

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

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

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Jackie Haddad, Amy Srail

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

GUEST: Joel Morris, former Superintendent of Elmhurst School District 205, Maureen Collins from Enlightened and Empowered Kids Preschool Inc.

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
3. **MSC** Peggy moved that the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy mentioned the Music and the Mind invitation.
5. Maureen Collins, Ed. D. spoke about the Enlightened and Empowered Kids Preschool which is an intergenerational and developmentally appropriate preschool program. It is an alternative or an addition to other preschool programs with all family members and caregivers welcome. **REAL** Early Childhood Curriculum—**R**elevant and **R**esearch Based, **E**nlightening and **E**mpowering, **A**uthentic and **I**ndividualized, **L**oving. Dr. Collins taught special education before embarking on this.
6. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided. Ralph reported—Elmhurst totals January 1-31, 2017: Meals served—678; Seniors—64; Well Being Checks—557; Home maintenance/Chore Days—0. Ralph said that if the State of Illinois has not passed a budget by the end of March, there will be layoffs and program/project closures.
7. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Helen reported that for January 2017 there are 17 open case files; 6 walk-ins; 20 information and referral phone calls; with a total of 43 persons. She said that they are getting a lot of calls from caregivers. They have been able to get out more donated items to Elmhurst residents.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Transportation**—no report.
- b. **Collaboration**—Kristin said the collaboration event is Thursday, May 4 at the Elmhurst Public Library with save-the-date notices and emails already sent.
- c. **Education**—Kathy reported that the Community Conversation scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. at Elmhurst City Hall will emphasize “Maintaining a Positive Outlook as We Age.” The speaker will be from N.A.M.I.
- c. **Housing**—Kris said there will be a meeting after today’s meeting.

9. **Other Business**—

- a. There will not be a March meeting.
- b. Terri recently married and is now in Downers Grove. Congratulations and best wishes were offered.
- c. For the Community Conversation Helen, Peggy, Grayson and Kris can attend.
- d. Chris urged that letters be written to Congress concerning the proposal to eliminate the E.P.A.

10. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

AT

THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Heide Forbush, Secretary