

Elmhurst Youth Commission Meeting
October 20, 2014
District 205 Center, 162 S. York
12:30 pm

Present: Lynn McCreadie Patty McKernan Mike LaSpisa
 Melea Smith Sharon Karpiel Karen Stezowski
 Jackie Tamer Jan DeCoursey Derek Schleger
 Mark Soehn

Guests: Bob Dunn, Alderman from Ward 2
 Corey Worden, Linden Oaks at Edward
 Matt Quinn, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital

Absent: Jeff Kucera Dan Corrigan

Meeting called to order at 12:33 p.m.

- | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Public Comments | All |
| 2. Introduction of Guests | Melea Smith |
| 3. Review of September Minutes | Melea and Lynn McCreadie |
| Motion to accept September Minutes without change made by Karen Stezowski, seconded by Mark Soehn. Motion approved. | |
| 4. Update on Nov. 10 Forum | Melea and Jackie Tamer |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Morley has committed to attend the event, at least first 30 minutes due to prior commitments at City Hall (committees meet on Monday nights).• Corey Worden – take-aways from the program will include literature, pamphlets, as well as a list of resources available. Don't want to overwhelm or turn program into marketing campaign, but want people to know that resources are available. Focus of program is to get out message that heroin use is taking place in our community, cutting across all ages and socio-economic backgrounds, as well as awareness of the underlying causes.• Bob Dunn will look into City sponsoring the cost of videotaping the event for later airing.• Trying to get rough idea of potential attendance by asking for RSVPs, although walk-ins are welcome. Superior Air-Ground Ambulance has space to accommodate both small and larger groups.• Refreshments – Café Amano is donating water bottles and cookies in exchange for sponsorship message regarding their new location.• Commission does have approx. \$400 budget – possible idea is to purchase newspaper advertisement, or to purchase green tablecloth(s) with Elmhurst City logo to be used during various Commission on Youth programs. | |

- Lynn McCreadie will create a feedback form to ask attendees for input about future possible programs. She will also look into promotional pens that say Elmhurst Commission on Youth.
- Information sheet available at the Nov. 10 program on how to nominate potential Exemplary Youth Service award winners.

5. Getting the Word Out (poster distribution)

All

- Posters and flyers distributed electronically; Commission members asked to distribute through channels and hang posters in appropriate places.
- Karen asked to make sure teachers and counselors get information via e-mails. Also suggests hanging posters in teachers' lounges at schools.
- Bob Dunn's experience speaking with Elmhurst residents is that there is a big concern about drug use, specifically heroin use. Also noted results of survey indicate that this is a top concern in the community.
- Letter from Rotary – has invited Melea Smith and/or Karen Stezowski to attend discussion at Elmhurst College on Nov. 12 to discuss next steps regarding prevention, treatment, etc. Continuation of overall community program.

6. Youth Service Awards Banner Application for Overpass

Melea

(Jan./Feb. 2015)

Overpass unavailable - Already booked for January/February 2015. Will hang banner on York fence. If increase in commission's budget, will look into additional banners to hang at the three middle schools.

7. Location & Date of March Youth Service Awards Event

All

- In the past, held it the week before Spring Break – the Commission sees no reason to change this date. March 19th or March 26th – tentative dates
- Will hold the event at Sandburg Middle School - Melea to book
- Plan to ask PADS band to return to play at reception

Next Meeting November 17, 2014 @ 12:30 p.m. at the District 205 Administration Center