



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
February 17, 2020
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from January 13, 2020
- B. Minutes from the Kenneth Hood Service Award Committee Meeting January 28, 2020

IV. REPORTS

- A.
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Senior Center Manager
 - C. Senior Impacts Reports
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 - 2. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - 3. Legislation
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V. OLD BUSINESS

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Senior Citizens' Commission
2/17/2020

Item: Minutes from January 13, 2020

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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Minutes from January 13, 2020	Minutes

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
January 13, 2020
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Also Present:

Fred Feldman, Chairman Karen Hansen, Commission Liaison
Nancy Frenk
Dottie Hardy
George Motto, M.D.
Maureen Seleski
Susan Viecegli
George Weber
Tem Williams

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from November 18, 2019

**COMMISSIONER WEBER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
MOTTO, MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE
NOVEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING. ALL CONCURRED AND THE
MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Senior Citizens' Commission Chairperson Fred Feldman reported that on December 5 he, Commissioner Motto, David

Robb, Disabilities Services Coordinator, Nora Boyer, Village of Arlington Heights Planning Department, and Senior Center Manager Karen Hansen attended the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus Age Friendly/Dementia Friendly meeting at the Village of Arlington Heights Municipal Building.

B. Senior Center Manager

The Senior Center Manager provided an update on the Senior Center, noting that George Weber had retired as the Coordinator of the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), a volunteer position. Leo De'Angelis replaced Mr. Weber as Coordinator.

She reported that Katherine Kinney, Coordinator of the Tax Aide, formerly TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) would be retiring from this volunteer position at the end of this upcoming tax season.

Abbey Darr, the Catholic Charities staff who coordinated the Home Delivered Program (Meals on Wheels) and the weekday (congregate) luncheon program had resigned after eleven years. Her position had been filled in house by Jim Tobin. Mr. Grimes, Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels driver retired after 11 years at age 94.

Commissioner Viecegli asked if there had been an increase in attendance since the first of the year. Ms. Hansen indicated that the attendance dropped surprisingly low on January 2 and 3 (around 300 each); but the attendance had returned to normal after those two days. Commissioner Viecegli suggested efforts to increase the "membership" by a certain percentage. Ms. Hansen explained that the Senior Center did not have a membership, hence the focus on attendance. Commissioner Viecegli noted that the athletic club had a "membership." Ms. Hansen explained that that was a particular program membership for a program offered through the park district in the Senior Center. Ms. Hansen explained that the Senior Center was owned and operated by the Village of Arlington Heights and that there seven other partners/tenants in the Senior Center, each with their own areas of expertise and each providing some of the Senior

Center's programs and services. Commissioner Seleski clarified that the Senior Center provides "one stop shopping."

C. Senior Impacts Reports

1. Not for Profit Corporation

The Senior Center Manager reported that Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. had experienced some board transition. In the past, the board had more community members who were retired on it. Currently, most of the Board of Directors were employed with job responsibilities. Marie Lanza had stepped down from the President's role. Steve Schultz, Treasurer was also serving as the acting President.

2. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Council was working on its 2020 program line up.

3. Legislation

Chairperson Feldman reported that the legislature would be back in session the last week of January. It will take four to six weeks to have a good handle on the status of bills. There are two committee meetings between now and February 22.

4. Age Friendly Community Certification

a. Results of the AARP Online Survey

Commissioner Motto reported that 907 Arlington Heights residents (age 45 and over) had taken the AARP Age Friendly Community Certification Survey. He noted that the survey supported that people were happy in Arlington Heights. Housing is an important issue. There is a low level of knowledge about public transportation.

Commissioner Motto summarized the steps: obtain letter from Mayor, which is done, develop a steering committee, also done,

develop a task force, gather community surveys together, also done, complete a survey, also done; and write up the action plan.

He indicated the intent is to present the survey results to the Committee of the Whole. Commissioner Viecelli noted that there needed to be an outcome or “our credibility will fail.” She suggested a focus group. Chairperson Feldman asked for “next steps.” Commissioner Motto suggested sitting down and going through the results and coming up with 3-5 necessary areas. The Senior Center Manager suggested that the Commission might consider concentrating on five domains in the efforts of reducing the potential scope of the CMAP technical assistance grant. The commission narrowed down the focus on the domains to communications, housing and transportation for the purposes of the CMAP grant.

