



CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON SENIOR ISSUES

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Monday, March 18, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Members Present:

Gretchen Barry, Allieze Ruby Curry, Teresa Huether, Mary Dee Schmidt

Also in attendance: Staff Liaison, Lynda Euell-Taylor; Council Liaison, Aleta Klein

Unexcused Absence: Christopher Lhotak

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Teresa Huether.

Minutes: Ms. Schmidt moved to approve the January 16, 2024 minutes. Ms. Curry seconded. Minutes approved by acclamation.

Citizen Comments: none

Staff Liaison Report: Ms. Euell-Taylor reported:

- Will email flyers to the commissioners highlighting upcoming events & programs including the summer pool season, fitness center & classes, laughter/lunch/bingo monthly program for the 60+ age group, etc.
- Met with Aging Ahead representatives; still awaiting their proposal regarding services and programming; has yet to resume services at the community center due to the lack of kitchen. Alternatives were discussed including local churches or providing box lunches until the kitchen renovations are complete. Asbestos removal, new floor to be installed, stove & ice machine to be replaced. Aging Ahead requires refrigeration & ability to heat up meals. Ms. Klein will follow up with the City Manager. Ms. Schmidt also reached out to Aging Ahead representative (M.J. Grothe) to confirm details.

Council Liaison Report: Ms. Klein reported:

- This is her last meeting as her term on the City Council expires in April. She is not seeking re-election.
- The status of the FEMA funds and replacement of the gym floor.
- The Olivette detention basin is on schedule.
- There are no new announcements for the I-70/Olive development.
- The Senior Coordinator position is posted & several individuals have been interviewed by the City Manager. Unfortunately, none of the applicants seem to be the right fit for the job.

New Business: None

Old Business: Senior Lunch and Learn

- Ms. Huether explained the series would be delayed until May; the April event has been cancelled. Monthly speakers have been scheduled through December 2024 (See Ms. Euell-Taylor's flyer).

Other Updates / Topics of Concern:

The Commission agreed the meetings would continue over Zoom through September 2024.

Public / Citizen Participation: none

Closing Comments:

Ms. Curry announced SHED will host a housing fair at the University City Library on the first Saturday in April from 8:30am – 12 noon.

Adjournment:

Ms. Huether motioned for adjournment at 7pm. Ms. Barry seconded. Approved by acclamation.