



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Senior Center - 1801 W. Central Rd. AH, 60005
Transportation & Housing Sub-Committee
June 24, 2024
1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 25, 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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Senior Citizens' Commission
6/24/2024

Item: Minutes

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Description

March 25, 2024 Minutes

Type

Minutes

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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
March 25, 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		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 18, 2023, 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

Commissioner Feldman reviewed the meeting dates for Pace, RTA, Wheeling Township and Elk Grove Township meetings to advocate for safe, accessible and affordable transportation. Commissioner Feldman advised that he would attend the online Pace Meetings. Commissioner Motto advised that he attend the

next Wheeling Township Board meeting. Commissioner Feldman advised Liaison Colagrossi to share the schedule of meetings with the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities to see if they would like to share in attending and advocating for ride expansion.

Commissioner Motto reported on Affordable Housing. He stated that Senator Anne Gillespie put forth a House Bill 1348, Affordable Housing Exemption.

HB1348

Amends the Illinois Affordable Housing Act. Provides that the Illinois Housing Development Authority may develop on behalf of the State or with an eligible developer, or may assist under a government assistance program in the development of, housing projects that shall be exempt from all statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules of any governmental agency relating to planning, zoning, construction standards for subdivisions, the development and improvement of land, and the construction of dwelling units, regardless of whether or not the project receives funding under this Act, if: (1) the Illinois Housing Development Authority finds the housing project is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Act and meets minimum requirements of health and safety; (2) the development of the proposed housing project does not contravene any safety standards, tariffs, rates, or fees approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission for public utilities or of the various community water supply advisory boards; and (3) the legislative body of the county in which the housing project is to be situated approves the project with or without modifications. Provides that the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission shall approve, approve with modification, or disapprove a boundary change within 45 days after the Illinois Housing Development Authority has submitted a petition to the Commission. Provides that if, on the 46th day, the petition is not disapproved, it shall be deemed approved by the Commission.

Senior Center Manager

Liaison Colagrossi reported that resident Bernadette Velasco noted that she recently attended a Wheeling Township Board Meeting and asked for expansion of services. The board members advised her that the township will be conducting a needs assessment with Harper College in the spring to determine residents needs for services. Commissioner Motto added that the township's 708 Board is

also undergoing a needs assessment with Harper, so potentially it may be the same initiative.

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 1:50 PM. COMMISSIONER MOTTO MADE A MOTION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:50 PM.



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
Communications Sub-Committee
June 24, 2024
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 20, 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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May 20, 2024 Minutes

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Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
Communication Sub-Committee
May 20, 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:

Sue Viecegli, Chair

Tim Carter

Steve Raminiaak

Fred Vogt

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 15, 2024

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2024. COMMISSIONER VOGT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Commissioner Viecegli reviewed the outreach activities sheet for summer events to communicate with residents about Age-Friendly and the work of the commission.

Commissioner Viecegli inquired if the elevator speech about Age-Friendly was prepared for the Commission meeting. Liaison Colagrossi advised it was the bookmark, however, she will have it prepared to present at the June meeting.

B. Liaison

Liaison Colagrossi presented the bookmarks and magnets that will be distributed at the summer events. The sub-committee was pleased with the results.

The upcoming National Senior Health and Fitness Day is the first event that the commission will have a presence, Wednesday, May 29 from 9 am to 11 am.

Liaison Colagrossi will set up a meeting with staff person Avis Meade to look at the website to see if the recommendations made by the sub-committee would be feasible in the current context. Commissioner Carter provided another platform from Evanston Cares that provides information for all residents. The platform is run through an intergovernmental agreement with the foundation, city, park district and library. The information was very throughout and cleanly presented.

211Metro Chicago is trying to achieve the same thing, however, it is limited as to the number of resources on the site. An organization needs to self-apply to be referenced on the site.

Commissioner Raminiak remarked that whatever organizations are referenced they should be contacted for accuracy.