The commission briefly discussed the potential for the Age Friendly group to meet.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Commissioner Weber noted he had prepared review sheets for the Committee. The main concern was how to solicit nomination applications. A meeting was set for Tuesday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Commissioner Weber expressed concern that of past 12 awardees most had some connection to the Senior Center. He stated, “we have beaten the bushes,” indicating the attempt at getting as many as possible in from community beyond the Senior Center.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weber reported that the SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) was facing “tremendous competition” as it was one of the few stand-alone SHIP programs. The first years Commissioner Weber had been involved with the program it served 165 annually. That number grew to 400 within a couple of years and now serves 550-585 annually.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner Williams reported on the Intergenerational Program with School District 25, noting it was “sluggish.” She noted that there was a wonderful list of senior volunteers as a resource for the high schools. She noted that she was working with Hersey High School Assistant Principal and High School District 214 to get the program into Rolling Meadows High School. She indicated that Karie Van Grinsven, Program Coordinator at the Senior Center was working on it. It will be in the March newsletter.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER SELESKI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VIECELLI, MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:28 PM. ALL CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Senior Citizens' Commission
2/17/2020

Item: Minutes from the Kenneth Hood Service Award Committee Meeting
January 28, 2020

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Kenneth Hood Committee Meeting
1801 W. Central Rd, Rm 187, AH, IL 60005
January 28, 2020
1:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Fred Feldman,
Commission Chairman

Dottie Hardy

George Weber,
Committee Chairperson

Tem Williams

Also Present:

Karen Hansen, Commission Liaison
Melissa Cayer, Resident

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes as this was the first meeting of the year.

IV. REPORTS

Kenneth Hood Award Committee Chairperson Weber summarized what had been done in the past, where the nominations were coming from and confirmed that there was still a "tv spot" (cable access) and that press releases were still being sent to press contacts as had been done 2018-2019.

He covered previous candidates: Jack Schimpf, Shirley Garrison, Frank De Rosa, Joe Cesario, Jack Hanahan, Jack Muldoon, Mary Jo Zeller, Julie Wright, Maureen Seleski, Terry McElroy, Kathy Kasprovicz and Mary Stitt.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There were no old business as this was the first meeting of the year.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senior Citizens Commission Kenneth Hood Award

Commissioner Williams asked what the purpose of this meeting was. Committee Chairperson Weber indicated that the question at hand was what to do about getting candidates? He expressed his concern that many of the nominations had some connection to the Senior Center. Commission Chairperson Feldman noted that what had been done in the past works. Committee Chairperson Weber noted his disappointment that he had gone out and made a presentation on the Hood Award to a local community group and it had yielded no new applications. Commission Liaison Hansen noted that Commissioner Weber had been invited to become a member of that organization and that a (posthumous) nomination had come from them nominating Paul Peale.

Committee Chairperson Weber noted that 164 solicitation letters had been sent out and wondered if something different should be done. Commissioner Williams suggested radio coverage. Commission Chairperson Feldman noted that the Heart of Gold received great publicity and asked why we (Senior Citizens Commission) didn't do this as a separate luncheon. Commissioner Hardy suggested it become part of the Senior Center's volunteer luncheon. Commission Liaison Hansen indicated that this would be very nice, but if the Commission were trying to draw from the larger community, having it be part of the Senior Center's volunteer luncheon would not make sense. Commissioner Weber suggested that it might be possible to ask "Inc." (Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc.-the not for profit that raises funds for the Senior Center) for some money (for the luncheon).

Commission Liaison Karen Hansen suggested that since the Kenneth Hood Award promotion work fell to the Senior Center staff and since this was ok, why not look at repeating what had been done and (adding) more publicity. Commissioner Williams suggested figuring out what the potential costs might be. Committee Chairperson Weber asked if there should be a luncheon. Commissioner Williams suggested running a radio ad or a radio announcement like “kid of the week.” Chairperson Feldman suggested buying an ad in the Herald. The Post was suggested. Commission Liaison Hansen suggested it might be possible to get some free publicity, such as radio PSA (Public Service Announcement) or asking other organizations to post a link on their website.

Commissioner Williams suggested exploring the cost of ads. Chairperson Feldman summarized to keeping the same program and investigating the cost of newspaper and radio ads.

Committee Chairperson Weber inquired if there should be another meeting. The consensus was to defer decisions to the full Commission.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business presented itself.

VIII. VIII.ADJOURNMENT

**COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON FELDMAN MOVED TO
ADJOURN AT 2:00PM, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON WEBER. ALL FOUR COMMISSIONERS
CONCURRED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**