

Minutes

**City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst College Commission
Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room #2 – 2nd Floor**

1) Call to Order/Roll call

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present: Peter Griffin, Sarah Diamond, Desiree Chen, Richard W. Reichert, Martin Gahbauer, Gail Robertson

Absent: Thomas Marcucci, Diana Riekse

Also in attendance: Elmhurst College President Troy Van Aken, Elmhurst College Student Veterans Affairs Representative David Garcia, Elmhurst College Student Veterans Affairs Representative Mike Wood, American Legion Representative Bill Shanklin (left at 4:35), American Legion Representative John Scudder (left at 4:35), City Manager James Grabowski (arrived 4:20),

2) Public Comment

None

3) Business Before the Committee

a) Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2019 meeting

Motion to approve draft minutes from August 15, 2019 meeting was made by Commissioner Reichert. Commissioner Chen seconded. Voice vote unanimous. Motion carried.

b) Coordination of City and College Events Surrounding Veterans Day

Commissioner Griffin discussed the many events scheduled on and around Veterans Day in the City of Elmhurst. Commissioners discussed consolidating events and working together with the City, Elmhurst College and American Legion to consolidate the events to not overwhelm the participating veterans. John Scudder and Bill Shanklin discussed the difficulty in getting younger Veterans to join the American Legion and participate in Veterans Day activities. David Garcia and Mike Wood from the Elmhurst College Student Affairs Program spoke on how they are attempting to connect with younger veterans on campus.

c) Next Meeting and Elections/Appointments

Commissioners discussed reappointing members to the commission as well as electing a new chair and vice chair at the May meeting.

d) College Report-College President

i) Sesquicentennial Planning

Elmhurst College President Troy Van Aken outlined some events in the planning stages to take place in 2021 including a 19th century baseball game, homecoming, Elmhurst University Founders Day and a community breakfast.

ii) Elmhurst College to Elmhurst University Update/Special Events

Elmhurst College President Troy Van Aken announced the Elmhurst University name change will take place July 1, 2020 and a celebration would be held on campus.

iii) Additional Comments

Elmhurst College President Troy Van Aken updated the commission on campus improvements in 2020 which include Walter Street parking expansion, Faganel Hall Gymnasium updates, Frick Center Spirit Store updates and improvements to dormitories and classrooms.

e) City Report-City Manager

i) Transfer/Sale of Walter St. to Elmhurst College

City Manager Jim Grabowski spoke about the sale of Walter Street to Elmhurst College to help improve the parking at Elmhurst College

ii) History Museum Exhibit Partnership with Elmhurst College

City Manager Grabowski spoke about the partnership between the City and College to create the next exhibit coming in June 2020, "Family Road trips"

iii) History Museum Public History Class Project

Research project involving Elmhurst College Students occurred. Discussion of Museum Director, Dave Oberg, presenting the History of Elmhurst presentation at the College.

4) Old Business

a) Review of Jim Paglia Event

Commissioner Chen reported the event was well received and had 95 attendees. Discussion was held related to hosting another event in the future.

b) Adult Summer Learning Classes

No update was available on this topic.

5) Proposed Next Meeting Date – May 21, 2020

6) Adjournment

Commissioner Diamond moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Robertson seconded. Voice vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.