

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, October 15, 2015
Elmhurst City Hall – Conference Room 2
CITY OF ELMHURST AND ELMHURST COLLEGE COMMISSION

Present: Christina Hamilton, Diana Riekse, Peter Griffin, Andy Joseph, Kathleen Gusloff, Sarah Diamond, Richard W. Reichert, Thomas D. Marcucci

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager James Grabowski, Ald. Kevin York, Lee Daniels, Peggy Tschetter, Tara Paladino, Elmhurst College Interim President, Larry Braskamp

The City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst College Commission meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by City Manager James Grabowski.

Alderman York welcomed and thanked all the volunteer commissioners. He also noted that he sits on both the City Council and the Elmhurst College Board of Trustees. Introductions from each commissioner followed.

Interim President Braskamp also welcomed the commissioners and commented on the need for us to work together.

A motion was made by Sarah Diamond and seconded by Peter Griffin to elect Richard Reichert as Chairman.

Ayes: Christina Hamilton, Diana Riekse, Peter Griffin, Andy Joseph, Kathleen Gusloff, Sarah Diamond, Richard W. Reichert, Thomas D. Marcucci

Nays: None

Results: 8 ayes, 0 nays – Motion duly carried

A motion was made by Christina Hamilton and seconded by Sarah Diamond to elect Peter Griffin as Vice Chairman.

Ayes: Christina Hamilton, Diana Riekse, Peter Griffin, Andy Joseph, Kathleen Gusloff, Sarah Diamond, Richard W. Reichert, Thomas D. Marcucci

Nays: None

Results: 8 ayes, 0 nays – Motion duly carried

Chairman Reichert assumed control of the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the requirement for a public comment portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Tom Marcucci and seconded by Diana Riekse for public comments, to be limited to three minutes and should be placed at the top of the agenda.

The Vision of Commission: short term and long term goals were discussed resulting in comments by Elmhurst College Interim President Larry Braskamp – *need to look at achievable goals and accomplishments and City Manager Grabowski - communication between two groups as a goal. Additionally, Tom Marcucci included, How can commission tighten the bond? “Knit and re-knit” the relationship between what’s missing, i.e., facilities, programs, etc.*

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Discussion of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Questions raised by Andy Joseph, *Can the College group meet and be in compliance of OMA? Can they all have city email addresses?* The City will supply the information and a link to complete for both FOIA and OMA.

The discussion on short term and long term goals from City/College staff resulting in comments by Chairman Reichert, *perhaps the College prioritize some items from draft list.* City Manager Grabowski commented, *City can do the same.*

Other business discussed, Sarah Diamond – *Tree lighting at City Centre including the Elmhurst College Choir to sing? (Chairman Reichert will contact the City Centre)*

Chairman Reichert suggested a contact list of communication to each other

Diana Riekse – City & College Communication staff to work toward publicity of events in town, at the College

Invite City of Elmhurst Communications Manager Kassandra Schref and Elmhurst Managing Director of Public Affairs, Desiree Chen, to the next meeting.

Lee Daniels commented to work toward a City/College Art & Music fest.

Christina Hamilton suggested - perhaps having banners throughout the downtown area about City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst College – discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Andy Joseph and seconded by Kathleen Gusloff on the frequency of the meetings. The frequency will be quarterly on the third Thursday of each month. This is Jan 21, April 21, July 21, and October 20. However, the Commission will call a special meeting on November 19th at 4p.m.

Ayes: Christina Hamilton, Diana Riekse, Peter Griffin, Andy Joseph, Kathleen Gusloff, Sarah Diamond, Richard W. Reichert, Thomas D. Marcucci

Nays: None

Results: 8 ayes, 0 nays – Motion duly carried

The next date is November 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Sarah Diamond moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Griffin seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by City Manager Grabowski