



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., 60005
February 27, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from January 23, 2023

IV. REPORTS

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 - A. Chairperson
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 - C. Not for Profit Corporation
 - D. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - E. Legislation
 - F. Age Friendly Community Certification
 - I. Transportation Report
 - II. Communication Report
 - a. 311-Call Center
 - III. Affordable Housing Report
 - G. Kenneth Hood Service Awarded

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Senior Citizens' Commission
2/27/2023

Item: Minutes

Department: HHS

ATTACHMENTS:

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Minutes from January 23, 2023	Minutes

**Meeting Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Village Hall Commission Room
Monday, January 23, 2023
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. All present rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sue Viecegli, Chairperson

Sharon Adams

Tim Carter

Fred Feldman

George Motto

Fred Vogt

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Staff Liaison

Keith Moens

Absent:

Tem Williams

Roberta White

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from November 28, 2022

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO
APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND CORRECTED.**

**COMMISSIONER FELDMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVED AND
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VOGT. ALL APPRVED THE
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2022.**

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impacts Reports

A. Chairperson

No report.

B. Senior Center Manager

Manager Colagrossi reported that the staff has begun making AARP Tax Aide appointments. She explained that the volunteers are trained and tested by AARP and the IRS before they can prepare anyone's taxes. The e-filing system is through AARP. The site will have 10 preparers this year.

December programs were all full with wait lists. Holiday programs were well attended. The March and April programs at the center are planned and put into the newsletter for editing. This year the agencies will be collaborating on a Volunteer Expo which will take place on April 19 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The Arlington Heights Park District has two part-time positions opened; Tour Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Viecegli asked if the park district programs were full. Manager Colagrossi advised that they are getting there. Classes are canceled due to lack of enrollment, which has been occurring less frequently.

Floors are completed. Painting and patching has also been completed. The flower boxes inside the senior center will be replaced to highlight the eight agencies. Agencies

will have the boxes filled with marketing materials and display beginning in February.

Commissioner Motto inquired about the Bears program that occurred on January 17. The program was a recap of the past football season and was well attended.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Board met on December 12 to review the funding requests. The Village submitted a requestor advisory council entertainment, theatre and choir group, Great Decisions, new furniture for the lobby and funding for a consultant to guide the rebranding of the Senior Center. All were approved except for the furniture and consultant. A coffee pot for the Lunch Program, mitor saw for the wood shop, and volunteer recognition and training for the driver program.

Chairperson Viecegli asked if that would wait until the remodeling of the senior center continued. Manager Colagrossi noted that hat will most likely occur in 2030. Tracey advised that the Senior Center needs to remain relevant in resident's minds, therefore rebranding will provide a fresh perspective on programs and services. Manager Colagrossi added that looking into a university or pro-bono group may be the next solution. Northwestern University, University of Michigan and NIU were suggested schools to look into. Commissioner Vogt noted that if anything catastrophic should occur to the senior center, would that be addressed? Manager Colagrossi said that capital projects will still happen such as the floor any additional items needed to maintain the center.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Advisory Council met earlier this month. They will have the Hersey High School students come to the Center on February 14 for their traditional "Love Bus" performance of choir, poms and cheers.

The next event will be on April 12 for a fusion cultural event from Italy and China. The event is a result of the popularity of the Cinco de Mayo event last year highlighting Mexican culture.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that nothing new came out of the veto or lame duck sessions. The new General Assembly has not been sworn in yet. The Commissioner noted that the list of legislation is very sparse right now. The deadline for the Senate to submit bills is February 10 and March 10 for the House. Commissioner Feldman should have a list of legislation to watch by the time the Senior Citizen's Commission meets again.

F. Age Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto noted that he will be in touch with AARP Age-Friendly staff Mr. Ambruster in regard to using the same survey as was done in 2019, and if questions could be added.

I. Transportation Report

Commissioner Feldman stated there was nothing new to report. He noted that Connections to Care had two articles highlighted the agency. The Manager noted

that as a result of the article more people have been coming in for interviews, which is what they needed.

II. Communication Report

The committee did not meet. Chairperson Viecegli noted that one of the top priorities is to take a look at the survey and figure out the best way to disseminate it. Commissioner Motto noted it maybe the same survey, but will find out from AARP. The goal is to get more than 850 responses.

a. 311-Call Center

Manager Colagrossi noted that she needs to get in touch with other areas to find out what they are doing. This will be done before the next meeting.

III. Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Motto noted that homelessness is on the rise and a real problem. He added that Age-Friendly is right in line with address this issue. Chairperson Viecegli inquired about the International Plaza project. Manager Colagrossi noted that she checked the Housing Commission's agenda and minutes, with nothing new to report.

Commissioner Motto said that affordable housing is very critical.

G Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Vogt said he will schedule a meeting for February. Commissioner Adams and Commission Williams will be included.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Viecegli noted that the main focus for the Commission this year will be the survey and to get the 311 information center to be in front of the Village Board.

Commissioner Carter added that the 311 information could be done with current technologies that the Village already owns and incorporated into the Senior Center. The Village's website is being revamped, reported by Manager Colagrossi. She added that the information is presented as service orientated. The Commissioners will provide feedback.

Commissioner Motto stated that most likely the new survey may have the same results. Chairperson Viecegli noted that there could be smaller more accessible projects. Commissioner Carter mentioned the Evanston Care Network is a good reference for what direction to go in.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Motto would eventually like to see Age-Friendly as a regional network. He added that Aging in Place would be ideal to age in place in the surrounding communities and what we can do to make that happen. Commissioner Motto added that the affordable housing projects in Mount Prospect is good for Arlington Heights residents.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

B. Citizens to Be Heard

Resident Keith Moens addressed the commission noting there were a number of projects mentioned in a verbal report at the Housing Commission.

There was a discussion in Arlington Downs that this project will go to the conceptual plan commission. 180 senior units or 145

no age restriction units, per a verbal report. The northeast corner of Euclid and Rohling. Commissioner Motto asked if it was a senior living community. Resident Moens said he was not clear on that. He added that the Housing Trust fund has \$900,000 right now and starting to get interested in working with the Village. He said the ordinance has been helpful.

Chairperson Viecegli asked if a commissioner would want to attend the Housing Commission meetings. Commissioner Vogt is familiar with projects and advised that he would attend. The meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO
ADJOURN. MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER VOGT
AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER. MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.**

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