

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Jackie Haddad, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Kathy Lorenz, Joel Morris, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Chris White, Maureen Wood

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Ruth Maple, Pam Morrissey, Carol Yesko

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

GUEST(S): Jackie Crnkovich, Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Ministry (E.W.A.N.); Kathy Hansen, Care and Comfort at Home for Seniors and Veterans; Mary Kies, Elmhurst Park District Commissioner; Tegan Stuart, Director of Community Relations, Artis Senior Living of Elmhurst

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
3. **MSC** Peggy moved that the minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy said that she did not write a letter about handicap accessible parking in Elmhurst as it will be on the agenda of the Public Affairs committee the 13th or 27th. Scott Levin is the chairman.

D.S.C.C. and M.F.S. will make presentations to the Commission so that a vote may be taken to approve the continuance of funding by the City of Elmhurst for the next fiscal year.

5. **a. Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Ministry (E.W.A.N.)**—E.W.A.N. is in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Jackie will present at the April Community conversation. She said that they have been in existence for twenty years and began as a collaboration among area churches. They provide emergency financial assistance—e.g. rent, car repair, utility bills, gas vouchers, dental assistance programs. They have contact with the schools. To qualify for help one of the following criteria must be met: Resident of Elmhurst for at least ninety days; member of an Elmhurst church; have a child in the Elmhurst schools. They are seeing members of the senior and disabled population, as well as the unemployed.

One cannot go online for assistance; clients must walk in. They are open to finding a way to help those who cannot get there. They would need volunteers to visit potential clients and give that information to E.W.A.N. for evaluation.

Georgia suggested they supply flyers to Meals-On-Wheels for distribution to their clients. Other locations suggested for flyers were Park District venues such as The Abbey.

b. Care and Comfort at Home for Seniors and Veterans—Kathy said they have been in Elmhurst for five years.

Home-Health Care

vs.

In-Home Care

- After an accident
- Short term
- Rehab
- Usually covered by insurance

- not covered by insurance
- except long-term care
- cannot give injections
- cannot put hand inside a prescription bottle

Their company is a preferred provider for the V.A. and utilizes many innovative technologies such as a “band-aid” that can monitor activities.

6. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided. Ralph reported: September—Meals served—687 (reflects only serving one meal Monday-Friday); Seniors Served—75; Well-being Checks—519; Home Maintenance and Yard Clean-up—3. October—Meals served—813; Seniors Served—60; Well-being checks—633; Home Maintenance and Yard Clean-up—2.

7. **Metropolitan Family Services**—two written reports provided. Helen reported that their office is now a referral from Linden Oaks. Residents with open case files—18, Walk-ins—6, Information and referral calls—20, Community Education/Development/Outreach—88 with a total of 132 persons served.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Transportation**—Cathy called Addison Township. Michael will come and speak about Ride DuPage.
- b. **Collaboration**—Kristin said that the Collaboration conference is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at the library.
- c. **Education**—Jackie said that due to the weather there was a low turnout for the Community Conversation. The next event is November 18.
- d. **Housing**—Kris said that the speakers for the October Community Conversation were outstanding and she thanked Ralph and Helen for their excellent presentations. Cathy thanked Kris for all her hard work planning and coordinating the event.

9. **Other Business**—

- a. **MSC** – Jackie moved that the Elmhurst Senior Commission recommends to the City of Elmhurst that they continue funding the DuPage Senior Citizens Council because of their value to the community.
- b. **MSC** - Kristin moved that the Elmhurst Senior Commission recommends that the City of Elmhurst continue to fund Metropolitan Family Services because of the valuable services they provide to the community.
- c. Mary Kies said that the Park District is working on the budget currently, so the senior center is in limbo until the budget is finalized. East End Park is to get increased parking and Plunkett park was dedicated.

- d. Tegan Stuart reported they are in their new building and a grand opening is planned the first week of January. A family event is scheduled.
- e. Kristin announced that November 17 at 7 p.m. there will be a Veteran's Storytelling relating to the Korean War at the American Legion Hall.
- f. Maureen thanked Kristin for the caregiver's series.

10. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Please note time and location change:

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 12:30 P.M.,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

AT

LEXINGTON SQUARE OF ELMHURST

Heide Forbush, Secretary