

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Ruth Maple, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Grayson Haller, Kathy Lorenz, Pam Morrissey, Terri Mosley, Chris White

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

GUEST(S): Joel Morris, former Superintendent of Elmhurst School District 205; Jane Miller, Artis; Mary Kies, Elmhurst Park District

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** The minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting were approved as corrected—add Heide to the Senior Award committee.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy reported that Senior Commission Applications are on the City Council agenda. Terri Mosley has resigned. Cathy thanked Kristin for the outstanding work on the Collaboration Conference and acknowledged her work, as well as the work of the committee. Senior Award Recognition forms are available online. She attended a Park District Strategic Planning session and said that there was a senior center plan with four options to vote on and express interest in.

May 31 is the Elmhurst Park District Senior Fair at the Courts. The D.S.C.C. is having a “Dancing With the Stars” fund raiser on May 13. The D.S.C.C. is sponsoring a Senior Dance Party on May 25 at the Abbington. June 15, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall the mayor will present a program focusing on “The City and How It Operates.” The Lizzadro Museum is considering moving to Oak Brook.

5. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—no written report.
6. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Helen reported that for April 2017 there are 16 open case files; 4 walk-ins; 8 information and referral phone calls; 20 Community Outreach/Development with a total of 48 persons served. The Senior Program has created a new trifold and flyer that explains their program, and they are distributing them throughout the city and county.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Transportation**—Ruth reported that they have spoken with Patty Spencer about getting Ride DuPage into Elmhurst. Ruth is trying to coordinate with York and Addison Townships and the City to pull this all together.
- b. **Collaboration**—Kristin said that 41 people representing 27 agencies attended the conference. The meeting notes and speaker’s presentation will be emailed later. The feedback was very positive and they are already planning next year’s event. Having the event at the library is a plus. She said if anyone knows of good speakers, who have been tested and whom people have heard, she would appreciate that information.
- c. **Education**—The committee will meet in June to plan the Community Conversations.
- d. **Housing**—Kris said the fall Community Conversation will be “How to Stay in Your Home Safely” and will focus on hoarding, downsizing, referrals, home maintenance, and selecting a care-giving agency.

8. **Other Business**—

- a. Erin will come to the next meeting on June 14 to give a visual presentation showcasing the new economic developments in Elmhurst.
- b. There will be a pot luck with snacks and beverages at the next meeting. Heide will bring beverages; Maureen will bring cups, plates, etc.
- c. Carol said that United Community Concerns was going to hold a Wine and Restaurant Tasting event at Wilder Mansion.
- d. (Guest) Joel promoted the Parkinson’s meetings at the hospital.
- e. (Guest) Jane expressed how much she enjoyed the Collaboration Conference and said that Artis will open in October. She is getting out the word about their facility which will focus on memory care. They are a company with roots on the east coast.
- f. (Guest) Mary said that many responded online to the Park District questionnaire.

9. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

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

AT

THE ELMHUST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Heide Forbush, Secretary