

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, March 14, 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, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Maureen Wood

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Jackie Haddad, Kathy Lorenz, Joel Morris, Pam Morrissey, Chris White, Carol Yesko

PRESENT: Ralph King (D.S.C.C.)

GUEST(S): Mary Kies (Elmhurst Park District); Tegan Stuart (Director of Community Relations, Artis Senior Living of Elmhurst)

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.
2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
3. **MSC** Peggy moved that the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting be approved as written.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy talked about the City of Elmhurst Commissioner Appreciation Event and distributed City of Elmhurst medallions to those unable to attend. Tom Trosien from the City of Elmhurst will attend the April Commission meeting.
5. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided. Ralph reported: February 1-28, 2018—Meals served—692; Seniors Served—56; Well-being Checks—574; Home Maintenance and Yard Clean-up—3. Elmhurst Totals January 1, 2018- February 28, 2018: Meals served—1365; Seniors Served—63; Well-being Checks—1131; Home Maintenance and Yard Clean-up—7.
6. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided for February 2018 via email after 3/14 meeting—Residents with open case files—18, Walk-ins—2, Information and referral calls—11, Community Education/Development/Outreach—14 with a total of 45 persons served. Acted on referrals from IC, the Police Department and from the Fire Department. Walk-ins were helped with local resources and websites on advance directives, as well as information about Supportive Living and DuPage County resources.

Committee Reports:

7. a. **Transportation**—Ruth said the City is now considering Ride DuPage which goes anywhere in DuPage County. They attended a Finance Committee meeting a few weeks ago. The question is why is this happening now? The taxi companies do not want to participate under the current plan. The Transportation Committee wants the Ride DuPage plan, but prefers that the \$1.40 fee structure remain. The fee might need to be raised to \$1.75. Ride DuPage is handicapped accessible. The taxis are not handicapped accessible and the drivers cannot assist riders. Ride DuPage vets their drivers—e.g. drug screening, has no limits on travel within the county, requires 24-hour notice, and always has a person answer the telephone.

Amy distributed a flyer from the Park District about a program on Friday, April 6 from 11 a.m. – Noon at The Abbey focusing on Accessible Transportation Options and presented by a representative of the RTA.

b. **Collaboration**—Kristin reported that invitations are going out for the Collaboration event on April 26 from 8:30-12:00 at the Elmhurst Public Library. The speaker, Anna Walters, will focus on the topic of Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease. Kristin said her “hero” is Ellen who is our City of Elmhurst liaison. She asked that volunteers arrive at 8 a.m. Cathy commented that having this event annually is just wonderful.

c. **Education**—Cathy reported that the Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network (E.W.A.N.) will be the focus of the April 14 Community Conversation. The speaker will be addressing seniors but also others who are in need.

d. **Housing**—Kris contacted Mayor Morley for direction on when the open house at the M.F.S. office in city hall should be scheduled. A representative from D.S.C.C. will also attend the open house to offer an overview of that agency as well.

8. **Other Business**—Merger update: D.S.C.C./Kane County as of March 5.

9. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

AT

THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Heide Forbush, Secretary