

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2023  
MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING  
American Legion Memorial Civic Center  
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission on Aging was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Assistant to the Village Administrator Tom Friel who led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called. In attendance were:

Members of Commission Present: Marilyn Sneider (arrived at 1:11), Lea Beaubien, Josephine Meehan, Agnes Quinn

Members Absent: Hope Hornstien (Chairperson), Eileen Scanlon-Harford, Village Clerk, Nancy Lanning

Village/Staff: Thomas J. Friel, Assistant to the Village Administrator  
Liz Schild, MG Social Worker, Melissa Mayberry, MGPL,  
Jeff Wait, MG Park District

Absent:  
Ovie Salgado, V of MG,

Visitors Present: None

A quorum was NOT present.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting and the January 10, 2023 Record of the S.W.O.(T.) Workshop were deferred due to the lack of a quorum.

**Old Business**

**AARP – Friendly Voice Program**

Ovie Salgado was not present, therefore there was no report.

**Older Adult Transportation**

MG Social Worker Liz Arnold briefed the Commission regarding the Seniors Matter “ride-share” program. Liz explained that, to date, 24 MG seniors have registered and 9 total rides have been accomplished. Liz stated that the funds for this program (available through SafeLight) will only be available through 03/31/23. She did not know whether or not the funding would be available after 03/31/23. Liz shared that she did not attribute the limited response to a lack of “marketing”. She suggested the possibility of some potential participants lack of comfort with “smart phone” technology could be contributing. Liz will continue her efforts through SafeLight.

**New Business**

**S.W.O.(T.) Analysis 2023 Review**

T Friel lead a review of the January 10, 2023 record of the S.W.O.(T.) Workshop. A written record of the Workshop was distributed for discussion purposes. The Commission and staff members engaged in a discussion covering the January workshop with the focus of developing 3 – 5 usable objectives for 2023. The discussion included a recommendation to gather increased data regarding MG Seniors’ needs via a survey instrument. In addition, the Commission shared their suggestions for interactive programming with the Park District and the

MG Public Library. Specific topical subjects/material was also discussed/suggested. In addition, the increased use of local cable TV access was suggested.

T Friel will develop objectives based upon the discussion. The objectives will be discussed in the March meeting.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Quinn had no additional report.

Commissioner Beaubien had no additional report.

Commissioner Meehan had no additional report.

Commissioner Sneider had no additional report.

### **Other Staff Reports**

Liz Schild (MG Social Worker) earlier in the meeting, explained that the Morton Grove Community Church recently asked her if there was interest in exploring cooperative “synergies” regarding the need for food/produce deliveries to “homebound” MG seniors. Liz provided a brief summary of possibilities and stated that she would gather more information and keep the Commission informed.

Jeff Wait (MG Park District) informed the Commission that the Spring/Summer Park District “brochure” was being finalized. In addition, he briefed the group regarding recognition recently award to the Park District for the Harrer Park “re-design” project. He provided a brief explanation. Jeff also informed the group that Mr. John Liston was recently welcomed as a new Park Board Commissioner.

Melissa Mayberry (MGPL) offered a suggestion of using “Ted Talk” as one method to offer a variety of topical subjects to seniors without incurring the cost of a presenter. In addition, she explained that the MGPL is currently exploring the possibility of offering “shared hybrid” learning to the community through ZOOM access. Melissa Also introduced an opportunity for seniors to participate in “Uniper TV”. This is a program offered through Age Options which requires that a participant allows the installation of a camera on their TV in order to participate in at-home programming such as exercise, yoga, etc.

### **Comments from Visitors**

No visitors were present.

### **Adjournment**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **1:00 pm, April 11, 2023..**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

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T Friel Acting Chairperson