



Commission on Senior Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues

February 17, 2015

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Abbie Carter, Margaret Diekemper, Mary Hart, Sue Slater, William Thomas, Eleanor Mullin, Evelyn Hollowell, Arthur Sharpe, Jr. (Council Liaison) and LaRette Reese (staff Liaison)

Excused:

Guests: Lori Fiegel, St. Louis County Planning

Ms. Margie Diekemper called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

Roll call was done by Ms. LaRette Reese

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Carter moved to approve the meeting minutes from the January 20th meeting; it was seconded by Ms. Carter. The motion passed.

There were no new emails or calls to report.

Council Update: Councilman Sharpe provided updates on the trolley project, bond issues and the proposed budget. There will be public meetings scheduled for both the bond issues and the proposed budget. Mr. Sharpe confirmed that \$20K for a part-time senior coordinator is being requested as part of the proposed budget. Commissioners are asked to speak with their council representatives to support this budget item for the seniors in University City.

Unfinished Business

- Ms. Hart provided a consolidated list of the needs and resources that were compiled at the last meeting. This list is a work in progress; it will be used as a starting point for building the senior webpage.
- Information from the flyer should be added to the description page on the City's homepage. LaRette will update this week.
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New Business

- Members discussed ways in which the file of life could be used and distributed. Perhaps at Fair U City, the ministerial alliance group and other safety events held around the city. LaRette to get information on the cost of printing the card and the jacket.
- Senior Friendly Business Imitative – Members about ways business could make themselves senior friendly; discount prices, automatic doors, ramps, special shopping days etc. Members agree this would be a good program to implement. Councilman Sharpe will discuss the idea with the City Manager, if he approves, Margie will contact the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development manager to talk about the best way to move this program forward.
- Formulation of Commission by-laws – Chair requested moving this item to March agenda. Members are asked to review the examples of other commissions and be prepared to discuss at the March meeting.

Guest Comments:

Lori Fiegel shared feedback on the file for life project and reviewed the dates and times for the upcoming strategy workshops. She also shared a program called “walk and talks”, a program where City staff or Commission members walk the neighborhoods to connect with a particular group of residents.

Actions / Follow-Up Items:

- LaRette will check the pricing for getting the file of life materials.
- LaRette will email the next budget hearing date.
- All Commissioners are asked bring ideas for rules and by-laws.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16th at 6:00 PM. – Heman Park Community Center

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05p.m.