

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple, Emily Moran, Pam Morrissey, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Georgia Dolan, Peggy LoCicero, Chris White

PRESENT: Angela Bentsen (M.F.S.), Ralph King (D.S.C.C.)

Guests: Dan Leahy, Communications Manager for the City of Elmhurst

1. The meeting was called to order by Cathy Jordan at 1:05 p.m.
2. MSC Ruth moved that the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting be approved as presented.
3. **Public Comments**--There were no public comments.
4. Cathy announced that Bill von Stein passed away. She said that she talked to the city manager and the budget will be \$500. She attended the Elmhurst College Breakfast which was also attended by Governor Rauner. She had an opportunity to speak with him later and mentioned the Senior Commission.

Mary Lou Mastro from Edward-Elmhurst Healthcare said she wishes to speak with her, Jackie and Kris, and she is hoping that it is concerning resources and space.

She gave an update on the Naperville Senior Commission—they have a task force on Transportation and now Housing. They may come to some meetings as they are modeling their commission after ours.

5. Cathy introduced Dan Leahy who asked us what is the Elmhurst brand and who are we? Responses included Tree City, Museum City, Prairie Path and Parks, outstanding schools, award winning library, all civic points of pride. He asked what is Elmhurst's story? His mission is to increase visits to Elmhurst. Elmhurst was voted one of the "Top 10 happiest towns in Illinois." He said that we are a very "complete" suburb.

6. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided by Ralph for 2/1/15-2/28/15 (Elmhurst only)—Meals served 788; Well-Being Checks 568; Home Maintenance and Chore Days—3; Seniors Served 78. Ralph reported that they are creating a program called "Friendly Visitor", but they are undecided about in which town it will be launched.

7. **Metropolitan Family Services**—Angela reported that 32 seniors from Elmhurst are being seen now and last month 55 informational calls were fielded.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Education Committee—The April 11, 2015 Community Conversation will focus on estate planning with 65 signed up to date. A flyer went out in the water bill. Lexington Square will provide the snacks.

b. Housing—Kris gave an update on the Housing Fare scheduled for April 22. Some of the participants include Elm Brook, Liberty Village, Lexington Square, Park Place, Greencastle, Concorde Place, Illinois Secretary of State, D.S.C.C., City of Elmhurst, York and Addison Townships. Park Place will provide the coffee and Lexington Square will supply the snacks.

Parking is not permitted at the college. Volunteers are to park by the tennis courts and on side streets. The police department has been notified.

Senior Home Sharing is selling the building in Elmhurst and may be buying property in Glen Ellyn. Elmhurst has the second most aged in DuPage County with Downers Grove being first.

Kris suggested having an event or Community Conversation that would focus on aging in place, with possible home health options.

c. Transportation—Ruth is compiling a letter about Ride DuPage for Elmhurst.

d. Collaboration—Kristin reported that there were 26 responses. At the next Collaboration event they will ask if the directory is still of value.

9. Other Business—none

10. Adjournment—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

- **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015 AT THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

Heide Forbush, Secretary