that the Daily Herald would be helpful in launching the survey in a press release. When the results of the

Village's community survey, the commission requested a copy. The Village's survey was promoted through social media and emails. The survey will need to be marketed very differently from other surveys. The Commission would like to discuss further and have Health and Human Services Director, James McCalister to join an upcoming meeting.

I. Transportation Report

Commissioner Feldman and Manager Colagrossi will connect with the Villages of Palatine, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Wheeling and the City of Rolling Meadows to see if there is interest in participating in a transportation summit to provide a forum for folks to express their need for affordable and accessible transportation. Two Commissioners from the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities will also help in the planning. Manager Colagrossi noted that Brad Winnik of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus may be a good moderator as he has done previous work.

Commissioner Feldman added that contacting the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus would be a good way to find out how to host a forum such as this. Manager Colagrossi will reach out.

Commissioner Motto was encouraged that other municipalities could join in the forum. He added that the Age-Friendly work being done within the Commission is a strength. Commissioner Williams added that this is a wonderful collaboration and noted that the important part is getting a transportation system that is user friendly for all.

II. Communication Report

Chairperson Viecelli reported that the Sub Committee met on May 10. To increase visibility and awareness of the upcoming

AARP Survey, the Commission could be a presence at upcoming events such as the Farmers Market, outdoor events like Frontier Days.

In addition, the group discussed ideas to plan something significant for Older Americans Month in May 2024.

The sub committee also suggested that the Senior Citizen's Commission could be changed. The Manager noted that the Chairperson would need to contact the mayor to have a discussion about that as it is under his prevue. Commissioner Williams disagreed with a rebranding effort. Commissioner Carter noted that another name like Age-Friendly would identify what the work is doing. Chairperson Viecegli noted that we can discuss further.

II. Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Vogt noted that the Housing Commission's Agenda has not yet posted, as their regular meetings occur the third Wednesday of each month.

Commissioner Motto mentioned the plan of review to the Board from Circle Communities. The Plan of Review is a process to determine if the project is on the right track and if there was consideration to change the zoning. The Board agree that it would be strongly considered.

Commissioner Vogt reviewed the other projects that the Housing Commission had on the agenda.

G Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Vogt reported that the Sub Committee will receive a list of organizations that were mailed the nomination forms and they will contact them to follow up. The due date for applications is June 1st. Manager Colagrossi noted that two nominations received so far. The next meeting is June 27 at 2 pm.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence
Commissioner Motto commented on the recommendation to the Board and asked what the process was. Manager Colagrossi noted that all nine of the Commissions submitted recommendations and are currently being reviewed by the Board. The Board will meet in July for a strategic planning process and will keep the recommendations in mind.

Commissioner Vogt mentioned the Wheeling Township 708 Board and reported the Township Trustees will not proceed with a Mental Health Board levee until 2024. The residents attending the meeting were upset and didn't understand why wait. The Township has to recommend a levee to assign to the board. The Commissioners agreed that mental health affects people of all ages and should be a priority in the community.

B. Citizens to Be Heard

There were no residents at the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 P.M.