



Commission on Senior Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues

April 20, 2015

Location: Heman Park Community Center

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

Excused: None

Guests: Ken Schwartz (Elderlink Guest Speaker)
Residents: Mr. Klingler, Mr. Slater, Ms. McPherson

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

Roll call was done by Ms. LaRette Reese

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Mullin moved to approve the meeting minutes from the March 16th meeting; it was seconded by Ms. Slater. The motion passed.

There were no new emails or phone calls to report.

Council Update: Councilman Sharpe confirmed that the bond issue election did not pass and that he did not believe it would come back. The City will be looking for money in other places. The proposed budget is still being reviewed and re-worked. Mr. Sharpe the mid-town farmers market and the new pizza place. He also reminded everyone that the Focus Group meeting is a good place to get information and stay informed.

Members who attended the Age-Friendly Strategy Workshops provided feedback on the different sessions. Overall members enjoyed the workshops and thought they were well done and provided useful and helpful information. It was noted the University City is one of only a few communities that have a commission on senior issues. Lori Fiegel from St. Louis County will formulate the data collected from the workshops and share the county's plan sometime in June.

Unfinished Business

- The final draft of the rules and bylaws was reviewed and voted on. Bill Thomas motioned to accept the rules and by-laws; it was seconded by Ms. Mullin. The motion passed.

- Ms. Diekemper shared feedback about her visit with the Senior Services coordinator of Florissant. She also talked about a possible field trip to Alton to see first-hand how their one stop senior services model works.

New Business

Guest speaker Ken Schwartz from Elderlink shared information about their program and the Gatekeeper program. They provide training on how to identify when a senior might need to help and could use their referral program. The Jewish community is their primary focus but they do offer assistance to anyone whenever possible.

Guest Comments:

One guest inquired about transportation to the commission meeting for people that don't drive. Ms. Linda Wills shared that Mid-East Area for the Aging U. City Senior Center will be moving their activities back to the Community Center sometime in June or July.

Actions / Follow-Up Items:

Topic the May meeting: Seniors Count Initiative for St. Louis (Jamie Opsal)

Sue Slater would to see Customized Travel for People with Disabilities as an agenda item for a future meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, June 15th at 6:00 PM. – Heman Park Community Center

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05p.m.