



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
June 19, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 5/15/17

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson
- B. Senior Center Manager
- C. Senior Impact Reports
 - 1. Not for Profit Corporation
 - 2. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - 3. Legislation

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Goal Setting

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 5/15/17

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ATTACHMENTS:

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Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Minutes from May 15, 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:

Christina Ferraro, Executive Director, Prospect Heights Park District and Karen Hansen, Senior Center Manager

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 4/17/17, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS. ALL CONCERNED.

IV REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Foss asked for input on the survey committee. It would meet next on Monday, May 22nd. Commissioner Weber noted he had attended a presentation at the Moorings and distributed copies of it. Chairperson Foss suggested that the Commission should let the Village Manager know about what the Commission wants to do. Commissioner Williams noted that she had approached the Park District. Chairperson Foss noted that the commission should first discuss what it would like to do. Commissioner Seleski suggested that the Village Manager ask the department heads to name three things in their department that are age friendly and three things that are not age friendly. Commissioner Seleski noted that there were three important steps: the Village Manager, the Board, and a survey.

Commissioner Williams stated that the Commission had asked the Park District to lower the rates for seniors and that the rates had been raised. She indicated she was initiating a letter writing campaign for people to provide input to the Park District, noting that they had indicated she could not do that on their premises because she worked for the Park District. She had a conversation with Brian Meyers of the Park District. It was noted that the Park District was working with a survey specialist.

B. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center Manager noted that about 605 households had their taxes done. She noted that the Senior Center was seeking a paid internship position. Commissioner Seleski suggested connecting with the Marketing Director of Northwest Community Hospital. 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. The newly donated pinball games from the former Teen Center were in.

C. Senior Impact Reports

1. Not for Profit Corporation

A request for library display had been funded. The Golf Outing is scheduled for July 18th.

2. Senior Center Advisory Council

Commissioner Campbell had provided a report to be read, noting that at the May Advisory Council meeting the tour signup sheet had been distributed and suggestion box comments had been reviewed. These included requests for Canasta lessons and a sign language class.

3. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman noted that two more bills in the General Assembly had been referred back to the Rules Committee.

SB 1566 Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to disallow 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. This had not moved.

HB 3392 requiring a fiscal note had been referred back to the Rules Committee on April 28th.

V OLD BUSINESS

A. Goal Setting

The Commission was to look for notices about the upcoming On the Table Discussion group-May 16.

The survey committee would meet on May 22nd.

VI NEW BUSINESS

Age Friendly Communities - Christina Ferraro, Executive Director, Prospect Heights Park District

Ms. Ferraro reported on her involvement while she worked with the City of Evanston's certification as an Age Friendly Community. They had first become familiar with the process in 2013 American Society on Aging/National Council on Aging. The World Health Organization (WHO) had launched a similar program in 2006.

In the WHO model, there are eight pieces that need to be in place for people to be able to age in place successfully. She noted that in Arlington Heights, 17.2 % of the population was over age 65.

Thirty four had applied for this certification and nine had been selected. The job had been to gather data and bring the findings back to a focus group.

The process involved stakeholders input, round table discussions and a community survey that was grant funded. An Age Friendly Action plan (Aging America Action Plan) was generated. The number one issue in Evanston was found to be housing. Evanston put the pieces together over a two year period and sent it to the WHO, followed by a three year implementation period. Evanston looked at the eight pieces and decided that that model did not work for them.

Evanston developed its own action plan. They decided to look at their city with an "age friendly" lens, which led to changing their website. They also looked at housing, transportation, and communication which led to their commission meetings being videotaped. Some cement was laid in areas that formerly had bricks. She noted that people started listening to them at that point. They looked at the social and civic aspects and participation and employment. Then they began the visioning process.

Chairperson Foss asked how you get copies and Ms. Ferraro indicated that these were available through the Mayor and Manager's office. Commissioner Seleski asked how big their budget was. Ms. Ferraro indicated that there had been no budget for this project.

Commissioner Hardy asked how Evanston had gotten the word out. Ms. Ferraro indicated that there were 34 retirement homes, nine nursing facilities and numerous condo associations. Ms. Ferraro noted that it had made a part of their culture. She spoke about the five year renewal process.

Senior Center Manager Karen Hansen noted that earlier Ms. Ferraro had indicated that transportation was one of the issues and asked Ms. Ferraro to outline the City of Evanston's Taxi program. Ms. Ferraro reported that the program cost \$150,000. Seniors could purchase coupons for \$3. The City of Evanston paid \$3 toward the coupon. Any resident over age 80 was eligible, regardless of income.

VII OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens Commission would be June 19th. The *On the Table* meeting would take place the next day.

VII ADJOURNMENT

**COMMISSIONER WEBER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN,
MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:33 PM. ALL CONCURRED.**