

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Elmhurst Public Library

ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

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

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Gail Anderson, Kathy Lorenz, Joel Morris, Pam Morrissey, Chris White, Carol Yesko

PRESENT: Carol Crews, Metropolitan Family Services; Ralph King, DuPage Senior Citizens Council

GUEST(S): Loren Buford, Metropolitan Family Services; James Colbert, observer; Mary Kies, observer; Ylandus Roundy, Director of Community Relations, Artis Senior Living, Elmhurst.

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. **Public Comments**—Mary Kies commented on Jim Rogers 20/20 Vision Plan from the Elmhurst Park District which he presented at the last senior commission meeting. James Colbert spoke on his interest in a senior center and his desire to learn more about the role of the senior commission in Elmhurst.
3. **MSC** Georgia moved that the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy said that a Community Conversation is being planned to promote the 20/20 Elmhurst Park District presentation. The last community conversation was a wonderful event. There is an Area on Aging event on Friday, April 12. The city will pay for three (3) commissioners to attend. Committee goals will be discussed today, but not voted on.
5. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided, but Ralph reported that he was uncertain of the accuracy of some numbers:
 - a. *Elmhurst totals February 1, 2019-February 28, 2019*—Meals 726; Home Maintenance and Chore Days 47?; Well-being Checks 604; Seniors 68
 - b. *Elmhurst totals January 1, 2019 – February 28, 2019*— Meals 1,661; Home Maintenance and Chore Days 66?; Well-being Checks 1,257; Seniors Served 80
6. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Carol reported:
 - a. February 2019—Elmhurst Residents with open case files—5, Walk-ins—4, Information and referrals—29, Persons/Elmhurst Residents/Total—38
 - b. Support Group—6 (2/13 & 2/27), Community Outreach, Education and Development—50

- c. **News/Trends/Issues**—Tax returns, transportation, snow removal, ongoing dialogue with Elmhurst Fire and Police departments

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Transportation**—Ruth is working on the Ride DuPage glitches.
- b. **Collaboration**—Kristin said that the speaker for the May Collaboration event scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at the Elmhurst Public Library is Loren Milligan from College of DuPage whose topic will be *Seniors and the Workforce*. Invitations will be sent in April. Kristin will need volunteers for that day and will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting. Refreshments are needed; Monica said that Lexington Square will provide items.
- c. **Education**—As an explanation to what the Education Committee does, Heide mentioned that the Community Conversations are on cable tv and Cathy mentioned the Pocket Pal.
- d. **Housing**—Kris is still working on a get-together at City Hall with DSCC and MFS for the aldermen.

8. Other Business—

- a. **Commission Goals:**
 - 1. **Transportation**—Ruth said the goals remained the same.
 - 2. **Collaboration**—Kristin said that the goals will focus on the annual collaboration event and have grammatical changes and edits.
 - 3. **Education**—The Education changes are mostly grammatical and organizational in nature with the inclusion of the Pocket Pal as a committee function.
 - 4. **Housing**—Kris said that since they no longer have Senior Home Sharing, they have done some reworking of the format.
- b. For the April meeting the Senior Commission Vision Statement will be discussed.
- c. The May meeting will be at Artis Senior Living and is to include lunch.

- 9. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M.,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Heide Forbush, Secretary