

MINUTES  
 MEETING OF THE AGING IN PLACE COMMISSION  
 Oak Park Village Hall  
 April 11, 2023  
 6:00 pm

**PRESENT:** Chair Marc Blesoff and Commissioners Robinson, Cimaglio, Bailey, Clay, Spight and Stall

**STAFF PRESENT:** DCS Assistant Director Cameron Davis

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** None

**Roll Call:** Chair Blesoff called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Marc Blesoff	Present
Barbara Cimaglio	Present
Monika Robinson	Present.
George Bailey	Present.
Evelyn Clay	Present
Carl Spight	Present
Susan Stall	Present

**Agenda Approval** – A motion was made by Commissioner Cimaglio and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment – None.**

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Spight to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business** – The Commission had an in-depth conversation about the draft work plan. Assistant Director Davis and Commission Chair Blesoff took notes regarding the changes and clarifications for the work plan as discussed by the Commission members. The Commission agreed on recommending changing its name to the “Aging in Communities Commission,” among other work plan adjustments.

The Commission agreed to consider recommending change to the Commissions establishing ordinance and to keep that goal on the work plan.

The Commission agreed to work on drafting recommendations for improving the location of rest spaces throughout the Village and to work with the Village Engineer and Transportation Commission in an effort to better take into consideration the needs of seniors. This item was kept in the work plan.

The Commission agreed that promoting the Commission’s name change and working to publish three (3) articles in 2023 should be included in the revised work plan.

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The Commission agreed to work on ageism as a public health issue in 2023 and to re-start the Dementia Friendly program. In addition, the Commission spoke about the research Becca Levy is looking to complete and agreed to incorporate “A Town Without Ageism” language in the work plan.

The Commission agreed to re-establish the “Aging in Communities Awards Program” and that is reflected in the revised work plan.

Other aspects of the work plan under consideration remained the same.

Chair Blesoff announced that he has requested a meeting with the Village Manager to discuss the Commission’s revised work plan and potential recommended changes to the Commission’s establishing ordinance. He stated that he would report back to the Commission about this meeting at the Commission’s May meeting.

Chair Blesoff also reported that he met with new Village Trustee Brian Straw.

Participation at the Village “Day in Our Village” was discussed and the Commission agreed to include that participation in the work plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cimaglio and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to participate in the 2023 Day in Our Village event. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved. Commissioners Clay and Robinson will discuss the Commission’s participation in the event. Assistant Director Davis will reserve the table, chairs (2), tent and prepare a sign for the table.

After additional discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Cimaglio and seconded to approve the Commissions 2023 work plan with the understanding that Chair Blesoff will incorporate the changes discussed at this meeting. The vote was unanimously supported.

Chair Blesoff will bring the recommended adjustments to the Commission’s new establishing ordinance to the Commission’s next meeting. In addition, the Commission will continue discussing its participation in the Day in Our Village event.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn to was made by Commissioner Stall and seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.