



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
Communications Sub-Committee
April 15, 2024
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 25, 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 5:30 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Also Present:

Sue Viecegli, Chair

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

George Motto

Steve Raminiak

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 26, 2024, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MOTTO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

a. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli reviewed the marketing flyer for Age-Friendly, design for magnet and bookmark. Liaison Colagrossi mentioned that the new logo rollout is

in process and will need to be reviewed by Intergrated Services before ordering. The Commissioners advised that each piece of material should have a call to action, such as a link to sign up for the bi-weekly eblasts, or to find resources for aging in community.

The sub-committee agreed to purchase 1000 magnets that were a 3 x 3.5 size. In addition, the revised version of the bookmark will be ordered, and the updated flyer will be printed in house. Liaison Colagrossi will have Intergrated Services review the items before purchasing to ensure that it lines up with the Village's logo rollout.

b. Senior Center Manager

Liaison Colagrossi stated that tables are reserved for the Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 29, between 9 and 12; Live Well, Age Well Expo on June 20 between 11 am and 1 pm; and lastly, the Harmony Fest details have not been released yet. She will advise the Commission when made available.

Liaison Colagrossi also reported on the "Just a Taste" of the Senior Center event held on March 20. The marketing efforts gained positive results of 130 tickets reserved, 87 people attending, and following up 80% people said they would return for programs.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

The commissioners discussed the Community Connections quarterly e-blast. Liaison Colagrossi advised that when the executive summary for the Age-Friendly Survey is approved by the commission, that it would be a good article for an upcoming Community Connections e-blast.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Motto shared a newsletter article on a new program from the Northwest Housing Partnership. Northwest Housing Partnership based out of Schaumburg. They have a handyman program which the Senior Center makes referrals to base upon income. The new program helps older adults make modifications to their homes to age in community. The program is made possible by the Housing Authority. An occupational therapist makes an assessment of their home and recommends modifications to put in place. Northwest Housing Partnership then would provide resources through the Handyman Program to complete the service. Chairperson Viecegli noted she would share this resource within the next Senior Center Newsletter issue with a link to the provider.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Announcements/Correspondence

No announcements or correspondence were presented.

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was presented.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 PM.



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
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April 15, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from March 25, 2024

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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**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Monday, March 25, 2024
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecelli called the meeting to order at 7 PM on Monday, March 25, 2024.
All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:	Also Present:	Not Present:
Sue Viecelli, Chair	Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison	Tim Carter
Sharon Adams	Kieth Moens	
Fred Feldman		
George Motto		
Steve Raminiak		
Fred Vogt		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from February 26, 2024

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2024. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. 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 on Northern Illinois Center for Governmental Studies strategic plan project will conduct focus groups April 2nd. Community partners, frequent patrons and the advisory council will be interviewed. Commissioners Viecegli and Commissioner Motto will attend. Commissioner Raminiak volunteered to be an alternate if someone should cancel. The Clearbrook Center, Jerry's Cafe, and townships to be represented in an interviewed section. This will culminate into an overall strategic plan session workshop which will take place on August 28 at Village Hall. The whole outcome is to give us forward thinking and guidance and vision and mission and to drive all of our organizations together to grow our participation and grow with the needs of the community.

The Senior Center held its first Just a Taste event. This was incorporating restaurants from around our vicinity to provide appetizers or just a taste. Specialized marketing to non-frequent users or users that are people that may have never used the Senior Center before was utilized. It was a chance for the agencies to introduce themselves to an audience that may have never come to the Senior Center. Marketing was done through Eventbrite, Meetup, social media including Facebook. The event had 130 RSVPs with 87 people attend. There were very good responses of participants with 80% said that they would return.

The agencies are currently planning May and June events for newsletter. Matter of Balance is taking off tomorrow, which is a Falls Prevention 8-week course that Manager Colagrossi and Erin Mercado of Social Services instructs. She will be instructing a Fit and Strong class (with Village Health Nurse Lindsay Dohse), which is another evidence-based program, which involves weight training. It's targeting folks with osteoarthritis or early signs of that and how

beneficial it has been shown to reduce inflammation, actually strengthen muscles, and reduce falls with a grant from the University of Chicago.

