

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, October 18, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
Elmhurst City Hall-Conference Rm #2
CITY OF ELMHURST AND ELMHURST COLLEGE COMMISSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Andy Joseph, Thomas Marcucci

Also in attendance: City Manager James Grabowski, Elmhurst College President Troy VanAken, Alderman Kevin York

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept draft minutes from April 19, 2018 meeting was made by Rich Reichert. Sarah Diamond seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

A. Continued Discussion on Role and Purpose of Commission

a. Communication-Explore Elmhurst, other

Commissioner Chen-Menichini and President VanAken discussed the current Elmhurst College magazine titled "Alumni" will be changed to "The Prospect". The College would like to expand the audience for the magazine to community members and City Council.

b. Facility-camps, competitions, future need

Commissioners discussed hosting camps and events on campus. In summer 2018 Elmhurst College hosted Tinkerworks and it was successful. They are looking into hosting more camps related to robotics and STEM. The issue of some buildings on campus having no air conditioning making it difficult to host camps in the summer was discussed.

c. Safety-community, off-campus housing

Discussion that the overall feeling on and off campus is safe. There is a good partnership between Elmhurst College Security and Elmhurst Police which helps maintain the safety.

Discussion of forming a committee ensued.

B. EC Sesquicentennial Celebrations 2021

Commissioners discussed continued planning for the celebrations and the possibility of community celebrations with other organizations including the Elmhurst History Museum. Discussed timing of the event, will likely happen during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Discussion ensued.

C. EC Strategic Plan

Commission discussed how strategic plan ties into other Elmhurst community plans including an indoor recreation facility and performing arts center.

D. EC Facilities Master Plan

President Van Aken informed the commission that a company was hired in March 2018 to refresh the master plan that was previously completed in 2007. Many things were not completed from 2007 master plan and the company will take a look to see what the current needs are of the college are.

a. Potential input meeting for interested parties

Commission discussed that at this point a company was hired to refresh the master plan.

b. Parking improvements-Walter Street

Commission discussed ongoing issues of not having enough parking on campus. Currently the College requested the City vacate Walter St. to make more parking spaces. The next step will be to go to Public Works and Building Committee

E. ECPA

Discussion regarding the Elmhurst Center for Performing Arts. Currently there is a group of people attempting to raise funds for this. The group would like the college and city involved. There is a meeting on October 25, 2018 regarding the progress of the project.

5. New Business

A. Proposed Program Regarding Millennials, Generation Z (see attached)

The commission discussed forming a college committee to come up with ideas on how to bridge the communication gap between employers and students. The college would like to partner with HR at larger companies in DuPage County.

Discussion regarding a workshop held at the college on how to communicate; currently no date has been selected.

B. 52nd Annual Elmhurst College Jazz Festival

Commissioners discussed ways to engage local restaurants in the Jazz Fest Activities for the festival in February 2019.

6. Proposed Next Meeting – January 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – Location TBD.

Sarah Diamond moved to adjourn the meeting

Richard Reichert seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Submitted by City Manager James Grabowski.