



AGENDA
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
February 24, 2025
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. January 27, 2025, Minutes
 - B. December 16, 2024 Minutes
- IV. REPORTS
 - A. Chairperson Report
 - 1. Guest, Housing Commission Liaison
 - B. Liaison Report
 - C. Not for Profit Corporation
 - D. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - E. Legislation
 - F. Age-Friendly Community Certification
 - 1. Transportation & Affordable Housing Report
 - 2. Communication Report
 - G. Kenneth Hood Award
- V. OLD BUSINESS
- 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
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
January 27, 2025
7 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sue Viecegli, Chair

Tim Carter

Corinne Drew

Fred Feldman

George Motto

Steve Raminiak

Fred Vogt

Ellyn Zimmerman

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Keith Moens

Not Present:

Sharon Adams

Gary Wood

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 16, 2024

The December 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes were printed incomplete for the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE NEXT MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VOGT AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2024, WERE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Viecegli reported she had joined the Walker's Club sponsored by Endeavor Health. She said was walking at a faster pace then the men.

B. Liaison Report

Liaison Colagrossi reported the Senior Center is a warming center during regular operational hours. Staff is working on March and April newsletter items; all items are due to the editor by next week Wednesday. The Department of Health & Human Services is accepting applications to fill the position, which still has a geriatric focus. The Grief Support Group began another 8-week session with 10 people in the group. Our Registered Nurse, Lindsay Dohse and Social Services Specialist, Darren Brown are co-facilitating the group.

Catholic Charities Northwest Social Services won the Winter Door Decor Contest this year with the most votes. They won a pizza party. And Patron Linda Fruhauf won the free annual subscription for the newsletter. The agencies are competing in a Winter Door Decorating contest this year.

Another service that has been added to the center is Podiatry. We have collaborated with Endeavor Health and Podiatrist Natalie Domek for monthly podiatry clinics. Patients select from a schedule for every 15 minutes, fill out a form for their appointment and Medicare is billed.

We are continuing to explore a potential partnership with Gerry's Cafe for a satellite site. We are holding pop-up cafe's at different times and dates, as well as different menu items. For example, they delivered dinner box meals tonight for folks attending the Carpenters concert.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

The Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Foundation met in early December to approve funding requests from Connections to Care for marketing the organization and subsidizing rides for low-income older adults. Additionally, they funded requests from the Village for programs like Great Decisions and Metropolis and entertainment and food for Advisory Council programs.

Staff is working on the Road Show concept to host events in different areas of the village each quarter. Tracey is currently getting quotes for bowling alleys for the first quarter, the second quarter will feature Lake Arlington, the third quarter will be the Historical Museum, and the fourth quarter is the Moorings. All of this is in effort to meet people where they are at to promote the programs and services of the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council is hosting their 2025 programs. The first one is the Hersey High School event Love Bus, where students visit ten other locations within the village and perform cheer and pom pom routines, choir, and visit with patrons. The following event is the Cultural Celebration featuring Japan and Spain.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported on the 104th General Assembly has reconvened and currently in recess. Early in the session they have introduced over a thousand bills. At this moment, Commissioner Feldman is trying to keep track of those that may affect older adults. One that will definitely be of interest is House Bill 1226, It's a driver's license bill that it provides that driver, if it's an active driver's 79 to 87 years of age, will not have to take a driver's test to remove their license. They simply have to appear in person. for drivers older than 87 and drivers 75 years of

age and older who have commercial drivers' licenses, they will be retested every year. Also, the bill provides for or the ability of an immediate family member to submit evidence to the Secretary of State as to the fitness of any driver's license candidate so that if the family feels that a driver should not have a license issue to him, notwithstanding that he can pass the test. There will be rules and regulations established for rejecting such applicants. This bill has not been assigned yet either. It's been introduced and it's sitting in rules in the rules committee with all the other bills that haven't been there tonight. We'll keep an eye on this, because this will be interesting. And it will be effective if it passes. It will be effective July 1st, 2026.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Feldman reiterated the drivers license bill HB 1226.

Commissioner Raminiak and Commissioner Motto spoke about the upcoming Senior Citizens Commission listening session as part of the Age-Friendly Arlington Heights initiative, and the topic of housing subsidies will be discussed with attendees. The session is scheduled at the Senior Center **on** Wednesday, January 29, at 5 PM.

