



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Hanson Room

April 15, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from March 18, 2019

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson
- B. Senior Center Manager
- C. Senior Impact 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

- A. Round Table discussion with Illinois State Senator Ann Gillespie and Representative Mark Walker, 66th District

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Senior Citizens' Commission
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Item: Minutes from March 18, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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Minutes



**Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
March 18, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Melissa Cayer, Arlington Heights resident Karen Hansen, Liaison to the Senior Citizens Commission

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from February 18, 2019

**COMMISSIONER HARDY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMSEY,
MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2019 MEETING.
ALL CONCURRED.**

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Feldman indicated he had nothing new to report since the last meeting.

B. Senior Center Manager

Senior Center Manager Karen Hansen provided a report on the Senior Center. She covered the potential of the new gate counter, the snow shoveling program, recruitment efforts at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library's Teen Job Fair, Recent training for Senior Center staff; CPR, Civilian Response to Active Shooter, new software for room scheduling and new gate counter software. She highlighted some of the suggestions that the Senior Center agency directors had submitted for possible updates to the Senior Center, including the Senior Center Agency Directors' strong

recommendation that the word "Senior" be dropped from the name. Several commissioners disagreed strongly with this suggestion. She noted that the Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs had started a new walk-in program at Wheeling Township on the second and fourth Fridays from 9:00am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00pm, staffed by Veteran Service Officer Shynae Murphy.

C. Senior Impact Reports

1. Not for Profit Corporation

Senior Center Manager Karen Hansen indicated that Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. had not met since the last commission meeting.

2. Senior Center Advisory Council

Senior Center Manager Karen Hansen noted that the advisory council was busy planning the rest of their programs. She noted that a generous benefactor had provided funds for programs and that some of these were used to deliver programs recommended by the Advisory Council.

The Senior Commission decided to return to receiving hard copy of the Senior Center's newsletter.

3. Legislation

Chairperson Feldman noted that he had been tracking twenty-three bills that pertained to senior citizens. He indicated he would try and summarize them by class: seven bills were pending that pertained to property tax code; proposed changes to Illinois vehicle code regarding age; proposed wage changes to agencies providing homemaker services, proposed changes to probate; and proposed changes to the Jury act, to Public Aid, and changes to the criminal act, in that criminal records could not be sealed for certain financial crimes against the elderly, criminal code regarding intimidation against elderly, and changes to the marriage act to guarantee visitation rights.

4. Age Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto requested status clarification from the last minutes that the Age Friendly Community Certification Committee was not considered a subcommittee of the Senior Citizens Commission. Chairperson Feldman explained that this had to do with the Open Meetings Act. Karen Hansen,

Liaison to the Commission noted that a committee could not be considered a subcommittee unless it was comprised fully of members of the larger committee. Commissioner Motto noted that he had spent the last year visiting trustees, the Mayor and Village Manager. He noted that the Mayor had signed a letter indicating that the Village wished to pursue this. He noted that the committee was using the AARP template; this was a five year plan-to develop, submit and implement the action plan. He opined that it had not garnered any traction. He stated that the Village of Arlington Heights was in a "pretty good spot." He stated that AARP had a "weak presence" in Illinois. He had canceled the last meeting as his "style was not to waste time and reinvent the wheel."

He stated that the big action item that the committee had honed in on was communication. He voiced his concern with last month's commission minutes "This group was no longer considered a subcommittee of the Senior Citizens Commission." Chairman Feldman noted that the committee was no longer a public entity. Commissioner Motto stated that "to make a long story short, he had never considered the time involved; the committee no longer has to report to the commission." He suggested dissolving the initiative. He stated that he "still think it is a good idea," and the initiative be ended. He stated he could write up something for Village President Hayes, but his recommendation would be not to do this.

Chairperson Feldman asked whether Commissioner Motto had talked to Bruce Cruz about serving as co-chair. Commissioner Motto reported that Mr. Cruz was unable to serve as co-chair. There was the suggestion that the senior center could work with this project, facilitated by a talk to Village Manager Recklaus. Mr. Cruz had wanted to see a call center instated at the Senior Center. It was suggested that Mr. Cruz and the Senior Center Manager pursue that. Chairman Feldman explained that Commissioner Motto could provide these reports to the commission and then this would be part of the minutes and the trustees would read these recommendations through the minutes as minutes serve as the official communication between the commissions and the board of trustees.

Commissioner Motto stated he had misjudged the time and the effort that this initiative would require. He indicated he

would be speaking to Bruce Cruz and James McCalister, Health & Human Services Director to come up with a plan. The report would then be appended to the minutes.

Chairperson Feldman noted that in keeping with the Open Meetings Act, that public meetings had to be published and that the Age Friendly Certification Committee meetings had not been published in the past. Commissioner Motto and the Senior Center Manager clarified that the meetings had been published. Commissioner Eggum noted the question was whether the Open Meetings Act applied. He indicated it was not certain whether the committee was OMA compliant.

Commissioner Motto indicated he would get the report together and e-mail it. Commissioner Williams suggested that drawing up a response would be a "good way to harness it." The report would be appended to the minutes. Commissioner Hardy thanked Commissioner Motto for taking this project on and bringing lots of positive thinking to it. She noted that one of the outcomes was that people were more "in the know" as a result of the initiative.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Weber indicated that the committee would "do the Hood award again." He circulated copies of the old guidelines, noting that we would proceed with what was done in the past. It was suggested that it be put in the newsletter. Commissioner Weber and Karen Hansen noted that it has always been in the newsletter.

B. Planning for April 15 Roundtable Discussion with Senator Ann Gillespie and Representative Mark Walker

Commissioner Eggum reported that he had spoken with staff from both offices. He reported that Senator Gillespie and Representative Walker would attend the April 15th Senior Citizens Commission for a Round Table Discussion on issues impacting senior citizens in the community and in Springfield. Karen Hansen noted that the Commissions room was not available that evening and that the meeting would be in the Hanson Room which was smaller than the Commissions room. Chairperson Feldman suggested that it could be held at the

senior center. Commissioner Eggum recommended starting out with just the commission. He noted that Senator Gillespie served on judiciary and insurance committees and Representative Walker served on local government and the Health and Human Services Committees. Commissioner Motto indicated an interest in subsidized housing.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Williams reported that the first day of the intergenerational programs that she had worked on with Senior Center Program Coordinator Karie Van Grinsven would begin tomorrow.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

The Senior Center Manager reminded the commission to bring in their statements of Economic Disclosure or to send them directly to Village Clerk, Becky Hume. She asked for any commissioners to bring in their binders so that these manuals could be updated.

Commissioner Motto noted he would be attending the American Society on Aging conference.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Feldman noted that the next meeting would be April 15.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER WEBER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS, MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:13 PM. ALL CONCURRED.