



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Senior Center
1801 W. Central Rd, 60005
February 21, 2022
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from December 13, 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
 - Transportation Report
 - Communication Report
 - Affordable Housing Report
 7. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Citizen Request

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Senior Citizens' Commission
2/21/2022**

Item: Minutes from December 13, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from December 13, 2021	Minutes

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissioners Room
December 13, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Also Present	Absent
Fred Feldman	Tracey Colagrossi,	Tem Williams
Fred Vogt (arrived at 7:30 PM)	Commission Liaison	
Susan Viecegli, Chairperson	Saurabh Bagai	
Sharon Adams	Keith Moens	
Tim Carter		
George Motto		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes was tabled until Commissioner Vogt arrived.

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO
APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MOTTO
MOTIONED SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL**

**APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER NOVEMBER
15 MEETING.**

IV. REPORTS

Senior Impacts Reports

A. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Viecegli attended the Communications Sub-Committee meeting on Monday, December 13. The Chairperson also announced the resignation of Commissioner Weber. The Commission is grateful George Weber's service and dedication throughout the years. Chairperson Viecegli asked for the commissioners to encourage residents to join the Commission.

B. Senior Center Manager

Linda Paxson, long time Park District staff person, has retired on November 24, 2021. The Park District has been conducting interviews for the full-time position. A new staff person will be announced and begin on January 3, 2022.

BKV Architectural Group and the Village's Executive Committee will be meeting with each agency this week on updating the Senior Center Space Utilization, Modernization and Program Plan Study. The meeting will provide a review of findings from the survey, focus groups, agency meetings. After these meetings, the architectural group will present to the Village Board in January. The Senior Citizens Commission will receive copies of the report at the same time as the Village Board and are welcomed to attend the meeting sometime in January.

Jan/Feb Newsletter will arrive at homes December 13. Registration to begin December 22 for Subscribers/27th non-subscribers. There are 285 subscriptions for home delivery of the bi-monthly newsletter. Next newsletter deadline is on January 26 for the March/April newsletter.

AARP Tax Aide Service will resume at the Senior Center on Wednesdays/Thursdays beginning February 2 and concluding on April 14. Appointment Scheduling will begin on Tuesday, January 4. To schedule, have people call 847-797-5304. Appointments will be held in person, one hour each.

Participation at the Senior Center continues to grow at 6,979 door entries for November. The Park District has increased their day trip outings which has brought more people into the building.

C. Not for Profit Corporation

Manager Colagrossi reported that the Arlington Heights Senior Center, INC (a 501-C3 fundraising arm of the Senior Center) met on December 8, 2021. They approved funding requests for the software system for customer service that all agencies will use, Great Decisions program from the Foreign Policy Association, Metropolis Arts Programs, and underwriting costs for entertainment for Advisory Council programs.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

Manager Colagrossi reported the New Year's Eve event is almost full. The Advisory Council welcomed a new member, Ray Salatino. The council also has planned an outline for the events for 2022.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman advised that there was no activity, as the Legislature is in recess and will reconvene on January 4, 2022. Commissioner Feldman will report any progress at the January meeting.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner Motto reported that a Mission, Vision, and Values statement has been created for the Age-Friendly Arlington Heights Action Plan Report that is due to be sent to AARP/WHO for certification.

Age-Friendly Mission/Vision/Values Statement

Mission Statement: To provide leadership to advance an age friendly community initiative, based on the template developed by the World Health Organization and supported by AARP to further the goal of ensuring that the Village of Arlington Heights is a great place in which to live well and age well.

Vision: Our Village thrives when people of all ages actively participate in community, have equitable access to opportunities and everyone is treated with respect regardless of age or ability.

Values:

- Respect*
- Inclusion*
- Enablement*
- Equity diversity*
- Generational interdependence*

The Commission agreed that the mission, vision, and values statements encapsulate the work of the Age-Friendly.

Age-Friendly Chairperson/Commissioner Motto introduced Saurabh Bagai, Masters of Public Health Graduate Intern from Benedictine University. Mr. Bagai will assist in the Communications Sub-Committee's action step to create a feasibility study on a 311-call center. Mr. Bagai and his family have lived in Arlington Heights for four years and works in pharmacology.

I. Transportation Report

Commissioner Feldman reported that he was encouraged by an article in the Daily Herald mentioning Cook County Commissioner Morrison's Opinion piece on expanding connections in transportation as well as green energy for vehicles. As residents age in community, it is important for increased options and flexibility to ensure everyone has access to transportation.

<https://www.dailyherald.com/discuss/20211207/to-build-a-brighter-future-we-must-make-public-transit-greener-more-accessible>

Commissioner Feldman will attend the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus virtual meeting scheduled for December 14. The meeting will have a presentation of the Regional Transportation Authority's five-year strategic plan in a workshop style format. He will report at the next meeting.

II. Communication Report

Commissioner Carter reported that the Commission Sub Committee had a productive meeting earlier today. The first of these sessions will be a legislative type session with State elected officials Gillespie and Walker for a legislative update and Q/A session on January 10 at 9:00 a.m.

We will then host monthly sessions on Age-Friendly townhalls to engage, inform and create potential collaborations with residents. They will be entitled: The Arlington Heights Senior Citizen Commission Age Friendly Initiative presents Live Well Age Well Townhall. Each month beginning in March with "What is Age Friendly" will address each area of the action plan.

The bi-monthly email blasts to residents' numbers between 10,832 and 10,336 with an average 42% click open rate. There have been five Facebook/Instagram posts on the Village's account regarding activities at the Senior Center.

Commissioner Carter reported that Chairperson Viecegli will write a bi-monthly article for the Senior Center Newsletter to provide information Age-Friendly and the activities of the commission. These articles will also serve as press releases for the future.

III. Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Motto reported he and Commissioner Feldman attended the "Q & A, Shared Housing" from Shared Housing Inc. It was not as informative as he hoped. An idea for a potential session for a townhall talk could encompass Shared Housing Inc. with Silver Nest, an agency that matches tenants to resident housing.

Chairperson Viecegli acknowledged resident Keith Moens. Mr. Moens requested that the commissioners ask the Village Trustees to revisit and amend the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to include senior housing.

Commissioner Motto advised that a letter was sent to the Village Board on behalf of the Commission in regard to the subject. Mr. Moens asked if perhaps the Commissioners would speak to a couple of Trustees about

the issue. Manager Colagrossi advised she would reach out to the Housing Commission Liaison on their current activities.

G Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

The Commission agreed to move forward and begin the process of advertising for applications for the award. Commissioners Adams and Vogt agreed to chair this effort. They will meet after January 1.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner Carter wished everyone a very happy holiday.

B. Citizens to Be Heard

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO
ADJORN. COMMISSIONER FELDMAN MOTIONED AND
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO TO
ADJORN THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 MEETING AT 8:05 PM.**