

**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 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, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Chris White

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Kathy Lorenz, Pam Morrissey, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

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

GUEST(S): Tegan Stuart, Director of Community Relations, Artis Senior Living 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** Peggy moved that the minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy said that 106 people were in attendance for the Outstanding Senior Awards presentation. She thanked everyone on the ad hoc committee and all who helped that evening. There were thirteen recipients with two selected as the outstanding award winner; three could not attend. Cathy said having the professional photographer was wonderful and that a group shot was taken of the audience also.

She mentioned the program “Too Soon to Forget” which will be presented at Elmhurst College.

Metropolitan Family Services and the DuPage Senior Citizens Council will make their annual presentations at the November meeting; the Commission will then vote to recommend funding to the City of Elmhurst.

5. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—no written report provided. Ralph reported that their system was hacked.
6. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Helen reported that the office participated in Sparkfest done by Erasing the Distance a not-for-profit artistic company that disarms stigma through documentary theater. The theme was caregiver stress. Residents with open case files—15, Walk-ins—2, Information and referral calls—15, Community Education and Outreach—41 with a total of 73 served.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Transportation**—Ruth had no report.
  - b. **Collaboration**—Kristin said that the library, in relation to the care givers series, will offer two training sessions on October 30 at 2:00 p.m. and November 8 at 12:00 p.m.. She will notify the Commission via email about the specifics.
  - c. **Education**—Jackie gave an overview of the next two Community Conversations. Park Place will provide the food for October and Whole Foods will provide the food for November.
  - d. **Housing**—Kris said that the speakers for the October Community Conversation are confirmed.
8. **Other Business**—Kris attended the Park District end of year summary meeting. Elmhurst has a population of 46,000; the Abbey is rated a C+. A possible senior center was mentioned at the location of the turquoise building on Palmer Drive. That building will be torn down. The land is currently seen as green space near the Wilder tomb, but a senior center is in their thoughts.

Cathy and Jackie discussed the lack of handicap parking in Elmhurst, especially north of the tracks and the difficulties of getting someone dropped off at York theater, and then finding parking for events such as the Gibbons Senior Cinema. This has been discussed with the mayor, but the Public Affairs Committee would need a proposal for evaluation of this issue. Cathy will format a letter to present to the Commission at the November meeting with suggestions about valet parking or a bus/trolley from Gibbons to York Theater.

9. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

**AT**

**THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Heide Forbush, Secretary