

Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Elmhurst Public Library

ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jerri Copple, Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Kathy Lorenz, Emily Moran, Kristin Sanderson, Bill von Stein, Mary Eleanor Wall, Chris White, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Michael Bram, Jeff Kucera (S.A.L.T.)—ex officio, Ruth Maple

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Driscoll (MFS), Brenda Rausch (DDDC)

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathy Jordan at 1:05 P.M. Cathy introduced Kristin from the Elmhurst Public Library and Brenda from DuPage Senior Citizens Council.
2. Jackie moved that the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting be approved as presented.
3. Cathy distributed a list of commissioner's names, email addresses, and phone numbers for additions and corrections. Pat will email the corrected and updated version.

There will be an Open House at Lexington Square on September 27 and a Dish-and-Dine at Concorde Place on September 13.

The Grace Café sent out a calendar of dates and locations for 2012-13. Pat will email this to us. There will be a special event at the Silverado Restaurant in celebration of the anniversary of the Walk-In Ministry. "All About Alice" will be held at Francesca's in honor of Alice Doyle.

4. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—(written report provided) Brenda reported that it costs \$40/hour for minor home repairs with a minimum of a ½ hour. 103 home maintenance; 33 chore days; 10,487 well-being checks; 14,152 meals served; 227 total unduplicated people all programs.
5. **Metropolitan Family Services**—(written report provided) Janet reported that clients listed are always only from Elmhurst. She distributed a handout about the Mental Health First Aid course to be offered from 9-1 at City Hall on September 27, October 4 and October 11.
6. **a. The Education Committee** reported that Community Conversations are scheduled for October 6 and November 12 with approximately 70 signed up to date for both events. A notice appeared in the water bill. Grayson, Heide, Jackie and Cathy will help on the 6th. Food for November will be provided by Lexington Square and Park Place.

b. S.A.L.T.—no report

c. Housing—Cathy thanked Mary Eleanor for showcasing her home at the last meeting. Mary Eleanor reported that all facilities are now open at Park Place. Her committee may meet to discuss what is being said about the former hospital site. Many rumors abound at this time and it would be good to speak to a hospital representative.

Grayson said that Belmont Village will not be in the picture now as they removed their deposit. Hence, there are no funds to tear down the old hospital. The cancer center is moving to the new facility in 13 months. Police and fire will use the old facility for training exercises. The former campus will be shut down, but have 24 hour security.

Cathy will contact Peter Daniels from Elmhurst Hospital to see if he can speak at the November meeting.

d. Transportation—Grayson said that Greencastle received a grant and now has a bus for shopping.

e. Collaboration—Carol gave an update on the May 17 conference. 26 agencies were represented. Cathy thanked and praised the committee. It was suggested that Pocket Pals be placed in physician offices.

f. Intergenerational—no report

7. Other Business

- Kristin reported that there is a book discussion group at EPL and that the Homebound Book Delivery program needs another volunteer.
- Commissioners need to take the Open Meetings Act test by the end of the year.
- THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012 AT THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY.

8. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Heide Forbush, Secretary