

**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2013**  
**Elmhurst Public Library**  
**ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

Commissioners Present: Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Grayson Haller, Cathy Jordan, Kristin Sanderson, Mary Eleanor Wall, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

Commissioners Absent: Michael Bram, Jerri Cople, Jackie Haddad, Kris Hansen, Jeff Kucera (S.A.L.T.)—ex officio, Peggy LoCicero, Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple, Emily Moran, Chris White

Others Present: Angela Bentsen (M.F.S.), Janet Driscoll (M.F.S.), Brenda Rauch (D.S.C.C.)

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathy Jordan at 1:08 P.M.
2. Mary Eleanor moved that minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting be accepted as presented.
3. Cathy announced that Maureen is official. An updated list of Commissioners will be available at a subsequent meeting. Michael Bram will not be continuing on the Commission, and the replacement will represent the Park District. City Hall is currently reviewing the budget. The Commission is awarded \$1000 which is divided as \$200 per committee and \$200 miscellaneous. We will be informed when the budget passes. When requesting reimbursements from the City, allow one month.
4. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—A written report was provided from January 1- October 31, 2013. Brenda reported the following: Home Maintenance—77; Spring Chore Days for DuPage County—50; Fall Chore Days for DuPage County—88; Elmhurst Spring and Fall Chore Days—29; Well Being Checks—8,819; Meals Served—11,192; total unduplicated people all programs--190. (Elmhurst statistics only)
5. **Metropolitan Family Services**—A written report was provided. Angela and Janet will be going to Greencastle to present a session on grief and loss. Their goal is to start a group there. They would like to do the same thing at Liberty Village. They would also like to start a caregiver support group for Elmhurst; the size would be between 6 and 12 participants. Kristin said that using the library as a meeting place is an option. They distributed an article about the increase in grandparents raising grandchildren.

**6. Committee Reports:**

**a. Education Committee**—It was the consensus that Patti Bellock, Illinois General Assembly Representative, was too political. Angela will speak at a future Community Conversation.

**b. Housing**—Mary Eleanor reported that there will be a tour on November 16 starting at Elmhurst Extended Care at 9:30 a.m., Greencastle at 10:10 a.m., and Senior Home Sharing by 10:50 a.m. with the goal of being finished by 11:30 a.m. Ellen at City Hall emailed the City Council about the date and times. It was noted that the Senior Commission has been to Park Place, but that Park Place has not been part of a tour. Cathy thanked the committee for the great coordination.

**c. Transportation**—Georgia reported that they are still working on the ride program and will be meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Collaboration**—The committee met last week and reviewed the timeline. A representative from N.A.M.I. can speak, as well as Angela from M.F.S. The date is tentatively set for May 1 in the Oak Room in the lower level of Elmhurst Hospital. The committee is looking at save-the-date cards, and will contact Pat Dungey at City Hall about the necessary steps.

## 7. Other Business

Mary Eleanor mentioned an article about Senior Home Sharing that recently appeared in the Chicago Tribune.

Carol asked if any of us have seen a white bus with a burgundy stripe around Elmhurst.

We will hear the presentations from M.F.S. and D.S.C.C. at the December meeting.

The December meeting and lunch will be held at the library. Cathy will coordinate what people want from Panera Bread and we can then pay her for the sandwiches. Following that, we will go to the Historical Museum for a private tour.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013 AT THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

8. Georgia moved that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 1:58 p.m.

Heide Forbush, Secretary