



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
Communications Sub-Committee
May 20, 2024
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 15, 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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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sue, Viecegli, Chair
Steve Raminiak
Fred Vogt

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

Tim Carter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The subcommittee reviewed the minutes from March 25, 2024.

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli reminded the Liaison to have a sign-up sheet prepared for the 7 pm meeting for the Commissioners to participate at the various events happening in Arlington Heights to inform residents about the age-friendly initiative.

B. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center Manager reviewed the marketing materials that the subcommittee agreed upon at the last meeting. The 1000 magnets, 500 bookmarks and an updated retracting banner were ordered. These items will be at the outreach events to connect with people and provide information about the age-friendly initiative and the work of the commission.

The commissioners provided feedback on the informational flyer to make some elements larger and more prominent. The Senior Center Manager will adjust and have ready for the next meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

The subcommittee reviewed the website mockup that Manager Colagrossi presented. The vision from the subcommittee was to create a site similar to the Chicago Cook County Metro 211 website. Manager Colagrossi will check with the Village's Intergrated Services Division to see if the suggestions can be modified to the platform. The key points were to have check boxes and information that populates on the same page for residents to find more easily.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Viecegli reported that in the focus groups that were held with the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies, that it was difficult for folks to understand the concept of Age-Friendly and the work of the commission. She suggested that the Communications Subcommittee create an elevator pitch and present it to the Commission for approval.

The Commissioners discussed aspects of the newly designed bookmark and informational flyer to incorporate into the elevator pitch.

When people of all ages actively participate in the community, have equitable access to opportunities, everyone is treated with respect regardless of their age or ability. Since 2022, the Village is awarded AARP Age-Friendly Certification. Age-Friendly Certification means the community is committed to actively working toward making their town a great place to live for people of all ages. Age-Friendly Certification means the community is committed to actively working toward making their town, city, county, or state a great place to live for people of all ages.

The findings from the surveys of village residents aged 55+ found that people were most concerned about affordable housing, safe and accessible transportation, and a central source of communication.

The pitch will be evaluated at the next meeting and presented to the next Senior Citizens Commission meeting in May.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commissioners discussed having badges or buttons to signify their service when they are at public events. The Senior Center Manager will look into prices of badges.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE THE MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VOGT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:27 PM ON APRIL 15, 2024.



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7:00 PM

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- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 15, 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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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 Viecegli 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.