

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, September 15, 2016
Elmhurst Public Library – The Gathering Room 2nd Floor
CITY OF ELMHURST AND ELMHURST COLLEGE COMMISSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Reichert called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Present: Richard W. Reichert, Peter Griffin, Andy Joseph, Sarah Diamond, Tom Marcucci, Desiree Chen-Menichini (arrived at 4:07), Diana Riekse (arrived at 4:10 p.m.)

Absent: Kathleen Gusloff

Also in attendance: City Manager James Grabowski; Executive Director MaryBeth Harper, Elmhurst Public Library (left at 5:02 p.m.); Director Susan Swords Steffen, Elmhurst College Library (left at 5:02 p.m.); Kevin L. York (arrived at 4:23 p.m.)

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept draft minutes from July 21, 2016 meeting was made by Chairman Reichert. Vice Chairman Griffin seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

a. Potential EC Event on Top Floor of Addison Parking Deck

No updates. Vice Chairman Griffin stated they will be meeting on logistics and will follow-up at next meeting.

b. Elmhurst Center for the Performing Arts

Currently in fundraising and public awareness mode; waiting for feasibility study.

Chairman Reichert and Vice Chairman Griffin discussed funding and current status which is basically renderings of the building. There is an event in mid-October to raise funds.

Discussion ensued.

Andy Joseph met with President of College. College is interested in project. City Manager Grabowski touched on current status.

Discussion ensued further.

c. Town & Gown Event – American Legion Military Ball

Chairman Reichert and Vice Chairman Griffin spoke regarding the Military Ball and the success of event and how it raised a lot of awareness.

Briefly spoke regarding the upcoming College President Inaugural Ball.

5. New Business

a. Elmhurst College Library/Elmhurst Public Library Collaborations

Chairman Reichert introduced Elmhurst Public Library Executive Director MaryBeth Harper and Elmhurst College Library Director Susan Swords Steffan.

Director Steffan discussed the collaboration of the Elmhurst Public and Elmhurst College Libraries.

Executive Director Harper continued to discuss how the library serves the community and the differences (handout included) between the academic and public library and the benefits to students and Elmhurst residents alike. Additionally, jobs are offered by the Elmhurst Public Library to Elmhurst College students as tech assistants.

Discussion ensued.

6. Other Business

Next Agenda Items

- Vice Chairman Griffin suggested an invitation to Jeff Budgell for next meeting to discuss follow-up of Performing Arts Center.
- Last mile commute
- Bike rental at College

7. Proposed Next Meeting – January 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – City of Elmhurst

Chairman Reichert moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously received. Voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted as a draft by City Manager James Grabowski