



APPROVED MINUTES
MEETING OF THE AGING IN COMMUNITIES COMMISSION
Oak Park Village Hall, Room 124
December 10, 2025 - 6:00pm

The December 10, 2025 meeting of the Aging in Communities Commission was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Blesoff.

Roll Call: .

Marc Blesoff	Present
Monika Robinson	Present
Evelyn Clay	Present
Linda T Francis	Present
Melissa A Avila	Present

Staff present: Cassandra Adediran

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded, and approved.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2025, was made, seconded, and passed.

Comm Robinson arrived immediately before the non-agenda public comment.

Non-Agenda Public Comment: Public comment was made by Mr. O'Brien regarding the what is going on with the Ageism. Chair Blesoff related the impact of changes that have been made which improves the lives of older people with services and accessibility. The question of how does one let the community know? Per Mr. O'Brien, the writings in the local newspaper helps. Comm Clay mentioned the possibility of having more outdoor seating for seniors while they are out and about. Comm Clay wanted to know if the Village can support all households receiving the Wednesday Journal although she understands that it is a private enterprise. The OP/FYI circulates to all households. Mr. O'Brien's comment were primarily wanting to know what is going on with making ageism front and center with the village by putting it on the website. Regarding the continued discussion about ageism, Chair Blesoff will reach out to Chief Officer Kellye Keyes.

Old Business:

- 1. Work plan** – The Commission reviewed the draft workplan submitted by Comm. Francis. The Commission discussed and added the activities that the members will endeavor to do for 2026 and removed the items that they would not. Budget amounts were assigned to each activity. The Motion was made by Chair Blesoff and seconded by Chair Clay, to approve the workplan with the changes. A vote was taken and motion passed to approve the work plan. Chair Blesoff will forward the work plan to the staff liaison's office.
- 2. Dementia Friendly** – the discussion on the dementia friendly program will be postponed until the next meeting pending Chief Officer Kellye Keyes' attendance. Chair Blesoff will encourage Chief Officer Keyes to attend the 1/14/2026 meeting.

3. Upcoming vacancies – Commissioner George Bailey and Commissioner Karl Spight each attended their last meeting in November. The commission would like to acknowledge and celebrate their generosity of time. Currently, the AIC needs to fill two positions. The CIC will help. The Chair is asking members to assist with identifying individuals who may be interested in joining. Members were encouraged to let the Chair know who may be considered.

Final discussions from the Chair included a brief description of a conversation that Comm Robinson had with the Dir of Senior Services, Pamela Mahn, who is interested in assisting with reviving the dementia friendly program. Comm Robinson would like to have Dir. Mahn to attend the next meeting in January. Also, the River Forest township has the Dementia Friendly designation and perhaps there can be collaboration amongst all of the villages to make it happen. In 2020, 1) there was communication about teaching action groups which teaches people what DF is; 2) the assessment (administration) and evaluation group with oversees evaluation of the program to see how it is being administered; and (3) the engagement group which gets the community involved. Per Dr. Mahn, the village has the names of the businesses and organizations so that when the licenses go to be renewed, then going through the dementia friendly training to obtain the Dementia Friendly designation would be part of getting the license. Per chair, any work that is done on DF, with the different groups, can also connect to ageism as a public health issue because as Dr. Levey's research has shown, people with positive beliefs about aging, or who may even have the gene for dementia, are less likely to exhibit dementia.

The dementia friendly program will be placed on the agenda for January. Dir. Mahn will be invited to the meeting. Chief DEI Officer Kellye Keyes will be contacted. Comm Robinson suggested that someone from River Forest to be at the meeting. The members of the commission would like for the technology to be working. The target date for the replacement commissioners will be as soon as possible as there is a 6-week or so process. Chair Blesoff will check with the Village Clerk.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn to was made, seconded, and approved. All were in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:53p.m.