Liaison Colagrossi provided an update on the Strategic Plan Project conducted by Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies. Currently the university is conducting interviews with all of the agency directors as well as the Village Manager and Department of Health and Human Services Director. This will culminate in a Strategic Planning Workshop Session on Wednesday, August 28. A final report will be presented to the Board in the fall.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence
No announcements or correspondence.

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 RAMINIAK. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM.**



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

June 24, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 15, 2024 Minutes
- B. May 20, 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

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April 15, 2024 Minutes

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**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Monday, April 15, 2024
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7 PM on Monday, April 15, 2024. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:	Also Present:	Not Present:
Sue Viecegli, Chair	Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison	Tim Carter
Sharon Adams		
Fred Feldman		
George Motto		
Steve Raminiak		
Fred Vogt		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from March 25, 2024

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 25, 2024. COMMISSIONER VOGT MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL AGREED AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impacts Reports

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli had nothing to report.

B. Senior Center Manager

Senior Center Manager Colagrossi reported the May/June newsletter has been sent to subscribers and regular registration begins on April 25. Hersey High School and our patrons will compete in the Senior Olympics on April 25.

Liaison Colagrossi also reported on Catholic Charities in the Chicago area announced they were reducing the federal funded programs from 200 to 70, which affects the nutrition program, ADRN, APS, and caregiver support programming. She is speaking with AgeOptions and Catholic Charities to keep the Village informed of any changes or updates. May 29 is National Senior Health and Fitness Day; the Commissioners have a booth at the event as well as the Expo on June 20. A sign-up sheet is going around for Commissioners to volunteer at the booth to inform people of the Age-Friendly Initiative. Liaison Colagrossi will attend the National Council on Aging Conference in Washington D.C. May 5 through May 8.

The Volunteer Coordinator is working on the volunteer recognition event scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at the Senior Center. Invitations will be sent to you soon.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

The Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Foundation Board met with the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies on April 10 to provide feedback on the center in a

focus group. The foundation is working on the Expo fundraiser June 20, a pickleball fundraiser on September 14 and a Casino night at the Senior Center on October 10.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council held their multicultural celebration on April 4. The event celebrated the cultures from the Ukraine and the Caribbean with food and performances from both cultures. The next event is on June 12, Hot Dog Cook Out. They continue to work on the ice cream social in August, Oktoberfest in September, a Halloween party, and then a New Year's Eve celebration in December.

The commission inquired about what happens if there is inclement weather for an outdoor event. The Program Coordinator always plans a contingency space indoors in case of excessive heat or rain.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported on a bill in the Rules Committee waiting to be assigned to the Revenue Committee. It looks like they're not going to move this session. House Bill 4431 is the bill that seeks to eliminate driver's tests for people over 75 years of age. It has come out of committee, it was approved in committee, and it is on the agenda for a second reading in the House. They've extended the third reading deadline to May 17th to give it time to pass in the House of Representatives. The legislature goes into recess on May 24, so if they hold it out until the very end, until the 17th, that gives them only a week to get it to the Senate to get confirmation in the Senate. Commissioner Feldman couldn't find any bill in the Senate comparable to what this bill in the House is, but it appears they're trying to save it. The other bill, House Bill 3973, is the other road test bill stuck in the Rules Committee. And the other bill, Senate Bill 3499, the end-of-life Assistance Bill. The third reading deadline in the Senate had been extended to May 3rd, but it's still in the newly created End of Life subcommittee in the Senate.

Commissioner Feldman added that a downstate newspaper reported that the Senate has passed 144 bills being forwarded to the House of Representatives for approval. He is trying to find out what that list is.

Liaison Colagrossi also reported that the Older Americans Act is due for reauthorization. The National Council on Aging is advocating for the reauthorization to include enough money for food and nutrition programs as well as to have a separate funding line item for Senior Centers as a central focus point in the community.

F. Age Friendly Community Certification

Chairperson Viecegli and Commissioner Vogt crafted a letter in support of the Berkshire Full Circle property to the Village Board. Chairperson Viecegli read the initial draft out loud.

