



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 South Arlington Heights Road, AH 60005
June 21, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from May 17, 2021

IV. REPORTS

- A. Senior Impacts Reports
1. Chairperson
 2. Senior Center Manager
 3. Not for Profit Corporation
 4. Senior Center Advisory Council
 5. Legislation
 6. Age-Friendly Community Certification
 - Transportation Report
 - Communication Report
 - Affordable Housing Report
 7. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

V. OLD BUSINESS

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence
- B. Citizens To Be Heard

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Senior Citizens' Commission
6/21/2021**

Item: Minutes from May 17, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minute from May 17, 2021	Minutes

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Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissioners Room and Virtual
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, 60005
May 17, 2021
7:00 PM

I.CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli was delayed. Past Chairperson Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.ROLL CALL

Present

Fred Feldman

Nancy Frenk

Susan Viecegli,
Chairperson

George Motto, M.D.

Tim Carter

Sharon Adams

Maureen Seleski

Tem Williams

Also Present

Tracey Colagrossi,
Commission Liaison

Nora Boyer

Keith Moens

Absent

Dottie Hardy

George Weber

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from April 19, 2021

PAST CHAIRPERSON FELDMAN PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER SELESKI MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 19, 2021 MEETING.

ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED. Past Chairperson Feldman summarized that the minutes were approved.

IV.REPORTS

A. Senior Impacts Reports

a. Chairperson

No report.

b. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center hosted the second dose of Moderna vaccine on Monday, May 19 for 170 people. The clinic was in collaboration with AgeOptions, Area agency on Aging for Suburban Cook County; Catholic Charities Northwest; Hanul Family Alliance, Korean family service agency in Mount Prospect. The Village Health Nurses have also scheduled walk in clinics at the Village Hall and Senior Center periodically in May.

The Senior Center and the tenant agencies are recognizing the accreditation celebration as well as celebrating Older Americans month. Each agency is planning a day in May where we highlight their services. Brain Games competition is occurring this week and next Wednesday, Let Freedom Ring event with three different concert events.

We are still operating in the Restore Illinois Phase Four recommendations, with capacity limits for in person programs and virtual programs. May and June programs will continue in the same fashion. We will have further guidance on an Association of Illinois Senior Center calls with the Illinois Department on Aging Director, Basta and CEO of Age Options Slezak on May 20.

The Program Coordinator position is being recruited. Applications were accepted for the full-time position through Monday, May 10. About 62 candidates applied and interviews will be scheduled.

AARP Tax Aide Program decided to extend their service dates to align with the IRS' new deadline of May 17.

BKV Architects Firm is almost finished with the contract signing and a formal time frame will be forthcoming. The Senior Center Manager will update the commission on activities on this project.

c. Not for Profit Corporation

The INC Board is working on an outdoor expo event "Live Well, Age Well Expo" on Wednesday, June 23. A rain date of Thursday, June 24 is planned. Toasty Cheese is the food truck vendor at the event. Pre-registration is encouraged. The Commission will have a booth. The Commission will charge the Communication Age Friendly subcommittee on the content of their booth.

Commissioner Motto and Chairperson Viecegli will volunteer at the booth. More volunteers were requested to be present at the event. Commissioner Motto stressed the importance of communication of these ideas in person. Commissioner Seleski suggested having a fact sheet, which Commissioner Motto volunteered to create. Suggestions to gather people's emails and suggestions with suggestions. A table in the senior center regarding Age Friendly would be another suggestion.

d. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council has planned outdoor concert on Wednesday, May 26. The concert will be done three times throughout the day to accommodate more people. The Council will meet on June 1 to plan more events this summer.

e. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported he is following 51 bills in the General Assembly, 19 of which would be of interest to residents of the Village, no activity so far. One bill has moved into an appropriations committee, which does not have any direct effect on individuals. There are 12 session

days in Senate and 15 in the House. They are scheduled to adjourn on May 31. May 28 is the deadline for the third and final reading. Commissioner Feldman will keep track of it and will report at the June meeting.

f. Age Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto introduced the Village Housing Planner Nora Boyer to present information on the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and Trust. Ms. Boyer reported on the Housing Commission's recommendation to the Village Board regarding the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. The Ordinance initially included Senior housing communities which encompassed a continuum of care. The Village Board excluded this portion of the ordinance, as they didn't want to impact others within the senior living community. The ordinance includes single and multi-family developments. For these developments a fee is charged per unit, with those funds going into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This is a restricted fund for an affordable housing development. The Village is one of six communities with this sort of program.

