

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024  
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 1:03 p.m. by Chairperson Hornstein who led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called. In attendance were:

Members of Commission Present:	Hope Hornstein (Chairperson), Dr. Farooq Ahmed (1:30), Marilyn Sneider, Gladys Rosas, Josephine Meehan, Mary Senkowski, Agnes Quinn, Eileen Scanlon-Harford
Members Absent:	Nancy Lanning, Lea Beaubien
Village/Staff:	Ovie Salgado, Liz Schild, MG Social Worker, V of MG, Thomas J. Friel, Assistant to the Village Administrator
Staff Absent:	Jeff Wait, MG Park District, Melissa Mayberry, MGPL
Visitors Present:	None

A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting. Clerk Scanlon-Harford made a motion to accept and Commissioner Meehan seconded. All were in favor.

**Old Business**

**Older Adult Transportation**

Liz provided a brief overview of the program to the Commission. She noted that there are currently 72 individuals registered and a total of 303 rides have been provided to date. A budget line balance of approx. \$1,100 remains as of today's date. Liz also answered questions from the Commission.

**Senior Village's Snow Shoveling and Lawncare Program**

Liz provided a brief update of the program. Liz explained that the program recently changed from a "volunteer" i.e. no fee concept to a program that will allow the resident and student/chore provider to negotiate a "reasonable fee" for services. Currently, 56 seniors are registered and 10 students have offered their participation interest. Liz also provided some local successful anecdotes regarding the program.

**Abundant Harvest Outreach**

Chairperson Hornstein reported that the program is, once again, taking new participants in the program. Liz confirmed the continuation of the program. Volunteers to assist in distribution are always welcome.

**Monthly Senior Activity Update (OS)**

Ovi reported the participation numbers for programs including the luncheon programs for January. Approx. 490 seniors participated in some service/activity offered during January. Ovi provided an overview of upcoming events including the AARP Tax Preparation Program. 230 local seniors have already confirmed appointments for the free tax assistance. Appointments are limited and will end the second week of April. Ovi briefed the group that the Age Options "Taking Charge of Your Health"

program is lacking significant enrollment at this time. He reported that additional marketing efforts will be made. Ovi reported that the March Senior Luncheon will have a St. Patrick's Day theme. The menu will be corned beef & cabbage.

At the end of his report, Ovi asked the Chair to allow Commissioner (Mary) Senkowski the opportunity to introduce herself. Chairperson Hornstein recognized the Commissioner and Mary provide an overview of her history and experience as a Morton Grove resident and her eagerness to assist with the Commission's ongoing mission.

### 2023 Objectives

TF provided a update regarding efforts to form focus groups to survey constituents as to their senior-specific community needs and their perception of programs already offered. Ovi & Chairperson Hornstein have a list of group participants under development. Discussion ensued regarding marketing of special programs such as seminars/events.

Local partnering efforts were discussed including efforts to provide ongoing information to those attending quarterly Condo Association meetings.

Commissioner Sneider inquired about the status of providing information to seniors regarding Legal Issues for Seniors. TF responded that he was asked to follow-up with the Maine Township attorney "...in the spring..." TF to follow-up.

### New Business

None

### Commissioner Reports

The Chair asked Commissioners in attendance if they had any reports:

Commissioner Meehan clarified the availability of participation in "day trips" offered by Maine Township "MaineStreamers". Chairperson Hornstein and Ovi provided direction.

Commissioner Ahmed followed up by asking the status of any available senior data including names & addresses. TF provided aggregate demographic data to the commission with an explanation as to the limitation of specific personal data i.e. names & phone numbers. A short discussion ensued.

TF provided the Commission with the latest quarterly Village Newsletter. Attention was directed to the Senior page of the newsletter. TF suggested that a senior focused health presentation led by Dr. Ahmed and effectively marketed would be welcomed.

Commissioner Meehan directed the group's attention to the quarterly Neighborhood Outreach programs. Clerk Scanlon-Harford encouraged all residents to attend the Community Outreaches.

Commissioner Sneider asked about early voting and absentee ballot availability. Clerk Scanlon-Harford answered all questions and clarified dates.

All Commissioners were asked by the Chair if they had any additional reports.

### Other Staff Reports

No reports were available from the Library of the Park District. TF reminded the group to please RSVP to the Commission Appreciation event scheduled for February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Comments from Visitors**

None

**Adjournment**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **1:00 pm, March 12, 2024.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Scanlon-Harford and was seconded by Commissioner Sneider. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

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Hope Hornstein Chairperson