



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
July 17, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 6/19/17

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson
- B. Senior Center Manager
- C. Senior Impact Reports
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 - 2. Senior Center Advisory Council
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V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Goal Setting

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

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- A. Announcements/Correspondence

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**Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Minutes from June 19, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Foss called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Sharon Foss, Sharon Adams, Fred Feldman, Dottie Hardy, Dr. George Motto, Maureen Seleski, George Weber, and Tem Williams

Also Present: Karen Hansen, Senior Center Manager

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2017 MEETING OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Foss reported that President Hayes had asked her to remain on as chairperson of the commission. She asked if there were any objections from the members of the commission and there were no objections.

B. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center Manager reported that Tom Cleary, a summer intern from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio had started last Tuesday. She noted that HR had sent excellent candidates for this internship her way.

Eight people are registered for the upcoming Social Security presentation on June 22nd at 1:30pm; and eighteen are required by Social Security.

Mr. Recklaus, Village Manager would return for his "State of the Village" on June 27th at 1:30pm.

Ms. Hansen noted that last month she had submitted three grant applications, one to the Eisenberg Foundation for new video equipment for the Wii games, one to the Rotary for a Buddy Bench and one to Community Development Block Grant Funds for safety cameras and additional funds to install electric openers on the Senior Center's handicapped bathrooms. We will learn of the Eisenberg Foundation toward December. She learned that we would receive \$850 from the Rotary to purchase a Buddy Bench. The Community

Development Block Grant Funds request was in the public review and comment phase until July 15th.

Ms. Hansen asked for feedback on the doors. Chairperson Foss suggested that the electronic openers not be used on those doors, as it was possible that caregivers would be able to assist. Another suggestion was to place electronic openers on the doors used the most. A third suggestion was to place an electronic opener on the west side of the building. Commissioner Seleski suggested installing electronic openers on one of the bathrooms, and installing the other door opener elsewhere. Ms. Hansen noted that this was the popular suggestion at the recent Agency Director's meeting. The consensus was that the Senior Center manager should follow her own best inclination.

C. Senior Impact Reports

Not for Profit Corporation

Senior Center Manager Karen Hansen reported that the total assets and liabilities for Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. is \$145,895.58 as of May. Their upcoming July 18th golf outing was running a little low on golfers. Their next fundraiser would be the Senior Housing and Services Fair on Tuesday, September 26th.

Senior Center Advisory Council

The Senior Center Manager reported on the following programs: Monday, July 17th, 1:00-2:30pm – Ice Cream Social; Thursday, August 17th, 7:30pm – Reunion Jazz Orchestra Concert Under the Stars; Monday, September 11th, 4:00-6:00pm – Brat Cookout & Alpine Thunder; Monday, November 20th, 1:00-2:30pm – Thanksgiving event TBD; Friday, December 29th, 1:00-2:30pm - New Year's Eve Party TBD. We are tentatively holding Monday, July 24th, 12:30pm for Cubs-Sox game on TV. Our Variety Show is tentatively set for October 30th.

Legislation

Commissioner Feldman noted that were 16 bills he had been following.

HB3921 Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. It provides that a person age 65 and older may cancel certain contracts within 15, rather than 3, days after the day the contract was signed. This goes into effect on January 1, 2018.

SB 1556 Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. It requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to disregard life insurance assets up to a total of \$200,000 when determining whether a person 60 years of age or older meets the income and asset eligibility requirements for home and community based services authorized under the Social Security Act.

HB 3392 Amends the Nursing Home Care Act to prevent "patient dumping." (Makes changes to provisions concerning the involuntary transfer or discharge of a resident, hearings when a resident is involuntarily transferred or discharged, and the readmission of residents). No further action has occurred.

HB 1424/SB 399 In a proposal submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the plan is to change the Community Care Program and move 36,000 seniors who are not eligible for Medicaid into the Community Reinvestment Program.

Congressional Joint House Resolution 66

Illinois has enacted its own law. The Illinois program will be in effect by 2018. It is seeking a private administrator.

Congress SB 1028

Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage Family Caregivers Act directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Family Caregiving Advisory Council.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Goal Setting

Commissioner Motto stated that the concept had been presented at the round table (On the Table) and that it looks like people will support a Livable Communities concept.

The committee had established a mission statement and a vision. Three questions would be asked for three sets of stakeholders. Commissioner Seleski read:

“The Senior Commission’s Mission Statement for the 2017 Information Gathering & Disbursement Project: As the duly appointed Senior Citizen Commission for the Village of Arlington Heights, we are charged with promoting the needs and concerns of the Village’s senior citizens in an advisory capacity to the Village President and Board of Trustees. To that end, and with the goal of determining our viability as a livable community for older adults, we have initiated a project to conduct a survey, public hearings, and research to obtain factual data that will be used to issue a written report and recommendations that will be presented to the Village Board, the Village’s Administrative Staff, and the Public.”

Commissioner Williams noted that she had met an expert on surveys and had recommended that this expert be invited to attend a commission meeting. Commissioner Motto indicated that this was a great idea, but that the entire commission needed to be “on board,” and then the mission statement could put “some flesh” on that and then be ready for the survey.

The plan is to adopt the mission statement and then go forward with the survey. **COMMISSIONER HARDY MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION: TO ADOPT THE MISSION STATEMENT, TO GO FORWARD WITH A SURVEY AND AFTER WE ADOPT THE MISSION STATEMENT THEN THAT IS WHEN WE BREAK IT DOWN AS TO HOW WE’RE GOING TO DO IT. BUT WE HAVE TO FIRST ACCEPT AS A COMMISSION THAT THAT WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD SO I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT IT. COMMISSIONER SELESKI SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Seleski noted that there would be questions for Village department heads and questions for key informants.

Commissioner Weber stated it was necessary to obtain permission from the Village. Commissioner Hardy asked if anything could stop this project. Chairperson Foss and Commissioner Seleski indicated that the Board could decide against this. Commissioner Seleski indicated that was unlikely and that the only restraint she could see would be financial. Commissioner Seleski noted that when the Commission had put together an earlier project, (Maturing of America), the Board “loved it” (the findings) but due to financial restrictions imposed by the economy, had advised against further effort. She stated it was time to go back and revisit. Commissioner Motto suggested that there were several ways of accomplishing that. He suggested talking with the Park District, as a group, about their survey and possibly using some of their results. Commissioner Hardy cited the importance of intergovernmental cooperation.

Commissioner Williams repeated her offer to bring the survey expert to a future meeting.

Commissioner Motto reported that Mary Stevens (Senior Services Specialist) at Northwest Community Hospital had offered her help.

Chairperson Foss indicated her plans to write a letter to the board outlining this proposed project and requesting permission. Commissioner Seleski offered her help with the letter.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Weber noted that there were two responses. After July 1, there would be a committee meeting to make a recommendation on a candidate to bring before the full commission for approval.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner Seleski reported that Ann Blanchard, the Executive Director of Escorted Transportation Service Northwest’s last day would be August 31st. She had offered to serve as the Executive Director for one year and that year was coming to a close. Ann Wall, the Associate Director would remain on to handle marketing. Dallas Tomlin, the Program Director would move into the Executive Director position on September 1st.

The next meeting would be July 17th when the Commission would approve the recipient of the Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award.

Chairperson Foss reported that Commissioner Campbell had resigned to move to Kansas.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN,
MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:48 PM. ALL CONCURRED.**