

**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**  
**Elmhurst Public Library**  
**ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Emily Moran, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Chris White, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple

PRESENT: Angela Bentsen (M.F.S.), Helen Fitzpatrick (M.F.S.), Ralph King (D.S.C.C.)

Guest: Skyler Larrimore is from the not-for-profit Elevate Energy, 322 S. Green Street, Chicago established in 2000. [skyler.larrimore@elevateenergy.org](mailto:skyler.larrimore@elevateenergy.org) - 773.407.3784

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathy Jordan at 1:04 p.m.
2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
3. **MSC** Kris moved that the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting be approved as presented.
4. Cathy sent letters to the mayor and city council re M.F.S. and D.S.C.C. Pam Morrissey has been appointed to the Senior Commission.
5. Elevate Energy spokesperson Skyler Larrimore spoke about a variety of energy issues:
  - Over 50% of energy costs go to heating and cooling
  - Smart Grid and Smart Meters are improvements made by ComEd to improve service reliability
  - Smart Meters offer information on usage with hourly prices
  - 68% - energy loss in attic and basement
  - 22% - loss through walls
  - 10% - loss through windows
  - Energy Impact Illinois is a program to help homeowners
  - Nicor offers rebates for sealant and insulation—up to \$800 rebate on \$2000-\$4000 upgrades
  - Home Assessment is \$99—which is the combustion safety test and blower door test (note these tests are needed for the Nicor rebate)
6. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided by Ralph. October 1, 2014 – October 31, 2014 (Elmhurst only)—Meals – 1020; Well-Being Checks – 725; Fall Chore Days—15; Seniors Served – 83. Total home maintenance calls in Elmhurst—8. Gutter cleaning is home maintenance, but he cannot go over 200 feet due to insurance restrictions.
7. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Helen is working with Greencastle and hopes to implement a program with Liberty Village. Self-neglect is a euphemism for hoarding.

## 8. Committee Reports:

**a. Education Committee**—Having Skyler speak on energy savings / options/ programs is a potential Community Conversation. Jackie thanked Grayson and Ruth for their help, and Monica for the treats for the November 8 Community Conversation. There were 45 in attendance. The April program is still in the planning stages. The Senior Commission Community Conversations are available for viewing on the City of Elmhurst website.

**b. Housing**—Kris reported on the Housing and Transportation event from 9:00 a.m. – Noon on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Wilder Mansion. She still needs to confirm the layout and get volunteers for the refreshments. Lexington Square will provide food. Jackie said she will do the coffee. Help will be needed for set-up and tear down. A volunteer sheet will be available at the January meeting. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**c. Transportation**—Grayson reported that a DuPage County representative will speak on transportation at Greencastle. Georgia said that the committee will meet to consider recommending Ride DuPage again to the city officials.

**d. Collaboration**—Kristin reported that the survey for the directory will be finalized and that it will be out on January 12.

## 9. Other Business

- a. There will be no formal meeting in December. Lunch will be at Lexington Square.
- b. There will be a hospital update in January.
- c. Emily suggested a joint program with the Youth Commission if possible. They just held a program about the heroin epidemic.

**10. Adjournment**—Jackie moved that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 2:10 p.m.

- **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015 AT THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

Heide Forbush, Secretary