

**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**  
**Elmhurst Public Library**  
**ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Pam Morrissey, Emily Moran, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Georgia Dolan, Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple, Chris White

PRESENT: Helen Fitzpatrick, (M.F.S.)

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathy Jordan at 1:07 p.m.
2. **MSC** Jackie moved that the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting be approved as presented.
3. **Public Comments**--There were no public comments.
4. Cathy commented that everyone who is up for renewal to the Senior Commission must reapply to the City of Elmhurst. She asked that we give our application to her so that she may submit it with a letter of recommendation. Georgia, Heide, Grayson, Peggy, Kathy, Ruth, Kristin, Chris and Carol need to reapply and state whether they have a preference for a two or three year term.

Emily will not be continuing on the Commission.

Heide, Angela and Cathy attended the hospital sponsored Mental Health First Aid information breakfast.

Jackie, Kris and Cathy met with Lou Mastro about services and a one-stop shop for seniors.

Cathy thanked Kris, Ruth and the Housing and Transportation Committees for the Senior Housing Fair at Wilder Mansion.

Cathy was called by M.F.S. about partnering for a grant with the Rotary Club for a film about people with Alzheimer's and how they respond to music.

Cathy will meet with Mayor Morley to seek funding for the Pocket Pal. In the past the printing was underwritten by Pete DiCianni, and other costs were underwritten by Ahlgrim's Funeral Home, Lexington Square of Elmhurst, Park Place of Elmhurst and Superior Ambulance. (Note Elmhurst Pointe is no longer in existence and was a previous underwriter.)

There is a cocktail hour reception at EMH on May 28 which Kris, Jackie and Cathy will attend.

5. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—no report

6. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Helen reported that she has applied to be selected for the training program to become a certified trainer of Mental Health First Aid. She noted that there has been an increase in walk-ins at their office.

7. **Committee Reports:**

a. **Collaboration**—Kristin reported that the data base has gone out. Thirty five attended the “Senior Prom” at York High.

b. **Education Committee**—There were 150 at the April 11 Community Conversation. The committee met to review and update the Pocket Pal, as well review program ideas for future Community Conversations tentatively scheduled for October 3, 2015, November 7, 2015 and April 9, 2016. At this juncture Park Place will contribute \$500 toward underwriting the Pocket Pal and others will be contacted. Jackie asked Peggy to again thank her husband for the wonderful program he presented.

c. **Housing**—Kris thanked everyone for their hard work in planning and executing the Senior Housing Fair. Approximately 60-70 were in attendance and they wanted to know about transportation services.

The next project is a fall progressive tour for city officials who have not visited senior facilities in Elmhurst. Another idea the committee is researching is adapting a home to help aging in place.

d. **Transportation**—no report. Cathy gave an update on Ride DuPage. She found the minutes from a 2008 City of Elmhurst meeting—when Tom Borchert was city manager—which gives all the rationale that is still required.

8. **Other Business**—

- There is the possibility of a trolley for the Spring Road and downtown business areas this summer (per an alderman) which would be free.
- Cathy suggested recognizing a “Senior of the Year” since the Character Counts program is defunct and the Youth Commission has its own award. Villa Park and Lombard have a similar program.

9. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

▪ THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE **12:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015**

AT **PARK PLACE OF ELMHURST**, 1050 S. EUCLID AND WILL INCLUDE LUNCH.

Heide Forbush, Secretary

