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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 13, 2013
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple, Emily Moran, Kristin Sanderson, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Michael Bram, Jerri Copple, Jackie Haddad, Jeff Kucera (S.A.L.T.)—ex officio, Peggy LoCicero, Mary Eleanor Wall, Chris White

Also PRESENT: Janet Driscoll (MFS), Brenda Rauch DSCC), Maureen Wood (BrightStar)

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathy Jordan at 1:05 P.M. With nine present, a quorum was established.

2. The minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected: 6a Housing-- (sp) Geppner

3. **a.** Cathy distributed an article about the potential merging of EMH and Edward Hospital. Another article was passed around about the garbage can change. Alderman Bram was quoted as looking out for Elmhurst seniors, since the new cans will be significantly larger and possibly unwieldy.

b. Cathy announced Bill von Stein's resignation from the Commission. She has someone she is approaching for the Housing Committee, but also asked for suggestions for nominees.

c. Belmont Village in Oak Park is having an open house on February 21 from 4:30-6:30 P.M.

d. Cathy will arrange to have Jim Grabowski, Elmhurst City Manager, speak at our April meeting.

e. At the February meeting MFS and DSCC gave an overview of their agencies, so we can vote and subsequently pass on that information to City Hall for budgetary purposes. Since the City is changing from a *May to May* to *January to January* budget timeline, the process is to be done now and again in October.

4. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—monthly and yearly written reports provided. Monthly report will be revised and presented next month due to a calculation error.

5. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Flyer distributed about March 27 program to be presented in conjunction with S.A.L.T. by Shaukat Jamal, M.D., Psychiatrist, on Older Adults and Depression. Janet provided an overview of the agency and the services provided.

6. **a. Housing**—Kris reported that Teri Geppner will speak at the March meeting about the differences between assisted and supportive living. (Supportive living is assisted living with state subsidy.)

b. Transportation—Ruth reported that they met with City Manager Grabowski. They are looking to create a second tier within the current taxi ride program to provide transportation to adjacent cities for medical appointments (not shopping expeditions). Only 2011 figures are available currently.

c. Collaboration—Carol reported that the letter is to be ready at City Hall today for mailing to senior service providers. An email will be sent prior to the hard copy. The timeline is to have the data base compiled and distributed in May.

d. Education Committee— Heide reported that the April 6 Community Conversation—Identify Your Stressors—will focus on finding and utilizing the tools needed to assess your own as well as others' emotional health.

e. Intergenerational—Emily visited five places. The Voices of Elmhurst is an oral history project that Ken Bartels is working on with Brian Bergheger from the EHM. At this point they are thinking of WWII veterans. Emily wondered if this could be intergenerational. Cathy will link her with Ken.

Senior facilities are trying to encourage year round participation with seniors, not just at holiday time. The Key Club and National Honor Society could be tapped as volunteer resources.

f. S.A.L.T.—no report

7. **Other Business**

- Ruth moved that the Elmhurst Senior Commission recommends that Metropolitan Family Services be funded as a valuable resource for the City of Elmhurst and its residents.
- We will vote on DSCC at the March meeting.
- **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013 AT THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

8. Ruth moved that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 2:15 P.M.

Heide Forbush, Secretary