Chairperson Viecegli asked if there were any affordable housing projects. Ms. Boyer stated that the Village Board approved an amendment to the Arlington 425 project, which amended the number of affordable units. An affordable housing development on the corner of Chestnut and West Rand Road is proposed.

The affordable housing trust fund has about \$500,000 so far. The Housing Commission will be making recommendations for the use of the funds, and setting priorities. Housing for older adults is ranked as a high priority. Funds collected for other developments could be used to fund affordable housing for seniors. There are a few programs that the Village is involved in. The Northwest Housing partnership has the CAPABLE program, which helps folks with mobility issues that address Aging in Place; there is the Handyman Program as well.

Chairperson Viecegli asked what the Commission could do to advocate for affordable housing for seniors. Ms. Boyer stated the trust fund is discussed further at the Village Board level, for the first grant/loaned for the trust fund; that would be an opportunity for input on housing needs.

There is a single-family rehab program to assist with folks to age in community. There is more promotion needed, more often a consistent message would be helpful to remind them of the program. The program is a zero percent interest loan, which may be a deterrent.

Chairperson Veicelli asked how can the Commission be kept in the loop. Nora recommended connecting commissions together. Nora advised she could alert Tracey about housing issues for older adults.

Commissioner Motto asked about the AARP survey responses regarding the importance of affordable housing and what would be the ideal goal of number of units for Arlington Heights. Ms. Boyer said that number could be different depending on who is conducting the report. She cited the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2013 report using census data that determines number of units using “elderly” and “cost burdened”. Severely Cost Burdened meaning the household uses 50% of monthly income for monthly housing expenses. In 2013, 680 renter housing, 360 owner households in Arlington Heights fitting that category and would be the best number to start with calculating need. A Senior Housing needs assessment was also conducted in 2013; Nora will provide the link.

Marketing the housing options in a different way, may be the connection for residents to consider different options to age in community. Nora suggested a check list, much like what AARP has, along with a representative that could make recommendations for the home and advise the zero percent loan concept. Commissioner Carter said that all of the agencies with the senior center and the Village are helping residents age in community. Tim Carter mentioned a check list is available in Matter of Balance and for AARP help tip sheet.

Commissioner Motto asked if the Commission is looking to reevaluate the ordinance. Ms. Boyer advised that it would be prudent to ask the Village Board if they are interested in evaluating the ordinance again before bringing it to the housing commission.

Keith Moens address the Commission and complimented the Housing/Planning Department and Housing Commission on their great work. Mr. Moens advised his

opinion that the need for change needs to come from the Senior and Housing Commissions to strengthen the ordinance as it is weak in a lot of areas. Chairperson Viecegli thanked Ms. Boyer her time.

Commissioner Feldman reported on the Transportation Sub Committee's meeting. Mr. Feldman that there are a number of excellent programs in the community, but there is not a lot of communication of what options there are. Additionally, Go-Go Grandparent as another option for older adults to utilize an Uber/Lyft type program that is for families to use. A number of ideas for communication. Chairperson Viecegli noted that most likely the sub committees will have communication issues that need to be addressed and to advise the Communication subcommittee to incorporate that into messaging.

Commissioner Carter reported on the Communications Sub Committee. They created an assessment of current messaging options that the Village uses which includes constant contact emails. Barriers to communication include languages. Education on aging issues in the community is needed. Possibly rebranding of the Senior Center as it is an identity crisis with users. Discussion on the what tools can be used at the event on June 23.

Commissioner Frenk reported on housing subcommittee. Ms. Frenk contacted Catholic Charities Northwest for their updated list of options, which includes the greater northwest suburban area. The agency keeps this as a consistent and current listing which is a great reference tool. Another goal of the subcommittee was to become more involved with other commissions, which occurred at this meeting. The idea of legislative round tables would include local and state legislators hearing concerns of residents which would include the needs of affordable housing. The group wanted also to evaluate programs and services through an educational civics program to reach into the community about taxes, local governments, assessors, and home modifications.

g. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Williams reiterated that the Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award is postponed until the meeting restrictions are lifted.

V.OLD BUSINESS

- a. No old business was discussed.

VI.NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business was discussed.

VII.OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner Motto thanked the Commission's work in the groups to discuss housing, transportation and communication. Manager Colagrossi will ensure that the next meetings are scheduled.

B. Citizens to Be Heard

None.

VIII.ADJOURNMENT

AT 8:16 PM, CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJORN. COMMISSIONER FELDMAN MADE A MOTION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MEETING ADJORNED.