



## Commission on Senior Issues

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### Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues August 15, 2016

Location: Heman Park Community Center

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

Guest: Roz Turner

Ms. Margie Diekemper called the meeting to order at 6:05PM  
Roll call was done by Ms. LaRette Reese

New council liaison Paulette Carr was formally introduced and she briefly provided background information about herself and then all members introduced themselves. Members stated they are looking forward to meeting Ms. Carr.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Slater moved to approve the meeting minutes from the July 18, 2016 meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Flesch. The motion passed.

Ms. Carr reminded members of the open Ward 1 Council seat, replacing Steve Kraft, which will be on the November ballot. Ms. Carr also provided the following updates:

- A consultant has been hired to review the report and findings of the facility analysis of the annex/police department. The consultant's report will be finished in 30 days.
- The proposed budget resolution did not pass; therefore the budget presented prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> has been adopted. Some budget amendments have also been approved.

Ms. Mermelstein provided an update on the activities, meetings and programs that she's been working on. She is asking the members to spread the word and encourage people to attend the upcoming workshop series and the Senior's Count educational forums. "Make A Difference Day" is October 22<sup>nd</sup>; applications are due Sept 15 to the Jodie Lloyd in the Community Development department. Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the King will be supporting this volunteer effort but more volunteers are needed.

Brief updates were also given on the Timebank volunteer program, Tablewisdom and the intergenerational gardening program at Barbara Jordan School. These options are still on the table as possible ways of getting assistance to the senior population. STL Village confirmed that they are not able to provide volunteer support. The 2 pilot Elderlink sessions held at the library were well received. The hope is to continue these sessions on a regular basis. The first program committee meeting is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Commons.

Three unfinished business items were discussed

1. Revision to the Commissions by-laws to adjust the quorum requirements when the Commission has a vacant seat(s) was reviewed by all the members (see below).  
*“When there are Commission vacancies, a majority of filled positions (voting members) will constitute a quorum (e.g. 2 vacancies (5 voting members), quorum would be three (3).) If the number of vacancies results in an even number of filled voting positions, then 50% of those members in attendance constitutes a quorum(e.g. 1 vacancy (6 voting members), quorum would be three (3).)”*  
  
Mr. Thomas made a motion to accept the revisions as read, Ms. Merritt seconded, and the motion was passed.
2. Members agreed at the last meeting to hold 3 educational forums regarding Senior’s Count. The dates are confirmed for August 15 (HPCC), September 15 (UCPL) and October 18 (HPCC). Ms. Carr requested more information; there was open discussion around the senior services fund item that will appear on the November ballot.
3. The article submission for the September/October ROARS was submitted and approved.

Other business:

Ms. Diekemper suggested that we think about what the Commission should do go forward and it relates the mission. The original goals are coming to fruition, so maybe the mission should be updated. Members will think about it and come to the September meeting with ideas and feedback.

The iTN transportation pilot committee is moving along and making progress; the service area had been identified. Some benefits of the service are rides are not restricted to medical appointments; service can be used for personal trips for shopping, entertainment or anywhere a person wants to go. The reservation timeline is shorter and the goal is for the average ride to cost \$10.00 or less. The pilot would include St. Charles, Chesterfield, Richmond Heights, U City and NORC; it would be 1 larger group. The target date to be up and running is April 2017.

There could be an issue with Taxi Commission; the committee is working to clarify this area of concern. The next steps will include fund raising and education.

Follow-up Actions:

1. All members to brainstorm about how to expand our mission and purpose going forward

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 19 at 6:00 PM. – Heman Park Community Center**