



## Commission on Senior Issues

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### Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues

January 21, 2014

Location: Heman Park Community Center  
Attendees Present: Abbie Carter, Margaret Diekemper, Evelyn Hollowell, Sue Slater, William Thomas, Mayor Shelley Welsch (council Liaison) and LaRette Reese (staff Liaison)  
Absent: None  
Excused: None

Mayor Shelley Welsch called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call was done by Ms. LaRette Reese

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. William Thomas moved to approve the meeting agenda, was seconded by Ms. Abbie Carter. The motion passed

Mayor Welsch stated that the goal of the meeting was to have an open discussion on how members want to proceed and move forward. Members gave brief introductory statements. It was noted that there are two appointments open on the commission, one from the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward and one from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward.

#### New Business

Mayor Welsch gave some background as to how and why this commission was started. This Commission on Senior Issues will serve in an advisory capacity to Council and staff. Mayor Welsch is the Council liaison and Ms. Reese is the staff liaison.

The meeting then opened for discussion about next steps. Mayor Welsch noted that the commission will have to elect officers, but members may prefer to wait until all know each other better. Most of the commissions have a chair and vice-chair. At this point this commission will not be handling any money so a treasurer would not be needed. Ms. Sue Slater advised that she needs the Seniors/youth task force report in an electronic format to be able to convert it Braille. An e-mail or a WORD document would be great.

Members discussed and shared their feedback of the initial survey. In general the comments were positive, but most members agree that a revised second survey would be useful. Mayor Welsch made the suggestion that members think about collaborating with other groups such as the Crown Center, which is located in west U City. Group members agreed that it seems the first step is to find out what the people need and want within the community. The primary areas of focus might be communication, transportation and funding.

Term assignments were done as follows:

One Year initial term - Ms. Margaret Diekemper & Ms. Sue Slater, Ms. Abbie Carter

Two Years first term – Mr. William Thomas and Ms. Evelyn Hollowell

#### Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Monday Feb 17th is Presidents Day and a national holiday).

Members decided to wait to elect officers until all members are in place.

Revisit survey results (pull out most important pieces). The survey questions are in the task force report.

#### Action / Follow-Up Items:

- Ms. Reese to ask if Mr. Walker or someone from the city staff could come to the next meeting regarding funding and how to expand access to a revised survey.
- Ms. Reese to check with Mr. Walker to confirm that we have funds set aside for the Commission on Seniors & Youth together and also one separately for seniors. (Budget to be approved by June 27). Monies to be used for survey and transportation. The first survey in the beginning did not cost us any money.
- Ms. Reese to get the survey report to Ms. Slater in email or WORD format.
- Ms. Reese to copy, email and mail hardcopies of the articles from Ms. Diekemper this week to all commission members.
- Ms. Reese to get information on the upcoming CRC (Central Reform Congregation) meeting and share with the group. Ms. Slater will also try to get additional information then call Ms. Reese with the details.
- Ms. Hollowell to ask if someone from STL County could come to our March meeting. Could County Councilwoman Hazel Erby help with this?

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00p.m.

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m.

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