

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Transportation and Affordable Housing Subcommittee Meeting
1655 N Arlington Heights Road
Suite 302 East, Arlington Heights, IL 60004
July 18, 2025
12:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Feldman called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:	Also Present:	Not Present:
Fred Feldman	Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison	Fred Vogt
Steve Raminiaak		
George Motto		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER FELDMAN REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2025.
COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO.
ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2025, WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

Transportation Report

Commissioner Feldman reported that he monitored the Pace Board Meeting earlier in the month. He stated The RTA has required that all of the public transit agencies in northeastern Illinois prepare two budgets for the coming fiscal year. One assuming they're fully funded and one assuming they start the year facing the financial cliff. If they don't get the money, all the transit agencies are saying that there will be approximately a 40% reduction in service. And one figure that was interesting that Pace came up with. For every dollar of infrastructure they spend, every dollar of expense they spend creates \$3 of income in the rest of the business world. So that means if you have \$200 million, that \$600 million worth of business that will be lost if they don't fully fund PACE. And the same is for CTA and for Metra. The third, the interesting fact that from the PACE board meeting was they're preparing a third budget which includes financing the ReVision plan which includes complete upgrading of the system. The only problem is the revision plan contemplates two different alternatives. Either they're going to intensify ridership on the routes that produce the most revenue, or they're going to expand the routes and not cover them as frequently as they do currently. At this time they have yet to make a decision.

House bill 1226 the drivers the Driver's License Exam for senior citizens It's now on the Governor's desk. It went on the Governor's desk June 20th. He has two months to sign it or veto it if he doesn't sign, it automatically becomes law after 60 days.

Affordable Housing Report

Liaison Colagrossi reported that the housing survey is in print of the July/August newsletter, which were sent to 400 homes, posted within the eblasts, as well as hard copies available at the center. Tracey will add it to the social media schedule and add flyers with QR codes linking to the survey.

Commissioner Vogt attended the Housing Commission meeting on May 21. He didn't have any items of note but would bring a summary to the regular Commissioners meeting on Monday. Commissioner Vogt added that the Housing Commission is in agreement with the needs for housing and helping older adults remain in their homes.

Commissioner Motto stressed the importance of Affordable Housing for all, as there needs to be housing for workers and caregivers for older adults. Commissioner Raminiak stated that the focus of this part of the action plan is examining the need for possible subsidizes for individual older adults and recommend using for the housing trust fund. The survey is designed to collect data to report to the Housing Commission on the findings.

Commissioner Motto added that the Housing Presentation that the Commission sponsored was very well received. He summarized the Shared Housing Program from the Center of Concern and the need for more people to serve as providers or homeowners. The people are vetted and background checked, interviewed and placed. Commissioner Motto suggested promoting the program to the older adult population as a creative way to remain in their homes. The subcommittee agreed that assisting in the promotion of the program would be beneficial for all.

The seven-question survey has had tepid responses as of yet. The subcommittee discussed incentivizing people to respond. Liasson Colagrossi advised that she would promote the survey with incentivization next week. Data collection will go through August.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Liaison Colagrossi presented the Housing Affordability and Transportation Action Plans for 2025-2027. These action plans will be included within the AARP Age-Friendly Progress Report due in September.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements/Correspondence
No announcements or correspondence.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMISSIONER FELDMAN CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK
MADE A MOTION AND COMMISSIONER MOTTO SECONDED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE
MEETING ADJOURNED 1:31 PM.**