

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Ruth Maple, Terri Mosley, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Chris White, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Georgia Dolan, Kathy Lorenz, Pam Morrissey

PRESENT: Helen Fitzpatrick (M.F.S.), Ralph King (D.S.C.C.)

1. Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.
 2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
 3. **MSC** Kris moved that the minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.
 4. **Extended Care Update**—Cathy introduced Christina Morrison, a zoning attorney with Day Robert and Morrison, P.C., representing and assisting Elmhurst Extended Care Center. She presented a visual account of the proposed changes to the current facility. There will be more one bedroom units, more communal space, an expansion of the physical therapy area allowing 2400 sq. foot, added storm water retention as a result of a vault buried under a parking lot and a swale on Fremont. The 32,749 square foot addition adds forty rooms but only eleven more patients. The purpose of her presentation was to request a letter from the Senior Commission expressing support to the DPZ and the City of Elmhurst for the expansion and renovation of the Elmhurst Extended Care facility.
 5. Cathy offered a big thank-you to the Outstanding Senior Commission Award planning committee team and all of the commissioners who attended and assisted with the awards presentation on September 29 at City Hall. The Commission offered applause for Grayson who was recognized for his volunteer achievements at this event. Jackie thanked Cathy for her leadership and guidance, as well as her tireless efforts to bring this idea to fruition.
- Cathy reported that there is an upcoming strategic planning public forum sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District at the Abbey on October 19. She encouraged commissioners to attend and express support for a senior center.
6. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided. Ralph reported—Elmhurst totals 9/1/16-9/30/16: Meals served—833; Seniors—65; Well Being Checks—535; Home maintenance/Chore Days—1. Elmhurst totals 1/1/16-9/30/16: Meals—5,576; Seniors—137; Home maintenance—53; Well-being checks—4,200.

7. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Helen reported that for September 2016 there are 18 open case files; 8 walk-ins; 6 information and referral phone calls; 26 Community Development/Outreach with a total of 58 persons. She said that traffic to the Elmhurst office has increased

and they have taken referrals from the police and fire departments. The Caregiver Series at the library is very successful. A donation was received from the Walk-In Ministry.

8. Committee Reports:

a. **Transportation**— Ruth spoke with Pace and EEH. Pace said it was the hospital that needed to grant permission for the bus to enter its property. Diane McGinnis said that Pace could not change the route. Ruth will continue to pursue this.

b. **Collaboration**—Kristin said that the Collaboration Conference will be held at the library on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

c. **Education**—Jackie announced that the title of the Community Conversation on October 15 is “The Journey of Caregiving.”

d. **Housing**—Kris announced that a housing tour is scheduled for October 22—Concord Place in Northlake at 9 a.m., Lexington Square Elmhurst at 10 a.m. and, Greencastle at 11 a.m. She will update with an email, as there are currently some glitches.

9. Other Business—

Cathy asked the Commission whether we should give a recommendation to the DPZ and City of Elmhurst re the Elmhurst Extended Care presentation. The service provided by the Extended Care Center to the community was discussed.

MSC Jackie moved that the Commission direct Cathy to write a letter to the DPZ and City of Elmhurst supporting the Elmhurst Extended Care improvements.

The voice vote was 10 for, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

10. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016

AT THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Heide Forbush, Secretary