

Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
April 13, 2026
7 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sharon Adams

Corinne Drew

Gary Wood

Ellyn Zimmerman

Fred Feldman

Fred Vogt, Chair

George Motto

Steve Raminiak

Sue Viecegli

Also Present: ☐

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Mila Tsagalis, HHS Director

Not Present:

Tim Carter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 16, 2026, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2026, BE ACCEPTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2026, WERE ACCEPTED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

Chairman Vogt requested that the Housing Report be moved up in the agenda. Chairperson Vogt and Commissioner Raminiak would like to present their memo to the Housing Commission at their April 15 meeting. In order to do so, a formal vote by the Senior Citizens Commission needs to be on record.

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK AND VOGT TO REPRESENT THE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION AT THE HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING ON APRIL 15 ON SENIOR SUPPLEMENT PROPOSAL. COMMISSIONER FELDMAN MADE THE MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VIECELLI. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

B. Liaison Report

Vinyl & Vino Event

- Scheduled for April 29 (5:30–7:00 PM)

- Temporary liquor license approved
- Event is fully waitlisted

Future Programming

- Second licensed event planned for August (Happy Hour Bingo with Park District)
- Long-term goal: pursue permanent liquor license by 2027

Senior Center Remodeling

- Memo in progress; awaiting input from Finance, Public Works, and Community Development

Upcoming Events

- National Senior Health & Fitness Day – May 29
- Senior Expo – June 18

Programs & Initiatives

- Dementia Risk Reduction training in Atlanta
- AARP Tax-Aide concluding (final numbers pending)
- Volunteer recognition for National Volunteer Week
- Staff training planned (Narcans administration, August)
- Newsletter distributed successfully
- 30-year anniversary planning underway

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

- No funding requests this cycle
- New committees formed:
 - Outreach
 - Activities
 - Financial
- Upcoming Event:
 - Antique Car Show – August 22 (morning)
 - Exploring partnership with Clearbrook for parking

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D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council are planning upcoming events:

A cultural celebration event is planned for April 14 featuring France and India

Program elements will include dance, cultural activities, and food from both cultures

E. Legislation

Many Illinois bills stalled in Rules Committee

Notable bill:

“Green Light for Buses” (HB 4759) advancing

Creates the Green Light for Buses Act. Establishes the Committee on Efficient Arterial Signal Infrastructure to make recommendations to improve public transit efficiency via improvements to traffic signal infrastructure. Publishes a report to the Department of Transportation for inclusion in the Public Transportation Plan. Grants implementing authority. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

- Continued monitoring of:

- Autonomous vehicle legislation (Waymo)
- No additional transportation updates

No additional legislative action was reported.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

Please see above legislative report.

2. Communications

Facebook growth:

- 700+ followers
- 100% increase in views over 30 days

ADA compliance updates:

- Required accessibility descriptions for images and links
- Implementation deadline: April 24

Age-Friendly presentations planned:

- Board of Health (April)
- Commission on Disabilities (June)

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Focus refined to recognize volunteer contributions to the senior community

Key dates:

- Nomination deadline: June 1 (firm)
- Outreach calls planned mid-May
- Next meeting: May 13
- Updated outreach strategy includes:
- Follow-up calls to organizations
- Simplified nomination messaging

H. Intergenerational Outreach

Commissioner Zimmerman reported:

Ongoing partnerships with local schools

Upcoming activities:

- Senior Olympics with Hersey High School students
- Graduation Walk – May 8 at Senior Center
- Multicultural Fair participation – April 30

Future initiatives:

- “How-To” community skill-sharing fair

Continued goal:

- Expand partnerships across additional schools

- Increase reciprocal engagement between youth and seniors

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

IN CHAIRPERSON VOGT'S ABSENCE, COMMISSIONER VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN. COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOOD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 PM.