



Commission on Senior Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues

November 19, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Margie Diekemper, Wayne Flesch, Elaine Henton, Sue Slater, Gloria Nickerson, Karl Reid, Marcia Mermelstein (Staff Liaison)

Absent: Councilman Stacy Clay

Ms. Diekemper called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Roll call was done by Ms. Marcia Mermelstein

Approval of Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the previous meeting's minutes. Ms. Slater moved that the minutes be approved, Mr. Reid seconded, and the motion was passed.

Unfinished Business

- New Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, as well as additional new Commission members needed – Ms. Diekemper reminded everyone that the November meeting will be her last as the Chairperson because her term as a Commission member will be expiring. It will also be the last meeting for Ms. Slater, who has been serving as the Vice-Chairperson, and the mayor will need to appoint someone to take her place as the "Mayoral appointee." At the last meeting, Mr. Clay had said that he would bring this need to the attention of the mayor, and Ms. Mermelstein will follow up with him. Other Commission members are asked to consider volunteering at the next meeting to serve as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Flesch indicated that he would be willing to serve as an officer. Ms. Mermelstein said that she had had a conversation with a woman who had submitted an application to become a member of the commission. Ms. Diekemper reminded members that there will be no Commission meeting in December; in January, any Commission member can run that meeting in order to facilitate a discussion about a vote on new officers.

New Business

- U City Foundation potential funding requests – Ms. Diekemper reminded the commission members that the new U City Foundation has grant money available for requests from city organizations, and that we can be thinking about programs/services that we might want to offer that could benefit from that type of funding. This will be an agenda item at the next commission meeting.
- Budget – Ms. Mermelstein talked about the need for a budget for fiscal year 2019/20, and asked for program ideas. This will also be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- Fund-raising suggestion – work with one or more of the U-City restaurants to create a day or evening where a certain percentage of the profits would go to a cause related to senior services.

Staff Liaison Report

- Ms. Mermelstein reported that there are currently 689 names in the Senior Database. She also shared information concerning a “Memory Café” program that will take place on December 6 at the Second Presbyterian Church in the Central West End. This program is for people dealing with dementia, and their caregivers, and is being sponsored by the Dementia-Friendly Task Force. Forty homeowners were assisted with home repair and/or yard work on Make A Difference Day, with volunteer help from Christ the King Church, All Saints Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, SHED, and some miscellaneous volunteers from University City. After the first of the year Ms. Mermelstein will once again be the contact person making appointments for AARP free tax assistance at the U-City Library. She reported that the new Director of Parks and Recreation has not yet been hired. Her position will be moving to that department once the new director starts, and her office will be moved to Centennial Commons at that time.

Other Updates

- Farewell to commission members – Ms. Mermelstein officially thanked both Ms. Diekemper and Ms. Slater for their years of service, acknowledging the important contributions that both have made as founding members of this commission. She presented flowers as a thank you gift on behalf of everyone. Ms. Slater and Ms. Diekemper each thanked the commission members, and encouraged everyone to continue the work to which they have been committed.

There being no further business, Ms. Slater moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Reid seconded, the motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 22, at 6:00 PM. – Heman Park Community Center