



AGENDA
Youth Commission
Commissions Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
January 16, 2025
6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Minutes from December 5, 2024
- IV. REPORTS
 - A. Library
 - B. Park District
 - C. Police Department
 - D. Schools
 - E. Members at Large
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Commission's Winter Volunteering Project
The Commission will decide on a date for a group volunteering opportunity.
 - B. Snow Shoveling Referral Program
The Commission will discuss progress on the program and promotion.
 - C. Teen Job Fair
The Commission will determine which businesses each member would like to invite.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Announcements / Correspondence
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Youth Commission
Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.
Commissions Room
December 5, 2024
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Son called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alice Son, Chair

Taryn Holdman

Jennifer Borrel

Colin Smith

Sydney Galla

Riley Phillips

Lucy Jochaniewicz

Christopher Hong

Also Present

James McCalister, Liaison

Kimberly Witt, Administrative Assistant

Absent

Matt Healy

Chyrel Moore

Afroz Hafeez

Michael Bauer

Ava McQuade

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from October 17, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Hong to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Galla and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Library

Chair Son reported that the Winter Reading Program kicks off on December 16 and runs through the end of January. This program is open to all ages, from birth through teens. Teens who participate and read during this time can earn prizes! The library is hosting a Finals Study Lounge from December 14 to December 19. Stop by for snacks, and don't miss the therapy dog visits on December 14 from 2:00–3:00 pm and December 17 from 4:30–5:30 pm. Celebrate the start of winter break with a Super Smash Bros. Tournament at the library on December 20. Chair Son would like to remind everyone that the library serves as a warming center during these colder months.

B. Park District

No report.

C. Police Department

Commissioner Holdman reported that the Santa Run is approaching. She also noted that the Police Department is currently hiring. Additionally, she mentioned that preparations are underway for winter break, anticipating an increase in activities as families take time off for the holidays and spend more time at home.

D. Schools

No report.

E. Members at Large

Commissioner Hong from Buffalo Grove High School reported that most of the construction is now complete. Following Thanksgiving break last week, everyone is settling back into routine as they prepare for finals in two weeks.

Commissioners Gala and Riley from Prospect High School reported that the school held a spirit week before Thanksgiving break and is currently hosting another spirit week in support of Folds of Honor. Folds of Honor provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of military members who have fallen or become disabled while serving in the United States Armed Forces. They shared that the school is raising funds for Folds of Honor and has already surpassed last year's fundraising total. Additionally, Prospect High School is hosting a toy drive, and a blood drive on December 9, while also preparing for upcoming finals.

Commissioners Jochaniewicz and Smith from St. Viator High School reported that the school is hosting the Walter Payton toy drive, which includes class competitions to encourage participation. They also noted that seniors recently attended a four-day retreat before Thanksgiving break, and winter sports are now beginning.

Commissioner Borrel had no news to report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fall/Winter Project

Chair Son recommended refocusing the fall/winter project from organizing a drive at the schools to having the Commissioners volunteer as a group, as it is more achievable. The Commission discussed the idea and agreed that, timing-wise, volunteering as a group would be easier. They also suggested inviting classmates to join the volunteering event. Potential organizations to collaborate with include Good Neighbors Network, Feed My

Starving Children, Lemons of Love, Night Ministry, and Journeys. Some volunteer ideas include supporting Toys for Tots and preparing meals for PADS at the Marketplace on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Chair Son suggested targeting a project to take place after the Teen Job Fair in March, allowing enough time to collaborate and coordinate the volunteering efforts, possibly toward the end of summer or beginning of fall.

B. Snow Shoveling Referral Program

Chair Son reported that 73 students have signed up for the Snow Shoveling program. She also mentioned that the new physical flyers have been printed and were distributed to the Commissioners to get posted at school.

C. Teen Job Fair

Chair Son provided an overview of the Teen Job Fair which will take place at the Arlington Ridge Center (ARC) on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. She reviewed the notes from last year with the Commissioners.

There was discussion about continuing the parents' lounge. In the past, employers requested that teens inquire about positions without their parents. However, last year, some teens preferred to have their parents accompany them while visiting booths. The Commission decided that having a parents' lounge would be a good option for teens who want to explore on their own but still have their parents nearby. While the parents' lounge was located outside the Teen Job Fair room in the past, there is ongoing discussion about possibly moving it into the room. Further discussions with the Park District will be necessary to determine whether food and beverages will be allowed in the room.

Chair Son will reach out to the existing businesses for the Teen Job Fair but asked the Commissioners to help approach new businesses. She will send out the current list to the Commissioners.

Chair Son mentioned that last year, for the first time, a raffle of three \$50 Visa gift cards was held to encourage teens to visit different booths. One suggestion was to draw the raffle prize during the event, rather than after. The Commission agreed that a Visa gift card would be a great raffle prize.

A key recommendation for the Welcome Desk is to consider using a larger desk or multiple desks spread out across the area, providing a megaphone for announcements, and potentially managing the flow of people by allowing them to enter in waves rather than all at once.

Chair Son kindly requests that the Commissioners save the date and plan to arrive at 5:00 PM to assist with setup and rehearse the speech for the teens.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements / Correspondence

The Commission previously discussed the possibility of the Youth Commission creating an Instagram page to promote to teens directly. However, as a Village entity, there are strict guidelines regarding permissible content, and it was determined that this option is

not feasible. Instead, the Commission can create flyers and request that their schools post them.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jochaniewicz, moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. all concurred and the motion carried unanimously.