



CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON SENIOR ISSUES
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Members Present:

Allieze Ruby Curry, Suzanne Greenwald, Teresa Huether, Christopher Lhotak, Mary Dee Schmidt (joined at 6:11 pm)

Also in attendance: Staff Liaison, Lynda Euell-Taylor

Excused: Gretchen Barry; Council Liaison, Aleta Klein

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Teresa Huether.

Minutes: Ms. Curry moved to approve the November 20, 2023, minutes. Ms. Greenwald seconded. Minutes approved by acclamation.

Citizen Comments: none

Staff Liaison Report: Ms. Euell-Taylor reported:

- Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2024 with Interim Director, Darin Girdler and Aging Ahead representatives to discuss the return of their program to Heman Park Community Center
- Monthly (January-April) "Laughter, Lunch and Bingo for Seniors 60+" is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of these months at Centennial Commons
- Annual Go Red for Women Informational Luncheon is planned for February 2nd at Heman Park Community Center
- "Fuzzy Flicks" Valentine youth event is planned for February 13th at Centennial Commons
- The success of the December 2023 Kid's Charcuterie Event held at Centennial Commons and invited Commissioners to "like" either University City Recreation Division or Centennial Commons on Facebook to view all recent event photos.

Council Liaison Report: Ms. Klein's absence Ms. Huether reported

- Ms. Klein has met with City Manager, Gregory Rose and he plans to implement the Senior Services Coordinator position in the near future.
- The City is currently interviewing applicants for the Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Areas Maintenance position.

New Business: Senior Lunch and Learn program

Ms. Huether reported:

- Meeting was held with University City Library staff and Aging Ahead to discuss program plans
- First program is scheduled for April 12, 2024 at the University City Library; with the University City Library being the first speaker

- Second program speaker: Aging Ahead; with the Third program speaker being Oasis which will include a power point presentation and 15-minute Chair Yoga exercise session.
- Due to co-sponsorship with Aging Ahead (who is also providing the lunch menu) and based on State requirements – donations must be solicited; though participants are not required to comply. All event marketing materials will include a link (and phone number) for Aging Ahead to conduct donation solicitation, provide participant registration; as well as provide additional program information.

Old Business: Ms. Schmidt moved to approve the Subcommittee’s recommendations for the Senior Services Coordinator Position Essential Functions. Ms. Curry seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.

Other Updates / Topics of Concern: Ms. Greenwald indicated this would be her final Senior Commission meeting as she will be relocating to Clayton. Ms. Euell-Taylor requested she submit her written resignation by email to City Clerk, LaRette Reese and Commissioners thanked her for her service to the Senior Commission.

Public / Citizen Participation: none

Closing Comments: none

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.