



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
Communications Sub-Committee
February 26, 2024
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 22, 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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Senior Citizens' Commission
2/26/2024

Item: Minutes

Department: HHS

ATTACHMENTS:

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January 22, 2024 Minutes

Type

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Village Hall Commissions Room, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Communications Sub-Committee
Monday, January 22, 2024
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sue Viecegli, Chairperson
Steve Raminiak
Fred Vogt

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Absent:

Tim Carter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. December 18, 2023, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY

COMMISSIONER VOGT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF

DECEMBER 18, 2023, WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

- a. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli remarked that she missed the last meeting and was appreciative to the commissioners who attended. She also was appreciative of Commissioner Raminiak's recommendations on the Senior Services section of the website. Commissioner Raminiak advised he used to be a technical writer for a software firm, which was helpful when reviewing the current site content.

Chairperson Viecelli requested status of the latest Age-Friendly Survey data. Liaison Colagrossi advised that the data has been compared with the previous cycle. In addition, we are conducting listening sessions regarding the survey. The first one was held this morning and others are scheduled in February. Once the listening sessions have concluded, we will have enough information to write an executive summary and findings for the Board to review.

b. Senior Center Manager

Liaison Colagrossi advised that the website will be drafted for review potentially for the next Sub Committee Meeting scheduled for February 26. Liaison Colagrossi will be traveling on Tuesday through Saturday this week to San Antonio to review two senior centers for the National Council on Aging.

Liaison Colagrossi advised that she is working on the summary of the data collected during the review process. She is also working on the Newsletters submissions for the March April issue. Commissioner Viecelli responded that she will submit an article.

The Sub Committee turned their attention to the 2024 Marketing Plan. The plan was reviewed and recommendations to add physical outreach methods such as attending fairs, farmers markets, etc. The Sub Committee directed the Liaison Colagrossi to create a table of events, dates, locations and then for the Commission to volunteer to at least one event to promote the Age-Friendly initiative and create awareness in the Village. The Senior Center Volunteer Coordinator could also supplement the schedule with volunteers trained through the Senior Center.

The discussion returned to a marketing piece or handout at the events. Suggestions such as the bookmark created in 2022 or something tangible to give to people at the events. Magnets with referral sources was another suggestion.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. No old business was discussed

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The next meeting of the Sub Committee will be on Monday, February 26 at 5:30 PM.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Announcements/Correspondence

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER VOGT MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM.



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., 60005
February 26, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. December 18, 2023 Minutes

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 Report
 - ii. Communication Report
 - iii. Affordable Housing Report
 - G. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

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Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizen's Commission
Commissioners Room
33 S Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights
Monday, December 18, 2023
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Also Present:

Not Present:

Fred Feldman, Acting
Chairperson
Sharon Adams
Fred Vogt
George Motto
Steve Raminiak
Tem Williams

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Sue Viecegli
Roberta White

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Monday, November 20, 2023

ACTING CHAIRPERSON FELDMAN PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MOTTO MADE THE MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VOGT. ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2023.

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impact Reports.

A. Chairperson

Acting Chairperson Feldman stated he had nothing to report.

B. Senior Center Manager

Senior Center Manager Colagrossi reported that all of the eight agencies decorated their doors in holiday themes. Patrons are asked to vote on their favorite door them,

and the winning door will get a pizza party for their staff. It has been a nice way for all staff members and patrons to interact together.

The Arlington Heights Nurses Club has changed their by-laws to include the ability to lend out equipment to residents in surrounding communities.

Agencies are planning an event to attract new members called “Just a Taste” on March 20. It would be a progressive tour through the senior center with live entertainment.

The Board approved the budget along with the expanded budget request for the center agencies to conduct a strategic plan with Northern Illinois Center for Governmental Studies. The work will begin in January and conclude with a report to the Board in October.

C. Not-for-Profit

The foundation, Arlington Heights Senior Center Incorporated, approved funding requests for subsidized classes with Metropolis, the “Great Decisions” program from the Foreign Policy Association, and to provide entertainment for the six Advisory Council events at the Senior Center.

D. Advisory Council

The New Year's Eve event, which is on December 28 is sold out to over 100 people. A duet, George Holmes and Diva, will sing show tunes and some opera. The council is planning events for next year, one change is the diversity event to include Caribbean and Ukrainian culture with music and food in April.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the legislators are still in recess and are not due to return until January 16, 2024. All of the bills that were introduced at the beginning of the session relating to senior citizens issues are still sitting in committee.

F. Age-Friendly Arlington Heights

Commissioner and Age-Friendly Chairperson Motto advised that things were moving along. The Commission reviewed the initial survey results compared to the results from 2019. The Commission noted that the responses were about the same as the previous survey cycle with no dramatic changes. The Commissioners will review the data further to comment at the next meeting. Liaison Colagrossi noted she can also have the responses from the National Research Center Survey

conducted in the Spring 2023. Liaison Colagrossi will have that data to compare for the January meeting. The Commissioners expressed that having the NRC survey and the AARP survey conducted within the same year may have been a disadvantage to getting a larger number of responses as was done the previous cycle. Discussion about incentivizing the survey may result in more completed surveys.

