

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 19, 2017
Elmhurst City Hall-Conference Rm #2
CITY OF ELMHURST AND ELMHURST COLLEGE COMMISSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Reichert called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Present: Richard W. Reichert, Peter Griffin, Andy Joseph, Sarah Diamond, Desiree Chen-Menichini, Diana Riekse

Absent: Kathleen Gusloff, Tom Marcucci

Also in attendance: City Manager James Grabowski; Kevin L. York

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept draft minutes from September 15, 2016 meeting was made by Chairman Reichert. Vice Chairman Griffin seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

a. Potential EC Event on Top Floor of Addison Parking Deck

Vice Chairman Griffin stated there was movement of this event since last meeting of the commission. Chairman Reichert, Vice Chairman Griffin, and City Manager Grabowski got together to discuss the event in more depth. Topics of discussion included making the event more secure and providing amenities such and electricity and porta-potties for event. Committee hopes to move forward with the experimental idea in anticipation of similar events in the future.

City Manager Grabowski has asked staff to think about additional ideas. Event would have to go to the Public Affairs & Safety Committee for approval. The main concerns from the City include safety, convenience, size of event, and the sound around the neighborhoods.

b. Elmhurst Center for the Performing Arts (ECPA) Jeff Budgell representing

No updates. Vice Chairman Griffin stated that they are waiting for study to be done and then Committee will ask Jeff Budgell to come back –potentially at summer meeting.

c. Last Mile Commute

Committee discussed various transportation options for students. Desiree Chen mentioned that the college had Zip Car for a while; however, it was hardly used.

Discussion ensued.

d. Bike Rental at College

Desiree Chen gave overview of bike loan program the College has used in the past. It was very expensive and was not popular. Committee continued to discuss additional bike program possibilities.

Committee agreed that students don't go north of tracks. CM Grabowski mentioned a future underpass at York near the Metra station.

Discussion ensued.

5. New Business

a. Nursing Program

Sarah Diamond gave overview of potential nursing program as a joint project through Elmhurst Hospital and York High School. The program would allow students to take classes during their normal school hours that would allow them to become a CNA by the time they graduate high school. Diamond will be meeting with school and hospital staff at end of month to continue planning.

b. EC Jazz Festival

Vice Chairman Griffin gave overview of 50th Annual College Jazz Festival which will be held February 23-26th. An extra event was added for this year's celebration. Griffin reached out to committee to find ways to encourage Elmhurst food establishments to get involve with event. Elmhurst Economic Development Coordinator, Erin Jason, connected with Griffin and will discuss potential opportunities for connection with local vendors.

c. Elmhurst Art Museum Exhibit & Event

Vice Chairman Griffin provided information about an exhibit at the Elmhurst Art Museum that will display the history of the Elmhurst Jazz Festival. A kickoff reception will be held February 17th. Exhibit will run from February 18th- April 30th.

6. Other Business

a. Parking Surplus at Addison Parking Garage

Committee discussed potential alternate options for the Elmhurst College Students, such as parking passes or a reduced rate, at the Addison Street Parking Garage.

b. Honey Bees Coming to College

Desiree Chen provided information about the arrival of honey bees at the College. Hive boxes will be placed on the roof of the science center and will house approximately 60,000 honey bees.

A public forum will be held at the beginning of April. Chen requested input from the committee regarding who should be notified of the forum and how it should be publicized.

c. Recycling Extravaganza

Desiree Chen gave brief overview of the annual Recycling Extravaganza hosted by the college. Due to changes in recycling policies and low volunteer availability, the College is considering skipping the event this year. Chen discussed the possibility of the event if funds and volunteers could be provided by the City. College staff will discuss options with City Manager and Public Works for this year's event.

d. 2021 College Sesquicentennial Celebration

The college is starting to plan for the sesquicentennial celebrations in 2021.

7. Proposed Next Meeting – April 20, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – City of Elmhurst

Chairman Reichert moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously received. Voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.