Dear President Hayes and trustees,

The Village of Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission is an advocate for affordable and attainable housing opportunities in the community. We monitor all proposals that come forward for new residential housing. We pay special attention to the housing needs of our senior citizens and to those with disabilities.

The proposed Grace Terrace development to construct a 25-unit supportive living facility at 1519 S. Arlington Heights Road is supported by the Village of Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission for the following reasons.

- It is in an appropriate location adjacent to an existing senior living memory care facility to the south along the South Arlington Heights Road corridor.*
- The property is currently zoned as office transitional and is proposed to be rezoned too institutional.*

- *There is a need for supportive living housing in the community as stated in the Village Staff Report dated November 3rd, 23, disabled veterans should be given preference for tenancy and supportive services would be offered to all building residents.*
- *Out of the 25 units, 22 would be rented to households earning 30% of the area median income, and the remaining three units would be rented to households earning 60% of the area median income.*
- *The proposed lot size is 3.93 acres.*
- *It is to provide for a 90-foot front yard setback and a 94-foot rear yard setback adjacent to existing single-family homes. These setbacks are in consideration of the proposed building being three stories in height. The proposed developments provide a six-foot-high stockade fence on the east property line and a significant buffer where adjacent to the existing single-family homes are to the east.*
- *Possible alternate uses for this parcel of land, namely commercial or residential, would not seem to be appropriate.*
- *Previous consideration for office development while compatible is not in demand based on market conditions.*

The Arlington Heights Senior Citizen's Commission makes this recommendation to the Village President Board of Trustees to provide approval of the proposed gray-staired sport to meet the housing needs of the Village of Arlington Heights.

The Commissioners discussed adding the Age-Friendly Initiative top concern for residents was affordable housing. The commissioners discussed adding that fact and that the Village has Age-Friendly certification from AARP. The Commissioner also added to state there is compatible use to the immediate south, which is a memory care facility.

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE TO SEND THE LETTER WITH THE DISCUSSED CHANGES. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE THE MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

I. Transportation and Affordable Housing Report

The Transportation and Affordable Housing Subcommittee did not meet at 1 PM on Monday, April 15 due to lack of a quorum. Commissioner Motto reported that the Arlington Heights Affordable Housing Committee is meeting April 23 at 2 PM at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. The group is part of a regional effort for affordable housing in the northwest suburbs. The group is developing a multi-pronged program to foster housing in the northwest suburbs as well as Arlington Heights. Commissioner Motto is trying to coordinate with the group to conduct a pilot program to provide education on what is affordable housing for the Senior Citizens Commission.

Commissioner Vogt will attend the Housing Commission on Wednesday, April 17. Commissioner Feldman reported that he will be attending an online Pace meeting later in the week. Commissioner Vogt also attended the Wheeling Township Annual Board meeting April 5 to get updates on transportation. It was the annual meeting so most of the agenda was financial in nature.

II. Communications Report

Chairperson Viecelli reported on the sub-committee's activities. They reviewed the marketing materials for when the commission is at the three events for the Live Well Age Well Expo, Harmony Fest, and Senior Center Health and Fitness Day. They have developed a magnet with how to contact the Senior Center for resources for 55 and older. Additionally, there will be a two-sided flyer, again talking about communication, affordable housing, transportation, with Senior Citizens' Commission how to sign up for Live Well, Age Well eblasts. Bookmarks were also revised at the meeting. Liaison Colagrossi will send out a sign-up sheet for two representatives to attend the events at the April meeting.

The subcommittee also worked on an “elevator pitch” for the commissioners and volunteers to use when they are performing outreach activities such as booths at events. The subcommittee will have something to present at the next regular commission meeting.

G Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioners Vogt reported that the letters and email went to local organizations last week. The award committee will divide the list and call each one to remind them to nominate a deserving volunteer.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Liaison Colagrossi presented a draft of the Age-Friendly Executive Summary for the Commission to review. The Commissioners will review and advise of any updates or corrections and will be reviewed for approval and submission to the Board and AARP Age-Friendly Update. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7 PM.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

No other business was discussed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No citizens attended the meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:10 PM. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE THE MOTION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM, MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024.



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