Commissioner Raminiak and Commissioner Vogt spoke about the Village Board approving the Grace Terrace project. Commissioner motto added that Mayor Hayes, had a great summary at the end where he talked specifically to the neighborhood folks and said for as long as this is taken in as much as this has changed since the first proposal, the process works. Chairperson Vieceilli inquired how long the project may take to complete and the response was potentially two years.

Housing Commission Liaison Nora Boyer will join the Senior Citizens Commission meeting Monday, February 24 at 7 pm to answer any questions regarding the housing commission and their duties.

2. Communications

Chairperson Vieceilli reviewed the activities of the Communications Subcommittee meeting held previous to the regular meeting. The subcommittee reviewed the statistics from the initial month that the Senior Center has been on Facebook. For the first month, they have achieved 221 followers and had a reach of 3.6K, without paid advertisements. Liaison Colagrossi will continue reporting the data monthly for progress reports.

Liaison Colagrossi also submitted a 2025 Age-Friendly Marketing Plan for the subcommittee to review. The final edits will be reviewed next month and approved at the February Commission meeting.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Commissioner Vogt reported that the awards committee will meet sometime in February to begin the awards cycle. Liaison Colagrossi will send out a couple of dates to the members interested in participating.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Viecegli remarked that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 7 pm.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Keith Moens addressed the Commission about street safety for pedestrians and cars. The Commissioners advised that the Village has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee where those concerns are addressed. Liaison Colagrossi advised that she send the committee's report for Mr. Moen's review and the Liaison's contact.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN.
COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED
BY COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE
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Fred Feldman

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Gary Wood

Ellyn Zimmerman

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 18, 2024

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO MOVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MOTTO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024, WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Viecegli had nothing to report.

B. Liaison Report

Liaison Colagrossi reported that the January and February newsletters have been mailed to subscribers. Erin Mercado, the Village's Social Services Coordinator, is no longer with the Village. The Department of Health & Human Services is accepting applications to fill the position, which still has a geriatric focus. We are continuing the Grief Support Group with a second 8-week session beginning January 16 through March 6.

The agencies are competing in a Winter Door Decorating contest this year. Patrons are voting and can win a free year's subscription to the newsletter. The agency with the most votes gets a pizza party. Mary Jo Lepo, Supervisor with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, retired after twenty-three years. Katherine Myers is serving as the Interim Supervisor at this time.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

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D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council will hold its last program of the year on New Year's Eve, with entertainer George Holmes and catering by Daves Specialty Foods. The council is working on its slate of events for 2025, which should be ready for the next meeting.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that since the last meeting, he has contacted Mary Beth Canty and Mark Walker's offices, asking for any assistance they can give in identifying bills or acts that were enacted affecting seniors. Neither directly tracks specific subject matter legislation, but they directed him to the Illinois Department of Aging, which does a summary at the end of each session.

The summary lists 24 bills, which are administrative, organizational, and agency-related bills. Nothing directly affects senior citizens, the residents of the Village. However, with this on trade, perhaps when the General Assembly reconvenes in January, Commissioner Feldman can connect with the Illinois Department of Aging to see if they practice the bills relating to senior citizens, even if they don't pass. Liaison Colagrossi noted she knows someone in the department and will see who she can contact for information.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Feldman reviewed the bullet point memo and the list of reasons for expanding funding for public transportation in Arlington Heights. The commissioners are writing individual letters to local and state officials on their positions to expand services to evenings and weekends for adults and disabled people. Commissioner Feldman also added that the book "Longevity Hubs" is a book that the commission should be interested in reading. <https://www.amazon.com/Longevity-Hubs-Regional-Innovation-Global/dp/026204921X/> Liaison Colagrossi said she will look into purchasing a copy for the commission for the new year.

Commissioner Raminiak stated he and Commissioner Vogt attended the last Housing Commission meeting and spoke to the commissioners about housing subsidies for older adults to remain in their homes and to use the affordable housing trust. Commissioner Raminiak stated they were receptive to that concept and wanted to learn more.

The Senior Citizens Commission is hosting a listening session as part of the Age-Friendly Arlington Heights initiative, and the topic of housing subsidies will be discussed with attendees. The session is scheduled at the Senior Center **on** Wednesday, January 29, at 5 PM.

2. Communications

Chairperson Viecegli reported that the subcommittee met before the regular meeting. The Senior Center Manager and Program Coordinator have been receiving Facebook training from the Administration. They will undergo further training before the site's official launch.

The listening session advertisement flyer was reviewed. Commissioners discussed that the flyer required more clarification regarding affordable housing and what the session would cover.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Nothing to report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

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