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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

Commissioners Present: Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple, Kristin Sanderson, Mary Eleanor Wall, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

Commissioners Not Present: Michael Bram, Jerri Copple, Georgia Dolan, Jeff Kucera (S.A.L.T.)—ex officio, Emily Moran, Chris White

Others Present: Angela Bentsen (MFS), Janet Driscoll (M.F.S.), Ralph King (DSCC)

Guests: Steve Morley, Elmhurst Mayor; James Grabowski, Elmhurst City Manager

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathy Jordan at 1:10 P.M.
2. Jackie moved that minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting be approved as presented.
3. Cathy said that York High is looking for potential nominees for its Alumni Awards program. There was an invitation from Mt. Emblem Cemetery for a Pumpkin Fest on October 26 from 11-3. It is an American Diabetes fund raiser and food drive event.
4. Cathy introduced Steve and Jim, and then each of the commissioners introduced themselves, and explained their role on the Commission. Steve and Jim gave updates on current issues facing the city. High end apartments appear to be in the future of the Hahn Street development. The Berteau hospital property is with a broker; it is zoned R-2 and is to be sold as is. Two representatives each from the city council, park district, and school board are reviewing options in relation to the flooding issue.
5. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—A written report was provided from January 1-October 8, 2013. Ralph reported the following: Home Maintenance and Chore Days Services—73; Well Being Checks—8,012; Meals Served—11,150; total unduplicated people all programs--189. (Elmhurst statistics only)
6. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. The agency receives many phone calls from care givers. Angela said that she could speak on changes in Medicare, and it was discussed that this could be a future Community Conversation program topic.

Note that due to the change in the city fiscal year at the November meeting DSCC and MFS will again present, so we can give our recommendations to the city council for budgeting, and hence, future funding of these agencies.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Education Committee—Jackie reported that the Community Conversation to be held October 12 has over 120 signed up. Patti Bellock, Illinois General Assembly Representative, will speak at the November 9 event on senior services provided by the county, state and federal governments.

b. Housing—Mary Eleanor will coordinate potential dates with the mayor for a fall housing tour. Elmhurst Extended Care and Liberty Village are two possibilities.

c. Transportation—Ruth has composed a letter of the committee's recommendations, and the Commission will vote on it at the next meeting.

d. Collaboration—The committee will meet November 4. There will be another conference in 2014 with an emphasis on mental health. A speaker is being sought from N.A.M.I. The City website has updated its cell size per the observation of Emily; Kristen took care of it.

8. Other Business

The ad hoc committee went to the Arlington Heights Senior Center which is regional based—North Shore. It is located in a former Eagle grocery store and is truly one stop shopping with activities and services, as well as a lending closet.

Cathy still wants to coordinate a visit to the Glendale Heights facility, which is city based.

At the next meeting we will discuss ideas for our December meeting—when and where.

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

9. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Heide Forbush, Secretary