

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
Elmhurst Public Library
ELMHURST SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS (PHYSICALLY) PRESENT: Gail Anderson, Adam Apostolovich, Georgia Dolan, Heide Forbush, Grayson Haller, Kris Hansen, Cathy Jordan, Peggy LoCicero, Ruth Maple, Kristin Sanderson, Amy Srail, Chris White, Maureen Wood

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

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

GUESTS: James Rogers, Executive Director, Elmhurst Park District; Mary Kies, Elmhurst Park District Board of Park Commissioners

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Cathy Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. **Public Comments**—There were no public comments.
3. **MSC** Georgia moved the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.
4. **Announcements / Correspondence**—
 - a. Cathy is attending meetings at city hall concerning the census.
 - b. Erin will attend the March meeting to discuss the census and its importance to the City of Elmhurst.
 - c. The final version of the Senior Commission Vision Statement was distributed along with the committee goals.
 - d. The Front Porch provided information on the Senior Awards.

5. Special Guest—

Elmhurst Park District Executive Director Jim Rogers gave an overview on Park district acquisitions and tentative plans.

- a. The former Redeemer Center now has its own address—155 East St. Charles Road—and will become the Adult/Senior Center. The building is just under 12,000 square feet. Whether the building will be demolished or retrofitted will depend on further analysis and engineering studies.

- b. The park district survey showed that participants did not support spending in the amount of \$105 million to fund all projects at that level. Forty percent supported that level of spending, but sixty percent did not, as the cost and tax impact were too much. Taxes would be about \$100 for each \$100,000 of a home's assessment, so a \$400,000 assessed home would see an increase of approximately \$400 in taxes for the year. Seniors objected most to the tax increase as proposed.
- c. The number one priority was the indoor sports center, but there are not enough funds. Hence this facility will not be pursued at this time.
- d. The top three priorities are to improve maintenance of all facilities, create an adult center and create/maintain open spaces.
- e. There will not be a referendum in March.
- f. The dog park is still an option.
- g. District 205 is still looking at The Abbey site, which will be used by them *after* the Redeemer site is developed.
- h. A November 2020 referendum will be decided by August 17, 2020.

6. DuPage Senior Citizens Council—written report provided. Elmhurst Totals: *November 2019*—Meals-823; Home Maintenance-51; Well-being check-696; Seniors-94. *December 2019*—Meals-809; Home Maintenance-49; Well-being check-694; Seniors-73. *January 2019-December 2019*—Meals-10,980; Home Maintenance-201; Well-being check-8,516; Seniors-198.

7. Metropolitan Family Services—written reports provided for November and December of 2019. Carol emphasized the Stressbusters Training for Caregivers and hopes to do such an event for Elmhurst seniors in the spring. Elmhurst Residents with open case files- *November*-8; Walk-ins-0; Information and referral calls-17; Total Elmhurst residents served—25. Support group-6. *December*—Elmhurst Residents with open case files-8; Walk-ins-1; Information and referral calls-5; Total Elmhurst residents served—14. Support group-7.

Carol reported that the over 60 women's support group continues to grow with eight in attendance in January. Most are from Elmhurst. There has been a merger with Family Shelter Services. The new topic is people blasting through stop signs, which has become a serious issue for senior safety when walking and/or driving.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. **Transportation**—Ruth said that it is hard to calculate and thus register an end time when at a doctor's appointment, so pickup is difficult to determine in advance. She spoke with Tom Trosien concerning this. They are looking for figures on how many are using the Ride DuPage service to date.

- b. **Collaboration**—Kristin announced that the next Collaboration Conference will be May 7 from 8:30-12:00 at EPL. The speaker will be Debbie McKenzie, Senior Services Manager, Center for Senior Citizens, Glendale Heights.
- c. **Education**—a program on the census is being discussed.
- d. **Housing**—Kris said a progressive tour is planned.

9. Other Business—

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10. Speaker's Bureau—Matt is working on a speaker's bureau. Kris and Georgia will work on a power point presentation.

11. Adjournment—There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Heide Forbush, Secretary

