

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

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, Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple, Pam Morrissey, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Maureen Wood

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Terri Mosley, Chris White, Carol Yesko

PRESENT: Angela Bentsen (M.F.S.), Ralph King (D.S.C.C.), Betsy D'Onofrio

1. Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
2. The minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting were approved as corrected. It is to be added that all residents of independent living facilities—Greencastle, Lexington Square, Liberty Village, Park Place—need to have access to information about Community Conversations and also receive the Pocket Pals; creation of a system is necessary to ensure that flyers, etc. are brought to these facilities.
3. Public Comments--There were no public comments.
4. Cathy distributed a letter about Parkinson's Disease Support Group meetings to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning April 28 at EEH, which will be facilitated by Joel Morris, former Superintendent for Elmhurst School District 205.
5. Cathy introduced Kassondra Schref, City of Elmhurst Communications Manager who presented the updated website which will launch on April 25. Ideas and suggestions included senior discounts at Elmhurst businesses; a generic email address *such as* seniorservices@elmhurst.org; including the Community Conversations on a City of Elmhurst events page, as well as the Senior Commission page; making sure that the Pocket Pal is included.
6. DuPage Senior Citizens Council – written report provided with corrected numbers for 2/1/16-2/29/16: Meals served 577, Seniors 49, Well Being checks 510, Home maintenance 5. No numbers provided for this month. An installment payment was received so they will reopen locations in a staggered sequence. York Township has stepped up to help with the costs for community dining.
7. Metropolitan Family Services – written report provided. Helen is working with the fire department on the Mental Health First Aid program. They are trying to reach Greencastle and Liberty Village residents monthly with “Coffee with a Social Worker.”
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Transportation – Ruth is awaiting more information from City Hall.

b. Collaboration—Kristin reported that the Collaboration Conference is scheduled for Thursday, May 5; 30 have registered thus far. She distributed a poster for the Senior Prom to be held Sunday, May 1, from 2-4 p.m. at York High.

c. Education—Jackie reported that there were about 70 in attendance at the Community Conversation. She thanked Cathy, Grayson, Kathy, Kris and Peggy.

d. Housing—no report

9. Other Business—

a. A Senior Citizen of the Year Award form will be created and available for distribution at the Collaboration event. A tentative date of September 29 has been set for the award presentation.

b. A group is going to the Glendale Heights senior facility to get information and establish strategies. They will then meet with Mayor Morley.

c. Cathy will resurrect the senior discount letter.

10. Adjournment—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

- **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016**

AT THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Heide Forbush, Secretary