Liaison Colagrossi suggested for the next phase and to conduct listening sessions in other locations such as the library, Wheeling Township, and Park District locations. The January Town Hall Talk will be the first session and the liaison will reach out to the library and Wheeling Township. All feedback taken at the listening sessions will be included within the report.

1. Transportation Sub Committee

Commissioner Feldman reviewed the Transportation Summary Report that included the action plan that was finalized at the sub committee meeting earlier at 1 pm on Monday, December 18. The three phased plan involve monitoring the public transportation providers outputs, proposal of an intergovernmental agreement between township to expand service area, and advocacy of governmental bodies to fund transportation services.

Commissioner Feldman advised the commission to review and approve to summary so it can be forwarded to the Board.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON FELDMAN REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY ACTION PLAN. COMMISSIONER VOGT MADE A MOTION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY WAS APPROVED.

- ii. Communication Sub Committee

Commissioner Carter reported that the Communication Sub Committee met at 5:30, Monday, December 18. The Sub Committee reviewed the Senior Services portion of the website. Commissioner Raminiak proposed suggestions from a consumer perspective that proved insightful.

Liaison Colagrossi will create a draft of the website to review at the sub committee and then be reviewed by the entire commission at the January meeting. The next meeting will be at January 22, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

- iii. Affordable Housing Sub Committee

Commissioner Vogt reported the Housing Commission has not met yet. However, Housing Commission Liaison Boyer has given Commissioner Vogt an update as follows:

Crescent Place: Had its grand opening on November 15, 2023. All 40 units are affordable.

Grace Terrace: This is a proposed Permanent Supportive Housing building with 25-units, all of which would be affordable. This project was recommended for denial by the Plan Commission. This project went to the Village Board on December 4, 2023 and was continued after discussion for consideration at a later Village Board Meeting, with a date yet to be determined.

International Plaza/Urban Street Group: A Memorandum of Understanding (with conditions) has been approved relative to potential TIF assistance under a particular development scenario. This scenario included there being a separate senior-only building as was discussed at “early review” earlier this year. This did not constitute an approval of the development or the senior-only building. It was a conditional agreement based on the possible concept. The developer needs to submit a formal Plan Commission application for entitlement and zoning approval which would be subject to the usual commission reviews (Plan, Design and Housing) before going to the Village Board. This formal application has not yet been received.

116-120 W Eastman: Was approved by the Village Board on December 4, 2023. The approval Ordinance will go to the Village Board for approval – probably on December 18, 2023 (date is subject to change).

Arlington Gateway: This is a mixed-use development proposed for the SE corner of Arlington Heights Rd. and Algonquin Rd. It is proposed to have 301 apartments + commercial space on the first floor. As proposed, the development would have 10% (30) affordable units. The Affordable Housing Plan was recommended to the Village Board for approval at the Housing Commission’s November meeting. The project was also recommended for approval by the Design Commission and Plan Commission. It is expected to go to the Village Board – possibly on December 18, 2023 (date is subject to change).

5 N Douglas (formerly known as 4 N Douglas): This project has been on-hold for a while. Is expected to go to the Plan Commission in January or February. Under the proposal, 6 of the 64 (10%) of the units would be affordable.

Arlington 425: Is approved including 16 affordable units and payment of a fee-in-lieu of units for 8 units. The project recently returned to the Design

Commission for proposed building modifications to the parking garage (November 2023) and Campbell building. The Campbell Building modification were approved. Discussion on the parking garage modifications was continues to probably to January 2024.

ADRIII/Salt Creek: Went to the Conceptual Plan Review Committee in November 2022. No further word has been received.

Commissioner Motto stressed the Senior Citizens Commission to continue to advocate for affordable housing for all, as caregivers, workers, disabled individuals and older adults need affordable places to live in the area. Liaison Colagrossi added the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance includes a trust that can be used for specialty housing, home improvements, and other projects for people to continue to live in community. The Commissioner inquired if the Housing Commission made recommendations for the trust. Liaison Colagrossi will check with Liaison Boyer on the status of the recommendations.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Commissioner Vogt noted that the commissioners will move forward to meet in February.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Motto expressed his gratitude to the Commissioner on their continued work on Age-Friendly.

Commissioner Vogt commented on Wheeling Township's 708 Mental Health Board, noting the "re-referendum" will not be put onto the ballot in the spring due to state law. They may appeal in January; however, nothing was said at the last township meeting. Wheeling Township's attorney thought the referendum was not legally binding, however, the state's decision was that it was. Mental health is an important issue for people of all ages.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM.**