

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple, Pam Morrissey, Terri Mosley, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Chris White, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Georgia Dolan, Grayson Haller

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

1. Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
3. **MSC** Jackie moved that the minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.
4.
 - a. Cathy announced that Angela is now Executive Director of Metropolitan Family Services and will be working out of the Wheaton office.
 - b. Cathy distributed a flyer for the D.S.C.C. Senior Dance Party “Sock Hop” fund raiser to be held on September 22 at The Abbington.
 - c. She announced that there were two winners of the Outstanding Senior of the Year Award. The presentation will be September 29 at City Hall.
5. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided. Ralph reported that all the community dining sites have now reopened and there is an Asian site in Aurora. Elmhurst totals 1/1/16-8/31/16: Meals—4,743; Seniors—124; Home maintenance—46; Well-being checks—4,000.
6. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. In May Mental Health First Aid was offered at the library with approximately 16 in attendance. Helen reported that for May, June, July and August 2016 there are 27 open case files; 14 walk-ins; 64 information and referral phone calls; 34 Community Development/Outreach with a total of 134 persons.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Transportation**—After a meeting with Mayor Morley Ruth said that he is very supportive and will work to promote senior transportation options amongst the aldermen. She said that the process is not stalled, but slow.

Terri commented that a Greencastle resident asked why the bus does not pull into the hospital complex. Ruth will explore this with PACE and EEH.

b. **Collaboration**—Kristin said that the committee is thinking of holding an annual conference. A caregiver series has been started at the library.

c. **Education**—Jackie said that the first Community Conversation will be held October 15 with a focus on caregiving. The November 12 Community Conversation will explore the idea of a senior center in Elmhurst.

d. **Housing**—Kris met with the mayor and announced that a housing tour will take place on October 22—Concord Place in Northlake at 9 a.m., Lexington Square Elmhurst at 10 a.m. and, Greencastle at 11 a.m.

8. Other Business—

a. The 2016 Outstanding Senior Citizen Service Awards will be held at City Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 29 with a reception to follow.

b. All the committee chairmen and Cathy met with Mayor Morley who has toured the Glendale Heights senior center. It was noted that people have an incorrect image of a senior center.

c. Carol mentioned a recent article in the September 6 New York Times science section called “Healing the Lonely.” Ralph and Cathy pointed out that *The Friendly Visitor Program* through D.S.C.C. is in the “thought” process as funding is an issue. It would provide companionship.

9. Adjournment—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016
AT THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Heide Forbush, Secretary