



Commission on Senior Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues

July 18, 2016

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Margaret Diekemper, Wayne Flesh, Mary Hart, Elaine Henton, Sue Slater, Bill Thomas, Marcia Mermelstein (Senior Coordinator), LaRette Reese (staff Liaison)

Guest:

Ms. Margie Diekemper called the meeting to order at 6:05PM

Roll call was done by Ms. LaRette Reese

New Commission member Wayne Flesch was formally introduced and he briefly provided background information about himself and then all members introduced themselves. Members are looking forward to meeting Ms. Dorothy Merritt, the other new Commission member, at the August meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thomas moved to approve the meeting minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting; it was seconded by Ms. Hart. The motion passed.

Ms. Mermelstein provided an update on the activities, meetings and programs that she's been working on. The seniors' mailing list is up to 80 and there about 55 names on the email list. The religious leaders' database is up to 21. The first meeting of the new program committee will take place in August; there are 15 residents on the committee at this time. The initial Elderlink help desk sessions at the library have been pretty good; serving between 5-10 people each time. The hope is to make this a regular re-occurring event through Senior Services. A couple of programs being reviewed are the Time Bank volunteer program for home repairs and Table Wisdom, a program the connects older english speaking adults with people who are interesting in improving their english speaking skills.

Unfinished business items were discussed, which included updating the Commissions by-laws to adjust the quorum requirements when the Commission has a vacant seat(s). Margie will draft a proposed revision and send to all members for review and feedback. A final draft review and possible vote will be included on the August agenda. Members discussed and agreed to hold 3 educational forums regarding Senior's Count. Members expressed the intent is to provide information to our community. Margie will contact Jamie Opsal to secure speakers and dates. Sessions will be held at the library or community center depending on availability. The new webpage is up and running. Members like the look and content of the page. Everyone will work to get the word out so people can learn more about senior services. LaRette will add the webpage information to the news and announcement section on the City's homepage. The next ROARS article is due to LaRette by July 28th. Members agreed that Margie would draft this issues article, then

forward to everyone for feedback. The Commission and the Senior Coordinator will work together on future article for each ROARS edition.

There was no new business discussed.

A brief update was given on the iTN transportation meeting; 3 Commissioners and the senior coordinator are on the steering committee for this initiative. U. City, Richmond Heights, the NORC, St. Louis County Department of Innovation & strategy, and Chesterfield have agreed to continue the process of seeing if a pilot program could be formed in St. Louis County.

The number of seniors living in U. City was briefly discussed; checking the 2010 census data was recommended.

Follow-up Actions:

1. Margie will draft an article for the upcoming ROARS and send to the members for feedback
2. Margie will draft revised by laws regarding quorum requirements and send to the members for feedback
3. Marcia and Margie will schedule an education session regarding "Seniors Count"

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