

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
March 17, 2025
7 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sue Viecelli, Chair
Gary Wood
Tim Carter
Fred Vogt
Corinne Drew
Steve Raminiak

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

Sharon Adams
Fred Feldman
Ellyn Zimmerman
George Motto

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 24, 2025, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025, BE ACCEPTED. COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Viecelli had nothing to report.

B. Liaison Report

Senior Center Manager Tracey Colagrossi reported that the event Aging in Arlington Heights scheduled for Wednesday, April 2nd from 6 pm to 8 pm at the senior center has eighty people signed up so far. The maximum number of participants is 100 people. The event is geared to older adults and their families illustrating the life of a fictitious person living and aging in community and the resources they will find on their journey. The Village, Wheeling Township, Catholic Charities, Connections to Care and other public resources will serve on a panel and a resource fair follows so people can ask questions of the panelist directly.

The liaison, Volunteer Coordinator Nierman and Commissioner Zimmerman have a meeting scheduled with the superintendents of school districts 25, 214, and the Principal of Saint Viator on April 4. The purpose of the meeting is to illustrate

current intergenerational collaborations and to plant seeds for future collaborations within the center and schools.

Liaison Colagrossi reported that the meeting with State Representative Grasse and Representative Canty's office with Age Options (the Suburban Area Agency on Aging) was very positive and energizing. Hanul Family Alliance, a Korean Social Service agency in Mount Prospect, and the Illinois Caregiver Coalition were also in attendance. Discussions around current caregiver bills and issues concerning older adults in the community were the highlights of the meeting.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

The Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Foundation's first "Roadshow" event is taking place on Thursday, April 3, at Beverly Lanes Bowling from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The commission is invited to have their give-away items at a table. The other "Roadshow" events will take place in Lake Arlington, the History Museum, and the Moorings.

The Inc. Board has their first Billiards Tournament scheduled for Saturday, March 29 from 8:30 am to 3 pm. 32 players with Intermediate and Advanced player brackets will compete for first, second and third place trophies. The event has a \$5 entry fee, with the purpose to engage more diverse people to the Senior Center.

The commissioners suggested ideas for fundraisers such as a walk around Arlington Lakes and soliciting the downtown Arlington Heights restaurants for gift cards as prizes. Liaison Colagrossi advised she would mention to the Inc. Board at the April meeting.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council is hosting their 2025 programs. The Diversity Celebration featuring Japan and Spain is taking place at the Senior Center on April 3. Dancing, food and education on both countries will be featured. Other events upcoming will be the traditional summer fare, such as the Hot Dog Cookout and the Ice Cream Social.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman was not at the meeting and did not have anything to report.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

No report on transportation.

Liaison Colagrossi addressed the commissioners to review the summary of the Affordable Housing Listening session held at the Senior Center on Wednesday,

January 29. In general, there was not one unifying need from the attendees, but a variety of items discussed.

Chairperson Viecegli commented on Housing Commission Liaison Boyer's presentation to the Senior Citizens Commission. She thought it was very informative.

2. Communications

Chairperson Viecegli provided the final 2025 Age-Friendly Marketing Plan to the Commission for approval.

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 AGE-FRIENDLY MARKETING PLAN. COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MARKETING PLAN WAS APPROVED.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Commissioner Vogt reported the awards committee will meet in March. The schedule will be the same as in past years, making the call for nominations on April 15, due on June 30, announcing a winner on July 31, with recognition sometime in August or September at a Board meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Viecegli opened the discussion to the Commission to create recommendations to the Village Board's next strategic planning session in July. The memo will be drafted at the end of this meeting and voted on at the April meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Viecegli remarked that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 7 pm.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN. COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOOD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:46 PM.

