

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Elmhurst Public Library

ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Kathy Lorenz, Ruth Maple, Pam Morrissey, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Chris White, Maureen Wood, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Monica Barichello, Peggy LoCicero, Joel Morris

PRESENT: Carol Crews, Metropolitan Family Services; Ralph King, DuPage Senior Citizens Council

GUEST(S): Gail Anderson, Elmhurst resident; Loren Buford, Metropolitan Family Services; Jim Rogers, Executive Director, Elmhurst Park District; Laura Guttman, Strategy and Planning Coordinator, Assistant to Jim Rogers, E.P.D.; Mary Kies, Elmhurst Park District Commissioner and observer; Nora Baxtrom, observer; Jan Warnette, observer; Ylandus Roundy, Director of Community Relations, Artis Senior Living, Elmhurst.

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
3. **MSC** Georgia moved that the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.
4. **Guest Speaker**—Jim Rogers, Executive Director Elmhurst Park District

Jim said that on December 1, 2015 he received a letter from the senior commission expressing support for a senior center in Elmhurst. 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the park district and their program is entitled *2020 Vision—Focus on the Future—Where do we go next?* Jim gave an overview of the survey results. The Abbey received a C+ rating; it was built in 1953 as a youth center. Residents said programs for adults are needed. What a senior center would provide—opportunities to ease senior loneliness, reduce stress, and promote more satisfaction with life. There is the need for all senior services to be under one roof. 60% of the community supports a new senior facility. Jim is willing to give the same presentation as a Community Conversation in conjunction with the senior commission.

5. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy Jordan

- a. Commissioners introduced themselves and explained their role on the commission to guests.
- b. The Linden Oaks Gala is April 5.
- c. The Elmhurst Commissioner recognition event is March 7.
- d. Gail will be appointed at the February 19 city council meeting.
- e. The League of Women voters candidates' forum is on cable and available for viewing; the election is April 2.
- f. Committee goals will be reviewed at the March meeting.

6. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—no written report provided. Ralph reported:
 - a. *Elmhurst totals January 1, 2019-January 31, 2019*—Meals 935; Home Maintenance and Chore Days 43; Well-being Checks 653; Seniors 63
 - b. *Elmhurst totals January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018*— Meals 10,300; Home Maintenance and Chore Days 94; Well-being Checks 6,852; Seniors Served 170
 - c. A ramp is needed to help get the snowblower in and out of the van. Per Ralph the cost is \$300. Heide asked if individual donations would be accepted toward the cost of the ramp.

7. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Carol reported:
 - a. January 2019—Elmhurst Residents with open case files—6, Walk-ins—5, Information and referrals—26, Persons/Elmhurst Residents/Total—37.
 - b. Support Group—6 (1/9), Community Outreach, Education and Development— 16 (S.A.L.T.) will now meet every other month
 - c. News/Trends/Issues—Assistance needed to decrease 911 calls made by homebound/disabled seniors or their caregivers for non-emergencies. More frequent contact with fire and police departments for assessments and referrals.

8. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Transportation**—Ruth said there have been some glitches with Ride DuPage. Scheduling pick-up times is difficult, especially from doctor appointments.
 - b. **Collaboration**—Kristin said that the speaker for the May Collaboration event scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at the Elmhurst Public Library is Loren Milligan from College of DuPage. Her topic will be *Seniors and the Workforce*. Emails have been sent out, as well as save-the-date cards.
 - c. **Education**—Kathy reported that the fall program will be presented by Kate Mahoney with a focus on *Opioids and Older Adults*. The Suburban Bank presentation was outstanding.
 - d. **Housing**—Kris said nothing will happen before the election, but that plans are progressing.

9. **Other Business**—
 - a. Ylandus said we can have a tour and luncheon on May 9 at Artis.
 - b. Cassandra (at city hall) will highlight senior commission award winners in the Front Porch going forward.

10. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 1:00 P.M.,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Heide Forbush, Secretary

