



Commission on Senior Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues September 19, 2016

Location: Heman Park Community Center
Attendees Present: Margaret Diekemper, Mary Hart, Elaine Henton, Bill Thomas, Dorothy Merritt, Marcia Mermelstein (Senior Coordinator), Paulette Carr (Council Liaison), LaRette Reese (staff Liaison)
Excused: Wayne Flesh, Sue Slater
Guest: Roz Turner

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

Councilmember Update

Councilmember Carr provided the following updates:

- The Olive Dog Friendly Café; the proposal is still being reviewed
- City Council is looking into have remote broadcasting council meetings. Skype has been used a couple of times, staff is looking for a more professional option.
- Members were reminded that the open Ward 1 Council seat, replacing Steve Kraft, will be on the November ballot.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Merritt moved to approve the meeting minutes from the August 15, 2016 meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Thomas. The motion passed.

Senior Coordinator Update

Ms. Mermelstein provided the following updates on activities, meetings and programs related to older adults.

- The “Taking Care of Our Parents...and Ourselves” workshops have gone well; good feedback from participants, attendance was okay; the first and fourth workshops had more attendees.
- The first program committee meeting was held on August 24th, only three people came, but the discussion was good. Feedback received that Wednesday nights are not the best.
- New programs are the horizon are; Table Wisdom (older adults are matched with immigrants to help them with speaking conversational English, free movies at the library and weekly coffee talks at MacArthur’s.

Three unfinished business items were discussed

1. There are 2 more Senior’s Count (Prop S) educational forums scheduled on September 15 (UCPL) and October 18 (HPCC).
2. Members agreed that Marcia would submit the article for the September/October ROARS.
3. The next iTN Transportation meeting is August 17. The team is looking at outreach, recruitment and fundraising ideas. One area of concern is will iTN be subject to the Taxi Commission rules?

Other business:

Members agreed to devote the September meeting to discussing where the Commission is going, and looking at what is different now from when we stated.

Follow-up Actions:

1. Members will think about and prepare to discuss how to expand our mission and purpose going forward at the September meeting.

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