

**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**  
**Elmhurst Public Library**  
**ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Ruth Maple, Pam Morrissey, Amy Srail, Chris White, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Jackie Haddad, Kathy Lorenz, Joel Morris

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

GUEST(S): Loren Buford, M.F.S., Michael Capizzano, Township of Addison—Transportation/Senior Services

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** Kris moved that the minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting be approved as presented. Georgia moved that the minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting be approved as corrected. Amy was not in attendance.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—The Commissioners introduced themselves to the guests. Cathy sent a letter to the city council in support of M.F.S. and D.S.C.C. The council passed the motion to fund both organizations. Cathy and Georgia attending the city parking meeting and learned that the issue is city wide not only a *senior* issue. They suggested valet parking as an option.
5. Michael Capizzano explained where Addison Township is—north of North Avenue—and gave an overview of Ride DuPage. He is also a S.H.I.P. representative. Ride DuPage has 300 vehicles available. All of them have vehicular transponders and a 96% on time record. There is no same day service; a minimum of twenty-four hours notice (up to seven days) is needed. A companion can ride along free. There is seven days a week/twenty-four-hour service available. Ride DuPage takes 7000 per month on trips averaging 6.5 miles with curb to curb service. The driver cannot enter the home, so the rider must meet him at the car which would come in the driveway. The call center hours to arrange for rides are 6 a.m.-6 p.m. and the time needed for pickup and the time for return pickup will be verified. There are no limits on the number of rides a person can take. Ride DuPage was created to eliminate Pilot II. A question was asked about whether different towns have rules within the Ride DuPage system, but Michael said that most towns are in line with one another. He believes we would need an intergovernmental agreement to get Ride DuPage to include Elmhurst south of North Avenue. Drivers are paid by PACE and trained and monitored by PACE. The yearly cost to Addison Township is \$136,000.

6. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided. Ralph reported: November—Meals served—671; Seniors Served—82; Well-being Checks—544; Home Maintenance and Yard Clean-up—23. December—Meals served—710; Seniors Served—65; Well-being Checks—576; Home Maintenance and Yard Clean-up—10. Elmhurst Totals January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017: Meals served—10,913; Seniors Served—199; Well-being Checks—7,118; Home Maintenance and Yard Clean-up—51.
7. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written reports provided for November and December. *November*—Residents with open case files—18, Walk-ins—9, Information and referral calls—18, Community Education/Development/Outreach—88 with a total of 116 persons served. They finished the Caregiver Series at the Library, responded to referrals from the Police and Fire Departments, 2 residents attending the 60+ support group. *December*—Residents with open case files—18, Walk-ins—5, Information and referral calls—9, Community Education/Development/Outreach—19 with a total of 51 persons served. They responded to 3 referrals from the EPD and the 60+ support group is expanding.
8. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Transportation**—Speaker provided information pertaining to Ride DuPage.
  - b. **Collaboration**—no report.
  - c. **Education**—Cathy reported that the November Community Conversation was cancelled due to a problem with the speaker.
  - d. **Housing**—Kris said perhaps a small open house at the M.F.S. office would be beneficial to inform the city officials about its services, as well as its location right in city hall. Late spring and early fall are being considered.
9. **Other Business**—Cathy said that there is the possibility of an intergovernmental agreement involving the park district, school district, and the city for a swap of The Abbey. The question is where a senior center would then be located.
10. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

**AT**

**THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Heide Forbush, Secretary

