



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room

May 20, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from April 15, 2019

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson
- B. Senior Center Manager
- C. Senior Impacts Reports
 - 1. Not for Profit Corporation
 - 2. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - 3. Legislation
 - 4. Age Friendly Community Certification

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Senior Citizens' Commission
5/20/2019**

Item: Minutes from April 15, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

minutes

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Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Hanson Room
April 15, 2019 MINUTES
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Frederick Feldman, Chairperson, Sharon Adams, John Eggum, Dottie Hardy, Kristyn Ramsey, Maureen Seleski, George Weber, and Tem Williams.

Also Present: State Senator, 27th District Ann Gillespie; Jack Lockhart, District Director for State Senator Ann Gillespie; and Nathaniel Groh, Staff, Mark Walker, Illinois House of Representatives, District 23 and Karen Hansen, Liaison to the Senior Citizens Commission

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from March 18, 2019

**COMMISSIONER HARDY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
WEBER, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. ALL CONCURRED
AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Feldman noted a unanimous change in the agenda, moving item VI ahead of all remaining items.

He noted that all the Senior Citizens Commission had been invited to the Senior Center's volunteer (recognition) luncheon and he had been the only commissioner to attend. He reported being amazed by one volunteer who had contributed more than 4,000 hours. He stated that it was an enjoyable event for nearly 200 people.

B. Senior Center Manager

C. Senior Impact Reports

1. Not for Profit Corporation

The Senior Center Manager noted that Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. had decided not to host a golf outing this year and was seeking other fundraising projects.

2. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Senior Center Manager noted that the Senior Center Advisory Council had not met since the last Senior Citizens Commission, leaving nothing new to report.

3. Legislation

Chairperson Feldman noted that of the twenty-three bills, six had moved to committee. SJR0013 will establish an elder abuse task force. HB1657 will no longer require an applicant who is 75 years or older to demonstrate the applicant's ability to exercise control of the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

4. Age Friendly Community Certification

Chairperson Feldman commented on the development that had occurred since Commissioner Motto had suggested not pursuing Age Friendly Community Certification. He noted that the commission had originally sought the board's approval and that the Village Housing Planner had written a grant application for technical support from CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning). Chairperson Feldman indicated it was not appropriate for the Commission not to pursue this certification. He suggested that the Senior Center Manager provide this packet of information to Commissioner Motto.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Weber reported that the process this year would involve the same path and see what needed to be changed. Commissioner Williams inquired if it was possible to nominate someone posthumously. Commissioner Weber noted that Jack Schimpf, the first Hood Award recipient, had been awarded this honor posthumously. He expressed encouragement for someone to send in an application if they have a good candidate.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Round Table discussion with Illinois State Senator Ann Gillespie and Representative Mark Walker, 53d District

State Senator Ann Gillespie, 27th District introduced Jack Lockhart, District Director from her office and Nathaniel Groh from Representative Mark Walker, 53rd District noting that Representative Walker extended his regrets for not being present, but had been called elsewhere.

She covered the State budget and noted that the Fair Tax Amendment was a two-year process. She noted budget appropriations need to support behavioral health, affordable housing. The Senate had passed legislation that senior property tax exemptions could automatically renew. The safeguard was that the County Recorder of Deeds was required to notify when the title transferred to a buyer. Commissioner Eggum asked if the Senior Exemption could be self-initiated by the senior homeowner's birthday. She stated that the proposed changes would try to restore all the cuts to the Social Service agencies since the impasse. She enumerated three new budget resources: recreational cannabis, managed care and sports gambling. She noted that without some change, there could be a 4% cut across the board. She touched briefly on the Capital bill, township consolidation and wage rights. She covered the need for senior behavioral health, medical and transportation. Commissioner Seleski indicated that there was excellent transportation in our area. Senator Gillespie noted that if township consolidation were "on the radar" that this could impact transportation.

Commissioner Williams noted the expense of call button service. Senior Center Manager Karen Hansen noted that there was some funding through Community Care for call buttons and this information was available through Catholic Charities at the Senior Center.

Senator Gillespie noted that the deadline for introducing new legislation has passed. Nathaniel Groh noted that there were 6,000 bills. Commissioner Hardy wondered how people keep informed if they do not have someone like Chairperson Feldman to provide information on important legislation. Senator Gillespie noted that Capital Fax provided insight if some legislation is going to move. They have a website as well as a subscription service.

Commissioner Eggum asked for recommendations to make to the board on ordinances. Senator Gillespie suggested ordinances around mobility,

senior health programs, therapeutic pools, parks and playgrounds to provide for muscle strengthening and sensory gardens. She noted that the Arlington Heights Park District was one of the best funded in the state.

Senator Gillespie noted that Fritz Kaegi, Cook County Assessor would be holding a series of meetings on public assessments.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner Williams reported that the intergenerational program with School District 25 was "great." The senior citizens presenters had covered a variety of topics such as Islam, ornithology, collections and artwork. All had been well received.

VIII.ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS, MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:11PM. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.