

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
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, Ruth Maple, Joel Morris, Pam Morrissey, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Kathy Lorenz, Chris White

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

GUEST(S): Erin Jason, Business Development Coordinator, City of Elmhurst; Tom Trosien, City of Elmhurst

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
3. **MSC** Kris moved that the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy reported that Joel is officially on the Commission and that Monica, Jackie, Kris, Pam, Amy and Cathy have been reappointed with terms ending 4/30/20. Cathy introduced the presenters and said that Tom may attend the October 14 Senior Conversation to inform seniors about the electric aggregation changes.
5. **Presentations**—
 - a. **Electric Aggregation, Tom Trosien**
The City of Elmhurst is recommending that citizens switch to Com Ed for their electric aggregation. The city is suspending its program in September. Residents will automatically be switched to Com Ed. Tom is requesting that the Commission get out the word that seniors should not give out any account information to anyone, as there will be many solicitors calling them. Information is available on the City of Elmhurst website. Look under “Finance,” then “aggregation.”
 - b. **Economic Development Update, Erin Jason**
Elmhurst has become a “Wellness Destination.” The Gerber Collision and Glass headquarters is in Elmhurst. Erin encourage us to have a meeting there. The business parks are constructing sidewalks, and sidewalks are also being constructed on York Street near those parks.

The train station is to be upgraded. Over 1700 people daily take the train from Elmhurst. They are considering a new tunnel at York and First Streets. New businesses include Flavah, Beerhead, and Escape Room—above the York Theater. The Elks space above NuCrepes is leased. DuPage Medical Group is coming to York and Vallette for physical therapy, and they purchased the medical office building at North and West Avenues.

6. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—Elmhurst totals 4/1/17-4/30/17: Meals—1007, Seniors—62, Well-being checks—534, Home maintenance/chore days--1
7. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Helen reported that for May 2017 there were 15 open case files; 8 walk-ins; 12 information and referral phone calls; 43 Community Outreach/Development contacts made with a total of 78 persons served. In May outreach and education were done with the DuPage County Health Department. Mental Health First Aid was taught twice in May.
8. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Transportation**—no report
 - b. **Collaboration**—no report
 - c. **Education**—Kris reported on the October 14 Community Conversation which will focus on “Staying and Aging in Place.” Topics will include hoarding, home maintenance, and choosing home health care. Additional resources will be provided.

Jackie reported that the November 18 program will be “Money Smarts for Older Adults.” The April 14, 2018 program will feature a nutrition specialist.
9. **Housing**—report given under Education
10. **Other Business**—Cathy reported on the status of the Senior Award and asked that Commissioners look for people to nominate. Ellen will email nomination forms to the Commissioners.
11. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M.,

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

AT

THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Heide Forbush, Secretary

