



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Senior Center Room 161
Age Friendly Community Certification Committee
June 25, 2018
3:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from 5/14/18

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V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Village of Arlington Heights
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Age Friendly Community Certification Committee
May 14, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner/ Committee Chairperson Motto called the meeting to order at 10:04am in Room 187 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: George Motto, Committee Chairperson, Fred Feldman, Commission Chairperson, Kristyn Ramsey, Bruce Cruz, Alisa Kapusinski, James McCalister, and Karen Hansen.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee complimented Commissioner Ramsey on the excellent job she had done with the minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting.

IV. REPORTS

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- A. Committee Chairperson Motto reported that the application was formally sent in to AARP.
- B. Committee Chairperson Motto suggested that the committee base the focus groups off the Arlington Heights Library model he had recently learned of during an event.
- C. Committee Chairperson Motto found several surveys on the AARP website that include town description and their personalized survey.
- D. James McCalister suggested that the Arlington Heights Board of Health/Dr. Meservey to look at the Health Domain/ initiative. Committee Chairperson Motto suggested adding the Village Nurse Mary Sterrenberg.
- E. Committee Chairperson Motto suggested the need for starting a grassroots campaign that will reach out to local organizations and increase the base of support.
- F. Committee Chairperson Motto said that most communities have modified their surveys, typically including around 25-30 questions regarding the eight domains.
- G. Committee Chairperson Motto discussed the need to decide on how the committee is going to conduct the survey. Will we use old survey questions from the Arlington

- Heights Survey? What format will we use? Will we create separate committees for each of the domains?
- H. Committee Chairperson Motto discussed the need for more individuals to help design the survey and conduct focus groups. He suggested that perhaps at each meeting we have individuals present on different topics regarding the eight domains.
 - I. Bruce Cruz asked, “Is the focus on all ages?”
 - a. Committee Chairperson Motto commented, “the surveys seem to be based on seniors”.
 - J. Bruce Cruz asked, “Should we focus on only those domains focused on seniors? We need to decide which are most relevant to seniors. We should narrow.”
 - a. Committee Chairperson Motto said, “Most towns consolidated their surveys and asked seniors which factors were the most important to them.”
 - b. Alisa Kapusinski agreed that the survey should be more focused.
 - K. Committee Chairperson Motto brought up the idea of having several committee members lead the eight domains in the process of creating the survey.
 - L. Bruce Cruz brought up the importance of employment in the senior population. He said they have the most trouble securing jobs than any other age group, so we should include that in the survey.
 - M. Alisa Kapusinski asked, “What is the outcome or goal of conducting the survey and collecting data?”
 - a. Committee Chairperson Motto said, “We need to discover true resident perceptions and use this lens to help other involved organizations adjust their operations. We will use the data to create an action plan.”
 - N. Commissioner Fred Feldman asked, “Does Harper College have a sociology department that would be able to help with the survey process?”
 - a. Committee Chairperson Motto said that he was unsure, but that he would reach out to Harper and the Library as they likely have the talent to aid in the survey process (possibly District 214 also).
 - O. Bruce Cruz brought up the need to explore the topic of low income housing as that is another concern for the senior population.
 - a. Committee Chairperson Motto said, “Low income housing might be difficult to address. We should focus on addressing issues concerned with aging in place (how to improve the lives of seniors so that they don’t have to be moved to a nursing home, issues related to caregiving, etc.).”
 - P. Committee Chairperson Motto asked, “How do people think we should do the survey?”
 - a. Alisa Kapusinski said, “We should use the existing AARP survey and not reinvent the wheel”.
 - b. Committee Chairperson Motto asked, “How should we modify the existing survey?”

- c. Alisa Kapusinski suggested that the committee start by removing items that we do not find valuable or determine those that we can consolidate.
- Q. Committee Chairperson Motto suggested that communication and information is something we must focus on for the survey, as it is the crux for all of the services we offer for the eight domains.
- R. The committee determined several people that will focus on the domains: Alisa Kapusinski offered to do the Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, and Civic Participation and Employment. Committee Chairperson Motto offered to do Civic Participation and Employment. Bruce Cruz offered to do the Communication and Information domain. Lynndah (Easterwood) Lahey was suggested as a good choice for the transportation domain.
- S. The committee will plan to have the survey reviewed by the next meeting in order to figure out how it should be manipulated for use in Arlington Heights.
- T. It was suggested that perhaps the next meeting should take place at 3:00pm rather than 10:00am, (to follow the Senior Center Agency Directors' meeting agenda in which this Committee will introduce this initiative to the Senior Center's agencies); further details to be announced.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner/ Committee Chairperson Motto suggested that the meeting adjourn. By acclain, the meeting adjourned at 11:16am.