Agency-wide, Catholic Charities in the Chicago area announced that they're reducing their staff by 300 through eliminating programs that are federally funded. That does affect services at the senior center, which end of the federal grant cycle is September 30, 2024. Programs effected will be adult protective services, intake, and caregiver supports. Things are still too early to tell how this will affect the Senior Center and patrons. Manager Colagrossi will keep the Commissioners informed.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

The agencies of the Senior Center are thankful for the foundation as they underwrote the cost for all the appetizers and music for the Just a Taste event. They're currently working on the Live Well, Age Well Expo for June 20. Thursday, from 11 am to 1 PM. This is their big fundraiser where organizations pay a sponsor fee to be present at the fair. In addition, they're working on a pickleball tournament, September 14th, as well as a casino night event.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council has their multicultural celebration on April 4. The event will celebrate the cultures from the Ukraine and the Caribbean with food and performances from both cultures. So that is a \$5 fee. The event is almost sold out. They continue to work on a hot dog cookout in June, ice cream social in August, and Oktoberfest in September. They're doing something different in the fall, which is the Halloween party. And then a New Year's Eve celebration in December.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that things at the legislature have been somewhat quiet. Of the ten revenue-based articles that he had noted earlier involving the senior citizens tax exemptions and the senior citizens freeze, two of them have now been assigned to a committee to study but have gone no further than that.

Commissioner Feldman also reported with respect to the two bills noted earlier having to do with road tests for seniors in connection with the driver's licenses, both of those have now been assigned to the Transportation, Vehicles and Safety Committee, and again that's as far as it's entitled.

The End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act. It's an assisted suicide authorization for terminally ill adults under very strict conditions. It requires doctors' interventions and psychological evaluations and all sorts of things which haven't been developed completely yet. There's a number of states that already have something like this has taken it upon itself to see if it can pass.

Commissioner Feldman will definitely keep an eye on it.

Commissioner Raminiak asked if the legislation was based on a previous model, or it was incorporated in other states or is this more of a fresh thing. Commissioner Feldman responded that it appears to be a fresh item. The synopsis makes no reference to any other enactments. It looks to be a matter of original creation. It has been to the subcommittee on end-of-life issues. It sounds like it's a new subcommittee. That was done on the 7th of this month. It's got a long way to go. And the General Assembly, I think, adjourns in May. So, there is two months, basically, to pass it over.

F. Age Friendly Community Certification

Age-Friendly Chairperson Commissioner Motto reported on the current activities of Age-Friendly Arlington Heights. Manager Colagrossi and Commissioner Motto presented the latest survey data from the fall to the residents of Goetke House. Translation services came up a lot because in that particular housing development there's 14 different languages spoken. So even trying to get a survey out, we

only had it available in Spanish, but to get other people's perspectives fell short just to reach different parts of the community. Manager Colagrossi also held a virtual session with two people, but I still received some interesting feedback about the aging in place, as far as repair services and ways to modify your home.

Now that all of the data points completed, Manager Colagrossi will draft an executive summary for the commission's review next meeting

I. Transportation Report

Commissioner Feldman reported that he and Commissioner Motto had a fairly brief joint meeting this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Senior Center involving the Transportation Subcommittee and the Affordable Housing Committee. As a reminder, these sub-committees were grouped due to the reduction of commissioners temporarily. With respect to transportation, Liaison Colagrossi, reported that the revised action plan along with a catalog of involved agencies, meeting dates, and players had all been prepared and transmitted to the Village Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Feldman will attend the next virtual Pace Board meeting scheduled for April 17 and Commissioner Motto will attend the next Wheeling Township Board meeting in April. 5

Commissioner Vogt noted that he was unable to attend the last Housing Commission meeting, however, he received information from Planner Boyer. Crescent Place, it opened November 15th, 2023. No new information on Grace Terrace, that project was the one on Arlington Heights Road, is recommended for denial by the Planning Commission. A neighborhood meeting is expected to take place on April 16 at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. The return date to the Village Board is not yet set.

Commissioner Vogt continued to report on International Plaza, nothing new to report this month. 116 to 120 West Eastman, approved by the Village Board previously, no permits have been

submitted for demo or anything else. Arlington Gateway, approved by the Village Board previously, they have applied for a building permit. Five North Douglas, which would be the future building behind the one on Hickory that is being built just north of Kensington. Planner Boyer included in her report that the next step for that development is to go to the Planning Commission, date pending. Arlington 425, the developer there has applied for permits for the Campbell Street building and the parking deck. The timing for the Chesnut Street building is unknown at this time. There's a project called ADR3 slash Salt Creek and no updates. ADR4, developer, is no longer pursuing the project.

