

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Elmhurst Public Library

ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Gail Anderson, Monica Barichello, Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Kathy Lorenz, Pam Morrissey, Chris White, Carol Yesko

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Ruth Maple, Joel Morris, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Maureen Wood

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

GUEST(S): James Colbert, observer; Mary Kies, observer

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. **Public Comments**—Mary Kies visited the Channahon and St. Charles Park Districts and said they have senior areas within large buildings housing all park district services. Thought has been given to having one such building in Elmhurst that would cover all recreational stages and ages. James Colbert said that during the election he heard various park district and aldermanic candidates mention a senior center.
3. **MSC** Georgia moved that the minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—Cathy asked that commissioners check the Senior Commission roster for accuracy. She asked for additional volunteers to serve on the Outstanding Senior Award Committee and Monica agreed to serve. A sign-up sheet will be passed around for the May 2 Collaboration Conference.
5. **DuPage Senior Citizens Council**—written report provided. Cathy mentioned that 785 attended the senior dance held at The Abbington. They will start one in Kane County next year. Four are currently held annually. Ralph reported on the following:
 - a. *Elmhurst totals March 1, 2019-March 31, 2019*—Meals 874; Home Maintenance/Yard Cleanup 4; Well-being Checks 721; Seniors 84
 - b. *Elmhurst totals January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019*— Meals 2,535; Home Maintenance/Yard Cleanup 43; Well-being Checks 1,978; Seniors Served 106
6. **Metropolitan Family Services**—written report provided. Carol reported:
 - a. March 2019—Elmhurst Residents with open case files—7, Walk-ins—2, Information and referrals—21, Persons/Elmhurst Residents/Total—30

- b. Support Group—6 (3/13 & 3/27), Community Outreach, Education and Development—S.A.L.T.—0, Senior Commission--18, Training (Strengthening Family attended by Nicole Reidy) --20
- c. News/Trends/Issues—Many transportation related calls; requests for resources, medical equipment and assisted living facilities

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Transportation**—no report
- b. **Collaboration**—A sign up sheet for the May 2 Collaboration Conference was passed around asking for volunteers.
- c. **Education**—Kathy said that responses are coming in for the June Community Conversation.
- d. **Housing**—Kris said that the planned open house at City Hall with the aldermen, D.S.C.C. and M.F.S. is moving forward, but that no more than four commissioners may attend due to the Open Meetings Act regulations. It will be held prior to a regularly scheduled meeting on either the 2nd or 4th Monday between 6-7 p.m.

8. Other Business—

- a. Commission Goals and the Vision Statement will be voted on at the May meeting.
- b. Carol Yesko commented that the turquoise building location (Cronin Building) is a problem due to the entry from and exit onto Palmer Drive. Mary said that the building is full of asbestos and will probably come down. She said that the Lizzadro Museum building has no windows.
- c. Cathy asked that she be informed if someone would like to tour the Glendale Heights facility in the future. A possibility is to hold a meeting there.
- d. The May meeting will be at Artis Senior Living. Lunch will be served at 12:30 and the meeting will follow.

9. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 12:30 P.M.,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
ARTIS SENIOR LIVING
123 WEST BRUSH HILL**

Heide Forbush, Secretary