

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, August 10, 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 4:01 p.m.

Present: Desiree Chen-Menichini, Sarah Diamond, Peter Griffin, Andy Joseph, Richard W. Reichert (Left at 4:45 p.m.), Diana Riekse* (Arrived at 4:14 p.m.), Gail Robertson* (Arrived at 4:07 p.m.)

Absent: Thomas D. Marcucci

**Arrived after elections.*

Also in attendance: City Manager James Grabowski, Elmhurst College President Troy VanAken, Lee Daniels, and April Edwards

2. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Desiree Chen-Menichini to elect Peter Griffin as Chairman. Sarah Diamond seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rich Reichert to elect Sarah Diamond as Vice Chairman. Desiree Chen-Menichini seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Griffin assumed control of the meeting.

Gail Robertson entered the meeting at 4:07 p.m. She was introduced to the Commission.

3. Introduction of Guests

Chairman Griffin introduced April Edwards, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept draft minutes from April 20, 2017 meeting was made by Vice Chairman Diamond. Andy Joseph seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

a. Recap of Event on Top Floor of Addison Parking Deck

Chairman Griffin stated the event was a success and was well attended.

City Manager Grabowski stated City held “Wrap Up” meeting after the event. City Staff, including Police and Fire, were happy with turnout. The event received good press coverage and received no neighbor complaints. There were approximately 450-500 people in attendance.

Diana Riekse entered the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding future of event and potential locations.

b. Discussion of the Future Direction of Commission

President VanAken provided overview of College’s financials and upcoming student population.

Chairman Griffin stated the Commission should continually be adding new things to the agenda. College and City can evaluate all potential ideas and set goals to work towards achieving in order to provide more opportunities.

City Manager Grabowski stated there will be four trolleys bringing the students around town during orientation to make them familiar with the area. The trolleys are being sponsored by the City, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce, York and Vallette Business Association, and Elmhurst College. Students will also be provided with bags containing information about the City and local establishments. Vice-Chairman Diamond suggested that letters from the City (Mayor) should be put in these bags to welcome them to Elmhurst.

Rich Reichert left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Discussion ensued about social media and intern program.

7. New Business

a. Elmhurst College Lecture Series

Desiree Chen-Menichini gave overview of upcoming lecture series at College. Scheduled events include information on Intelligence Committees Leaks and Mike Ditka. Staff is looking for names and ideas for spring lectures. College would like to bring in someone that all Elmhurst residents would enjoy.

b. College and Community Planning Towards EC150 Celebration

Chairman Griffin stated the City and College should partner together to host celebrations over a period of time to commemorate the 150th Celebration of the College and 150th naming of Elmhurst.

Discussion ensued.

8. Other Business

Lee Daniels thanked the Commission for all of their work. He stated that the commission should be utilized as a platform of taking action for issues the City, College, and surrounding areas may be facing.

9. Proposed Next Meeting – October 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – Location to be Determined

Diana Rieske moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Diamond seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.