



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Senior Center - 1801 W. Central Rd. AH, 60005
Transportation and Affordable Housing Sub Committee
July 15, 2024
1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. June 24, 2024 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson
B. Senior Center Manager

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements / Correspondence

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W Central Road, AH 60005
Transportation & Housing Sub-Committee
Monday, June 24, 2024
1 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Feldman called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:	Also Present:	Not Present:
Fred Feldman	Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison	Fred Vogt
George Motto		
Brian Harrison, Commission for Citizens with Disabilities		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 25, 2024, Minutes

COMMISSIONER FELDMAN REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2023. COMMISSIONER MOTTO MADE A MOTION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

Chairperson

Transportation

Commissioner Feldman stated he is monitoring the PACE board meetings to see if there was any discussion of specific items of interest either to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities or Senior citizens. The next Board of Trustees meeting at pace isn't until Wednesday, June 27, therefore, there is nothing to report on this month.

Commissioner Feldman added that he spoke with Citizens with Disabilities

Commissioner Seth Goldberg. Commissioner Goldberg has been quite vocal about the lack of action especially getting relief for citizens with disabilities either the vehicles don't go after a certain time, or they don't go to a certain location. Commissioner Feldman added that when he last spoke with Seth, he was beaming. He had somehow made direct contact with the CBO of Uber who resides in Iran. He reached the CEO by email and will meet with the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities on September 10, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Commissioner Harrison commented that the app CURB also provides some vehicles that have capabilities to transport people with wheelchairs. He added that it can be hit or miss. The vehicles are vans with lifts or ramps.

Commissioner Harrison also commented that Pace is available on weekdays but does not run on weekends. Brian noted that this limits people's ability to get to place and makes them feel like second class citizens. He has approached Pace multiple times about no service on weekends and they responded to write to their legislators.

Commissioner Feldman stated that if the Senior Citizens Commission approves to have a letter written to the mayor to convey the wishes of both commissions to contact legislators about the lack of transportation on weekends. This would follow the Village's rules of engagement. Commissioner Feldman added that once written, he would review it with both commissions to approve.

Affordable Housing

Commissioner Motto reported he has been out of town and does not have any updates from the Housing Commission. Commissioner Motto added that he understood that the Grace Terrace project may go to the Board in August. He noted that affordable housing is an important issue not just for older adults, but for all people including caregivers. He stated it is important for workers to have housing that is sustainable and accessible for all. Commissioner Motto is coordinating a presentation with an Evanston based nonprofit for the regular meeting on Affordable Housing 101.

Senior Center Manager

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Executive Summary was submitted to the Board last week.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other additional announcements.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER FELDMAN REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
AT 1:53 PM. COMMISSIONER MOTTO MADE A MOTION AND SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:53 PM.



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
Communications Sub Committee
July 15, 2024
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. June 24, 2024 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson
- B. Senior Center Manager

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
Commissions Sub-Committee
June 24, 2024
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Also Present:

Sue Viecegli, Chair

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

George Motto

Steve Raminiak

Tim Carter

Ellyn Zimmerman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 17, 2024, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VIECELLI. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED. COMMISSIONERS MOTTO, CARTER AND ZIMMERMAN ABSTAINED AS THEY WERE NOT PRESENT FOR THE MEETING.

IV. REPORTS

Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli reported on her participation at the Live Well, Age Well Expo held on June 20. She connected with a lot of people, gave out bookmarks and magnets, and got people to sign up to receive the newsletter via email.

Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center Manager reported that the email count is 10,800. The July/August newsletters are out and registration has begun. Manager Colagrossi reported on the website update has been on hiatus due to the staff being out of town. Manager Colagrossi reviewed the Senior Center Impact Report. There were a few corrections which was completed. The slide presentation would be posted on the website, emailed for e-blasts, sent to the Board, and used for presentations at offsite events or engagements.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Motto, who is the chairperson of the Age-Friendly Initiative, provided Commissioner Zimmerman with an overview of the sub committees and the work of Age-Friendly.

Discussion of the 211 Metra Chicago Cook Call Center began. The commissioners viewed the site to see if there were any additional updates. The site is only as strong as the referral sources that self report. The Commission expressed that they would like to have a site similar to Evanston's referral site. The commission suggested to connect with someone from 211 Metro to get an update on how many resources and what is needed to expand the search engine.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Town Hall Talk held on Monday, June 24 at 9 am was very well attended. The topic was home maintenance and modification. Programs from the North West Housing Partnership were

presented by Michelle Hill. This was scheduled due to the high percentages of responses in the AARP survey of people wanting to remain in their homes.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

No announcements or correspondence were presented.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.
COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER CARTER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE
COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 PM.



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005

July 15, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. June 24, 2024 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Senior Impact 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 & Affordable Housing Report
 - II. Communication Report
 - G. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Presentation
Affordable Housing 101; presented by Connections for Homeless/Joining Forces

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sue Viecelli, Chair
Sharon Adams
Tim Carter
Fred Feldman
George Motto
Steve Raminiak
Fred Vogt
Gary Wood
Ellyn Zimmerman

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

Fred Vogt
Corinne Drew

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 15, 2024

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO MOVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. COMMISSIONERS ZIMMERMAN, CARTER AND WOOD ABSTAINED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2024 WERE APPROVED.

May 20, 2024

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2024. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2024 WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Commissioner Viecelli questioned the letter she received noting the Village's Consolidated Plan. The commissioners stated it was about larger capitol projects which nothing is of not at this time. The meeting is on July 15.

B. Liaison

The July August Newsletter is out and registration begins on June 25. Popular programs have been the Pizza and a Movie, Sarah has provided a lunch time event to add to the evening time. The pizza is delivered from Tortrices' Pizza.