Commissioner Vogt added that one, a single-family rehab request was approved for a roof replacement. The funding for this project was possible because \$25,000 was transferred from the street resurfacing project to the single-family rehab program. The Housing Commission will make its recommendations for funding for the 2024 to 2025 Community Development Block Grant allocation at the April meeting. And third, the ability to expand its multifamily licensing program. The recommendations that were made by the Housing Commission to collect affordability information on rental housing will be enacted by adding affordability questions to the rental license application form.

Commissioner Motto reported on the Daily Herald about Northwest Housing Partnership is providing low-income residents the ability to age in place in their homes by providing modifications to their homes. Chairperson Viecegli will write it up in the senior newsletter to make sure seniors know because they provide an occupational therapist to assess your home and then determine what needs to be done in terms of grab bars, railings, risers, ramps, so people can age in place.

Commissioner Motto added that a Senate Bill 1348 introduced by Senator Gillespie, which is an Affording Housing Exceptions Bill and If housing is granted under this bill, reads as:

Amends the Illinois Affordable Housing Act. Provides that the Illinois Housing Development Authority may develop on behalf of the State or with an eligible developer, or may assist under a government assistance program in the development of, housing projects that shall be exempt from all statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules of any governmental agency relating to planning, zoning, construction standards for subdivisions, the development and improvement of land, and the construction of dwelling units, regardless of whether or not the project receives funding under this Act, if: (1) the Illinois Housing Development Authority finds the housing project is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Act and meets minimum requirements of health and safety; (2) the development of the proposed housing project does not contravene any safety standards, tariffs, rates, or fees approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission for public utilities or of the various community water supply advisory boards; and (3) the legislative body of the county in which the housing project is to be situated approves the project with or without modifications. Provides that the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission shall approve, approve with modification, or disapprove a boundary change within 45 days after the Illinois Housing Development Authority has submitted a petition to the Commission. Provides that if, on the 46th day, the petition is not disapproved, it shall be deemed approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Motto reported on the group Joining Forces for Affordable Housing, which is based in Evanston. It's a not-for-profit group who's done a lot of work at Evanston. So, we had a regional, a general affordable housing group. They have presentations which one, Affordable Housing 101, is very enlightening. Commissioner Motto recommended to have the group provide a presentation to the Senior Citizens Commission in May.

II. Communication Report

Chairperson Viecelli 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.

III. Affordable Housing Report

See information on the transportation report.

G Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioners Vogt, Adams, and Motto are meeting on Thursday, March 28 at 2 PM to discuss preparations to announce the 2024 Kenneth Hood Award open nominations.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Motto reported on Wheeling Township's 708 board. Commissioner Vogt made a statement to the Township Board to revisit the referendum decision. Several members of the public in attendance requested the same. It's been 16 months since the referendum was approved by a significant amount of time. And the township was the only township in the state that has not funded or made actions to fund based on the money that was authorized by the referendum. The Township Supervisor made a statement that based on what their attorney recommended; they were not going to pursue a second referendum. In the meantime, the state passed a law saying it's not necessary. And then the threat of a lawsuit was even mentioned by the attorney. The township has allocated \$29,000 to the 708 board, who was contracted with Harper College, for a needs assessment.

Commissioner Vogt added that he has been pursuing since December with their staff to get the results from the mental health survey that they conducted in October in their newsletter and was told it's not available to the public until the board reviews the data. The 708-board advised that Harper to release the raw data in May.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner Adams requested for the commission to consider purchasing a leaf from the Foundation's Giving Tree inside the Senior Center to recognize Commissioner Tem Williams who passed last month.

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION FOR A MEMORIAL LEAF TO BE PURCHASED IN RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER TEM WILLIAM'S SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR \$100. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR, AND THE MOTION PASSED.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Keith Moens requested the commission's attention on the Full Circle project. He stated that there were two problems right now. The first one is when does this thing come back? When they postponed it back to December 4th, they didn't put a date on when it was supposed to come back, which is a procedural out of order entirely. The Full Circle project is Grace Terrace, 1519 South Arlington Heights Road. There is a community mention April 16th in the library. Mr. Moens added there would be some very energized anemones there. And the opposition is very energized on not having the affordable housing project for veterans in their neighborhood.

The Commissioners discussed the variation issues and the process remaining. It was believed to be stopped on three issues, but it may have to be reviewed entirely. Liaison Colagrossi will inquire with Liaison Boyer for clarification. Mr. Moens also mentioned a capital development project called Berkshire. Berkshire has received low-income housing tax credits and may show up at an upcoming

planning meeting soon. He added that the application was for senior housing, but nothing definite on that.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 PM. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE THE MOTION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024.