

Draft Minutes

City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst College Commission Thursday, April 18, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. Conference Room #2 – 2nd Floor

1) Call to Order/Roll call

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present: Peter Griffin, Sarah Diamond, Richard W. Reichert, Gail Robertson, Diana Riekse, Thomas Marcucci

Absent: Andy Joseph, Desiree Chen

Also in attendance: Holly Coffin Director, Employer Relations/Internships for Elmhurst College (Left at 4:45pm), City Manager James Grabowski (Arrived at 5:10pm)

2) Public Comment

None

3) Business Before the Committee

a) Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2018 Meeting

Motion to approve draft minutes from October 18, 2018 meeting was made by Commissioner Reichert. Commissioner Diamond seconded. Voice vote unanimous. Motion carried.

b) Recap of Generation Y and Z Symposium

Chairman Griffin congratulated Commissioners Reichert and Chen for their work on the symposium and discussed the success of the event. There were approximately 225 people who attended, the majority being from the community.

c) Ideas for Further Development and Expansion of the Symposium

Commissioners discussed keeping the momentum going with other symposiums in the future. Possible future topics could include local retail versus Amazon and internships and the benefits to both interns and employers.

Holly Coffin spoke about the Elmhurst College Internship program and the difference between an internship which must include education and a part time job. Holly also discussed the importance of paying interns.

Commissioners discussed the employer side of internships and how to get employees on board with training an intern and completing necessary evaluations. Holly discussed the benefits of having an intern in the work place which included bringing diversity to the work place and the possibility of gaining a future employee.

d) June Jazz: Food/Beverage Sales on the Lawn

Chairman Griffin discussed June Jazz which will be held June 15th.

e) New Student/Family Information on City of Elmhurst

Commissioners discussed options to incorporate Elmhurst businesses into student orientation. Commissioner Diamond discussed having a job fair and Commissioner Marcucci suggested a chef fest where local restaurants bring food to sample to the students and families. A scavenger hunt in the community for new students could also be an option in the future.

f) Volunteer Opportunities

i) PADS

Commissioner Robertson discussed volunteer opportunities and getting students into PADS to volunteer. There is a volunteer coordinator at Elmhurst College that will work with the students when PADS is ready for more volunteers.

ii) Park District

Commissioners were not aware of volunteer opportunities at this time but discussed summer job opportunities at the Park District for students and the possibility of affordable on campus housing.

iii) Elmhurst College Summer Camps

Commissioners did not have information about volunteer opportunities at summer camps at this time.

4) Old Business

a) Elmhurst College Master Facility Plan

The master facility plan was passed by Elmhurst College and will be discussed further at future meetings by Elmhurst College President Van Aken.

b) ECPA plans

Commissioner Marcucci discussed the progress of the Elmhurst Center for Performing Arts which has obtained a location. The main focus at this time is to continue to raise money for the project.

c) Sesquicentennial – Elmhurst College Plans

The plans for this are ongoing and will be a yearlong event.

5) Proposed Next Meeting Date - July 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

6) Adjournment

Commissioner Robertson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Marcucci seconded. Voice vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.