



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., 60005
January 23, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from November 28, 2022

IV. REPORTS

- A. Senior Impacts 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
 - a. 311-Call Center
 - III. Affordable Housing Report
 - G. 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
1/23/2023**

Item: Minutes

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

11/28/2022 Minutes

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Minutes

**Meeting Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizen's Commission
Commissioners Room
November 28, 2022
7 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Chairperson Viecelli called the meeting to order at 7 PM

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Present:
 - i. Chairperson, Sue Viecelli
 - ii. Fred Feldman
 - iii. Sharon Adams
 - iv. Fred Vogt
 - v. Tim Carter
 - vi. George Motto

Also Present:

Commission Liaison, Tracey Colagrossi
Melissa Cayer

- b. Absent:
 - i. Roberta White
 - ii. Tem Williams

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI PROPOSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER CARTER MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS. ALL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2022 MEETING.**

IV. REPORTS

- a. Chairperson's Report
 - i. Chairperson Viecelli commented she had nothing to report.
- b. Senior Center Manager
 - i. The new flooring project has been completed ahead of schedule. All programs and services have resumed.

- ii. Staff is working on the January February 2023 Newsletter. Delivery to subscribers will be the week of December 12. All others may register after December 19.
 - iii. The agency directors will meet December 12, 2022. The agencies will focus on volunteerism and volunteer opportunities in the Senior Center and beyond. All agencies were invited to submit a funding request to the INC Board (nonprofit fundraising arm of the Senior Center) for consideration of legacy projects.
 - iv. The Senior Center Manager has submitted a grant to underwrite branding efforts for the Senior Center. We want to utilize a group that understands our needs and provides market research and evaluation for the development of a new name and logo.
 - v. The Senior Center Manager is submitting a grant offered by the Administration of Community Living for a four-year Falls Prevention Initiative Project. The Senior Center, Fire Department, and the new Disabilities and Geriatric Social Worker (Erin Mercado) will collaborate on conducting Matter of Balance. Matter of Balance is an 8-week evidence-based program proven to reduce falls in communities. The funding will go toward master training, marketing and implementing the program.
- c. Not for Profit Corporation
 - i. INC will seek legacy requests for funding considerations from the agencies at their December 12 meeting.
- d. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - i. The Thanksgiving Celebration with Elvis (Landon James Tribute Artist) was enjoyed by over 90 people. Donations were taken to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry the following day.
 - ii. New Year's Eve Party, Thursday, December 29, from 1:30 to 3 PM. Ballroom dances from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio will perform, instruct and guide group dances.
 - iii. 2023 Events planning in process. One of the first events will be the Hersey High School "Love Bus" program with the school's jazz concert.
- e. Legislation
 - i. Commissioner Feldman reported that the Veto Session has come and gone. Bills that were in the Rules Session waiting to be assigned became dead/inactive. Two new bills introduced. The Legislators are busy with creating amendments to the Safety Act..
- f. Age Friendly Certification Report
 - 1. Age-Friendly Chairperson, George Motto reported on the Age-Friendly Town Hall Talk that featured David Roberts of the Fire

Department and John Oleary of the Police Department. The session was well attended with audience members asking good questions.

2. The previous session held in October featured Village Health Nurse, Lindsay Dohse and Social Worker, Nicole Espinoza who presented Health and Human Services programs.
3. Upcoming presentations will feature the Center of Concern's home sharing program, which will feature a book club on the topic lead by Kathy Motto. In addition, Sharon Swanson (Senior Center Volunteer Coordinator) and staff from Hands-on Suburban Connect will present on volunteerism and opportunities. Commissioner Motto added that volunteering is an important component to Age-Friendly as we try to engage more people.

ii. Transportation

1. Commissioner Feldman noted he had no additional report on transportation.
2. Chairperson Viecegli stated that the 696 Pace Bus route continues to be suspended due to reduced ridership and lack of bus drivers.

iii. Communication Report

1. Chairperson Viecegli reported that the subcommittee met earlier in the month. They discussed the marketing of the bookmark which will be available in December at the Main Library, Branch at the Senior Center and Village Hall.
2. Commissioner Motto will be in touch with AARP Age-Friendly staff person Bill Ambruster to advise utilizing the AARP Age Friendly Community Survey for 2024. Chairperson Viecegli noted a marketing plan will be discussed in order to get the most responses for the survey.
3. The Senior Center Manager will connect with local agencies that provide 311 Call Centers services.

iv. Affordable Housing

1. Chairperson Viecegli noted that since there was no new activity in the International Plaza project, the letter to advocate for intergenerational housing was put on hold. Commissioner Vogt noted that it would be important to have the letter on record that the Senior Citizen's Commission's stance on the housing project. Commissioner Motto stated that the project is important as it have a large number of affordable units that is designated for senior citizens. Manager Colagrossi stated that she is in touch with Nora Boyer in Planning and will advise if there have been additional actions on the project. As to date, nothing has been submitted yet by the builders.

- g. Kenneth Hood Award
 - i. Commissioner Vogt reported the Sub Committee will resume in February to plan for the 2023 award. Previous nominees will be encouraged to submit applications. Manager Colagrossi will coordinate a meeting date for February.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner Vogt commented that the Cook County Tax Bills will be sent out this week and are due on December 31.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner Adams suggested that since the Commission has accomplished so much this year that the December 15, 2022 meeting could be canceled.

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 15, 2-022 MEETING AND RESUME MEETING ON JANUARY 23, 2023 AT 7 PM. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS. ALL AGREED.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Citizens To Be Heard
 - i. Melissa Cayer commented on the various property tax increases. She noted that the Arlington Heights Park District, School District 25, High School District 214, Harper College all have increases that are greater than five percent. She added that the costs would be \$150 more than last year. Ms. Cayer encouraged people to call their representatives to complain about the cost. She also added that the tax bill should include the websites of all the taxing bodies to inform residents.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. **CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL AGREED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 PM.**