Volunteer Coordinator Nierman has collaborated with the Arlington Heights Nurses Club Lending Closet to take their database from the Microsoft Access system and integrate it into the MySeniorCenter Software system, which is an online database that has a lending closet option. Ten volunteers are manually transferring the data into the system in person at the office or at home.

At this time there is no updates on Catholic Charities Social Services or Nutrition Services. The Request for Proposals were due at the end of May and will be announced by AgeOptions in July. Manager Colagrossi will keep the commission posted on any updates.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

The Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Foundation held their annual Live Well, Age Well Expo on June 20. 50 paid vendors with sponsorship levels between \$300-\$750 exhibited to over 200 visitors. The expo also had 17 non profit informational booths that led people out to the patio where the Toasty Cheese Food Truck provided food for patrons.

The next fundraising events will be the Pickleball Tournament on September 14 and a Casino Night fundraiser on October 10. The Pickleball sponsorship is \$300 for vendors and \$45 per person in a round robin tournament. All the events raise funds for the agencies at the senior center that may need new equipment, subsidize programs or provide entertainment.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The advisory councils held the Flag Day Hot Dog Cookout on June 12, which was a successful event with a full house attending. The next event is on August 22, Ice Cream Social with a magician performing. Followed by the next events are September's Oktoberfest, October Halloween Party and lastly the New Year's Eve party in December.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported on the current legislative bills that relate to older adults. He noted that the bills he was watching had no activity for the time being. Commissioner Feldman noted that Senate Bill 275 proposes an eight-year driver's license for a certain qualified driver. That bill passed both houses and has been sent to the governor for either signature or veto. If approved it would be three years to implement this provision to the Joint Committee. There's always hope that the other two bills that would eliminate the driver's test for drivers over 75 might be resurrected. Commissioner Feldman added that Illinois is the only state that has laws regarding how often older adults take the driver's test. There was conflicting evidence as to

the ability of senior drivers to perform without being periodically tested. The simple fact that they have less accidents than the other people, they said, was simply because of the fact that there are less drivers. There was conflicting evidence both ways, and it just ultimately prevailed that they weren't ready to eliminate driver's license examinations for drivers over 75.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto, Age-Friendly Community Chair, gave a summary on the progress to date. The program is in its sixth year of the eight-year cycle. The Commission has three sub-committees to address the three top concerns as provided by residents who completed the AARP Livable Community Survey in 2019 and 2023. The three initiative action plans are affordable housing, accessible transportation and a central source of communication. Commissioner Motto proposed to have Sue Loellbach of Connections to Home conduct an informational session on Affordable Housing 101. The commissioners agreed that it would be helpful to learn more and to try to schedule it for the July 15 meeting.

I. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Feldman reported that he continues to monitor the meetings of the board of directors of PACE to see if they were discussing or were in any way concerned with transportation issues which relate to senior citizens and persons with disabilities. There are no standing committees that report to the at these meetings. The next one is next Wednesday, June 26, therefore there is nothing to update on Pace.

The Transportation Subcommittee met today and a member of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, Brian Harrison was present. The need for public transportation for citizens with disabilities are greater than they are for senior citizens. The evidence for this is based on the surveys conducted with AARP, noting that 94 to 96 percent of senior citizens now are driving and have no need for buses and on-demand transportation services. But for the disabled people, and for the 4 or 6% who don't drive, on-demand services are important. Commissioner Harrison noted that there aren't any Pace services on the weekends and they have been advocating with PACE directly to try and get some kind of weekend on-demand service. The representative from the Commission for Citizens on Disabilities asked for the Senior Citizens Commission for assistance. Commissioner Harrison stated in order for PACE to change the way they administer their facilities, they need a legislative change. And so they're asking for our help in writing to legislators, telling them that the senior citizens and citizens with disabilities need on-demand weekend services provided to be provided by PACE.

So on behalf of the Transportation Subcommittee and the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, Commissioner Feldman is requesting authorization to write to the mayor, asking for authority to start a letter-writing campaign to our legislators in Springfield, asking for weekend on-demand service for Pace.

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER FELDMAN WRITING A LETTER TO THE MAYOR TO ADVOCATE FOR A LETTER TO LEGISLATORS TO ADVOCATE AN EXPANION PACE SERVICE ON THE WEEKENDS. COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED..

Commissioner Feldman will have a review of the letter at the next Commission Meeting. Commissioner Feldman also added that Commissioner Harrison reported on the substantial lack of Uber vehicles which will accommodate persons with disabilities, people with wheelchairs, things like that. They have been trying for a considerable length of time to contact people in Chicago to try and get some answers or solutions to the problem. They've been unable to reach anybody in authority who's willing to talk to them. One of the members of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities communicated with the CEO for Uber who lives in Iran. There is a Zoom conference set up for September 10th at 6:30 in the evening for the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities. Members of the Senior Citizens Commission are also invited if you wish to attend that meeting.

II. Communications

Chairperson Viecelli reported on further reconstruction of the Senior Center website pages is on hold because staff is on vacation. The commission's magnets and bookmarks were a big hit at the expo. They were good conversation starters and it was easy to pass out to people.

The Subcommittee reviewed the Senior Center's impact annual report. After a couple of corrections, it will be distributed it out to the rest of the commission for review.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

In Commissioner Vogt's absence, staff reported that there were five candidates submitted for consideration to the Kenneth Hood Award. Staff has created nominee packets for the Kenneth Hood Award Subcommittee to review and provide a recommendation at a future meeting. A recommendation will be made to the commission at the July meeting for an announcement on July 31, Dr. Hood's birthday.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner Raminiak announced that he has been asked by the Citizens with Disabilities Commission to conduct a presentation on Guardianship, September 20 at 7 PM.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN.
COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 8:02 PM.**