



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Virtual Meeting

March 22, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A.

- B. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Senior Citizens' Commission meeting is being held virtually, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones.**

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II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from January 11, 2021

IV. REPORTS

- A. Senior Impacts Reports
1. Chairperson
 2. Senior Center Manager
 3. Not for Profit Corporation
 4. Senior Center Advisory Council
 5. Legislation
 6. Age Friendly Community Certification
 7. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements/Correspondence
- B. Citizens To Be Heard

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Senior Citizens' Commission
3/22/2021

Item: Notice

Department: Village Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Type

No Attachments Available



Senior Citizens' Commission
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Item: Minutes from January 11, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from January 11, 2021	Minutes

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissioners Room and Virtual
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, 60005
January 11, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Fred Feldman,
Chairman
Nancy Frenk
Susan Viecegli
George Motto, M.D.
Tim Carter
Tem Williams
Dottie Hardy
Maureen Seleski

Also Present

Tracey Colagrossi,
Commission Liaison
Keith Moens
Melissa Cayer

Absent

George Weber
Sharon Adams

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from December 21, 2020
- i. Correction to IV. Reports, f. Age Friendly Initiative; changed from "Chairperson Feldman summarized that the minutes were approved" to "Chairperson Feldman summarized that the motion was approved".
 - ii. "Fair and equitable lens (for) all" the word "for" was added as a correction.
 - iii. "presented an over view of the update (updated) document" the word "updated was added as a correction.

CHAIRPERSON FELDMAN PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND THE AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE UPDATE AS CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER SELESKI MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 21, 2020 MEETING.

ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED. Chairperson Feldman summarized that the minutes were approved.

IV.REPORTS

A. Senior Impacts Reports

a. Chairperson

Chairperson Feldman had nothing to report.

b. Senior Center Manager

Tenant Agencies:

The Senior Center, Arlington Heights Park District, Arlington Heights Memorial Library continue to follow the Tier Three mitigations from IDPH through January 9, 2021. Meaning all in person programs are postponed until then. The Arlington Athletic Club is still open by appointment through the Park District, as that aligns with the Tier 3 mitigations for health clubs.

The Arlington Heights Nurses Club Lending Closet continues to monitor their voicemail as they remain closed since November 16. They hope to resume operations on January 19.

Programs:

The January/February programs are experiencing high levels of participation. The programs are gaining a lot of interest due to other venues not offering these types of virtual experiences.

The Senior Center has been receiving a large number of calls for information about the Coronavirus Vaccine. Staff has advised to contact the Covid19 hotline through Cook County Department of Public Health or discuss with their health care provider. The Senior Center will continue to update residents as the roll out expands.

Tax Aide Program continues to have high demand from residents. Appointments opened up on January 4. Appointments will be received beginning January 4. Appointments are Wednesday/Thursday, February 3 through April 15. Tax Payers will come in to get their documents scanned. A virtual trained tax preparer will then complete the forms and then the tax payer will need to come in a second time to review and sign.

Event/Status Update:

The Senior Center Request for Proposal interviewed three firms on January 6. Staff will be meeting on January 27 to make a recommendation to the Board.

National Accreditation:

Barbara Fentress of Virginia and Jenna Hauss of California conducted their peer review of the Senior Center on January 8. The Peer Reviewers were very impressed with staff, the community, tenant agencies and volunteers collaborate to address with older adults.

c. Not for Profit Corporation

The INC Board did not meet this past month.

d. Senior Center Advisory Council

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2021. There is nothing to report at this time.

e. Legislation

Chairperson Feldman reported that there is some activity in Springfield with the political party caucuses meeting. The lame duck legislature is back in Springfield. At this

time there are no scheduled legislative sessions, but conducting committee hearings. The inauguration of new members is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13 with the first legislative session beginning on the same day. Chairperson Feldman hopes to have information on bills at the February meeting.

f. Age Friendly Community Certification

Senior Center Manager Colagrossi per direction of Health and Human Services Director McCalister to advise the Village's Communications division about the Age Friendly Update and the needs provide an improved internet platform. Commissioner Motto questioned the decision, noting that the plan should go in front of the Board before staff makes decisions on it. Manager Colagrossi stated that she consulted with the Communications division to ensure they were aware of the needs beforehand, and to work together. Commissioners discussed the process getting the document for the Board to review. Chairperson Feldman summarized that the document will be attached to the December 2020 minutes, and a separate document will be sent to Health and Human Services Director, James McCalister, who will then review with the Village Manager for the Board to review. Chairperson Feldman added if there were any updates between the January and February meeting, Manager Colagrossi will update the Commission. Commissioner Seleski added to have Manager Colagrossi request that Chairperson Feldman and Commissioner Motto present the update to the Board.

g. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Chairperson Feldman reiterated that the Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award is postponed until the meeting restrictions are lifted.

V.OLD BUSINESS

- a. No old business was discussed.

VI.NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business was discussed.

VII.OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

There was no additional correspondence or announcements.

B. Citizens to Be Heard

Keith Moens gave an update at the last board meeting regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance and the removal of Senior Living Communities as part of that ordinance. Mr. Moens requested the Commission to include affordable senior housing in the action plan for Age-Friendly Communities. Or to write a separate letter to the Board to address affordable housing for older adults.

Melissa Cayer asked, "how can you ensure that you are not taking money from people who can't afford your affordable housing?" The Commission asked for clarification of the question. Melissa clarified stating, "affordable housing takes money from people who can't afford it." The Commissioners clarified that the Affordable Housing means that the developer develops projects that less affluent people can afford and can lower the monthly cost for lower income people. Melissa asked if other people pay for that subsidy. Commissioner Motto suggested that the overall project may raise the cost of the other units to offset the reduced cost for other units.

Commissioner Williams asked if the Commission would consider writing a formal letter to the board to reconsider the ordinance. The Commission agreed to have Commissioner Motto draft a letter to be reviewed at the next meeting or sooner.

CHAIRPERSON FELDMAN PROPOSED A MOTION TO HAVE COMMISSIONER MOTTO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTTEES IN REGARD TO RECONSIDER AFFORDABLE HOUSING INIAITIVES FOR OLDER ADULTS. COMMISSIONER HARDY MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SEILESKI. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VIII.ADJOURNMENT

**AT 8:12 PM, COMMISSIONER VIECELLI MADE A MOTION
TO ADJORN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL
WERE IN FAVOR. MEETING CONCLUDED.**

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