



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
May 15, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 4/17/17

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. Age Friendly Communities - Christina Ferrara, Executive Director of Prospect Heights Park District

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Minutes from April 17, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Foss called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Sharon Foss, Sharon Adams, Erwin Campbell, Fred Feldman, Dottie Hardy, Dr. George Motto, Maureen Seleski, George Weber, and Tem Williams

Also Present: Karen Hanson, Senior Center Manager

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SELESKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE March 13, 2017 MEETING OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Foss drew attention to the upcoming fundraiser (4/19) for Escorted Transportation Service Northwest at California Pizza Kitchen, noting that ETS would get 20 % of any order.

Commissioner Motto reported that he had attended the American Society on Aging in Chicago a few weeks earlier. He reported that "aging is a given and that we are not prepared for it-business as usual is not going to work."

Commissioner Motto noted having met Armbruster, (Bill Armbruster is the Advisor who manages the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.) Commissioner Motto indicated that the conference reaffirmed that we should become involved with Livable Communities. He noted it is going to be a huge task. He noted that there hasn't been a survey for a while and that survey results should drive future efforts on the whole concept of Livable Communities. He suggested going the AARP website and looking up Age Friendly communities.

The theme was that what was good for older people is good for the whole community. Evanston was the first Age Friendly Community in Illinois. Commissioner Motto noted that he was planning a power point presentation. He noted to start the process, "what you need is a survey." He reported that the survey was on the AARP website. He noted that Commissioner Seleski had suggested that the survey be the introduction to the process.

Commissioner Motto reported having spoken about this with Mayor Hayes, Trustee Glasgow, and Brian Meyers of the Arlington Heights Park District about this. Chairperson Foss noted that the (AARP) survey was a large survey and wondered if Arlington Heights residents would respond to it. Commissioner Motto suggested pulling from that survey. Chairperson Foss reported that the “On the Table” discussion groups, sponsored by the Chicago Community Trust were coming up on May 16th and asked if the Commission wanted to participate (by sponsoring a round table discussion.) Commissioner Seleski noted that the Commission’s charge was to make recommendations about senior citizens. Commissioner Motto noted that this was a public health issue, a national mandate and that we would want to be part of it. He noted that Champaign was the second city (Age Friendly) in Illinois. He noted that it would be nice if our Village could take ownership. He stated that it was a national movement. Chairperson Foss asked Commissioner Motto how we should start. He responded by “getting our group up to speed” and by going to the website. He reported that there was a tool kit on the website. He indicated that we could get hard data from the proposed survey. Chairperson Foss suggested establishing a committee. Commissioner Motto would chair it; Commissioners Seleski, Hardy and Weber would serve on it. Commissioner Seleski suggested that Karen Hansen provide a brief history.

Karen Hansen reported that the survey (Senior Citizens Commission Senior Citizens Needs Assessment Survey) was the “brainchild” of the Senior Citizens Commission in 1994. The survey was done in 1995. A (marketing) company was used to distribute the survey to 14,000+ households. Four thousand responded to a fairly intrusive lengthy survey. The results were tabulated by (Senior Center) volunteers. The senior survey results led to the Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission’s Recommended Five Year Plan. One of the recommendations was the establishment of a new senior center. That took place in 1997. Commissioner Seleski had been the chairperson of the Senior Citizens Commission at the time. (The Recommended Plan was reviewed five years later.)

There was a brief discussion about the mechanics of the survey. Chairperson Foss suggested contacting Hands on Suburban Chicago about this.

Chairperson Foss returned to the On the Table Round Table Discussion and asked Karen Hansen to reserve a room at the Senior Center. Chairperson Foss indicated she would contact the Chicago Community Trust.

B. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center Manager reported that a summer paid internship opening was available at the Senior Center. The Senior Center would possibly be closed until noon on the morning of May 19 for parking lot crack sealing; with a rain date of May 26th. The tax preparation program was completed. About seventeen had been wait listed that had not been accommodated. The beginning of the program had been complicated by the Federal Government purchasing different software (Taxslayer) to replace the long time software. She noted that one of the big problems with the tax program stemmed from electronic filing. Frequently, both spouses are not able to come in together and cannot seem to negotiate the necessary Power of Attorney form to have the well spouse sign for both parties. Northwest Community Hospital had recently put together a program on balance

with 165 participants. Ninety had gone onto the interest list. Chairperson Foss noted that there was a program coming on Social Security at the Senior Center.

Commissioner Seleski asked when (budget) numbers would be needed for the survey. Karen Hansen indicated that the Village was currently in the process of establishing the strategic plan.

C. Senior Impact Reports

1. Not for Profit Corporation

The Senior Center Manager reported that Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. will be hosting its annual golf outing fundraiser in July and the Senior Housing and Services Fair is scheduled for September.

2. Senior Center Advisory Council

Commissioner Campbell provided a short report on the Advisory Council.

3. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that there are currently fourteen bills dealing with aspects of senior citizens property assessment freeze, freeze legislation, or threshold qualifications. All had been reassigned to the Rules Committee House, so it was as if they were starting over.

SB 1566 allows Public Aid to disregard 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. It is progressing in the normal order of things.

HB3392 prevents the dumping of difficult patients from nursing homes back into hospitals. As of March 28th a Fiscal Note was requested and has not been filed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Goal Setting

Commissioner Motto suggested that the commissioners go over the survey.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Williams reported she was trying to start a letter writing campaign to the Park District and the Daily Herald regarding the need for a warm water pool.

Commissioner Motto requested permission to send out e-mails about the one act comedy series he was involved with.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner Weber briefly spoke on the success of a recent evening Senior Health Insurance Program at the Senior Center, noting that 47 had attended.

B. Next Meeting: May 15, 2017

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS,
MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:05 PM. ALL CONCURRED.**