



Commission on Senior Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues

February 18, 2014

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

Mayor Shelley Welsch called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Roll Call was done by Ms. LaRette Reese

New Member Introduction: Mayor Welsch introduced Mary Hart as new an appointee to the commission from the second ward.

Approval of Agenda:

Abbie Carter moved to approve the meeting agenda, was seconded by Sue Slater. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Margret Diekemper moved to approve the meeting minutes, was seconded by William Thomas. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Welsch confirmed the funds available for use by this commission is \$17,500.00. Ten thousand is to be used specifically for transportation needs and/or assessment related to transportation. A recommendation was made to use the money to purchase a bus. It was agreed that more information on the community needs is necessary before any final decisions are made on the best use of the money.

There was in-depth discussion on the survey report. Members expressed concern that additional information is needed to determine the top 3-5 priority needs of the senior community. Addresses could not be viewed in the report; members would like to study the address detail more closely. The commission will explore options for including a short questionnaire to be mailed with the quarterly trash bill. Holding another community town hall meeting to make sure people know that this commission is up and actively looking to improve senior services in University City was also discussed. Ms. Hart agreed to pull data from some of the state-wide surveys to see if that information could help determine the needs of seniors.

The invitation to Councilwoman Hazel Erby to join one of our meetings is still open. It was suggested that Ms. Hart could represent the county with input from Councilwoman Erby during our March meeting.

New Business

Ms. Slater shared feedback from the Congregation Reform Center event held February 1st regarding the STL Village. She felt the event was very good; they share their operational structure, vision and membership information. Ms. Slater stated that she would like to see the boundaries of the STL Village include more of University City.

Next Meeting: Monday March 17th at 6:00 PM.

Recommendations of what questions/information should be included on the flyer/questionnaire to be inserted with the trash bill mailing.

Ms. Hart will present what services for seniors are available through St. Louis County.

Members decided to wait to elect officers until all members are in place. One appointment is currently open.

Actions / Follow-Up Items:

- Ms. Hart will look into inviting representatives from the Crown Center and the Brentmoor to attend one of our meetings. She will also look into the possibility of holding a town hall meeting at their location.
- Ms. Diekemper will email Ms. Reese the American Society on Aging information for membership.
- Mayor Welsch will email the links for the National League of Cities and US Conference of Mayors.
- Ms. Reese will work with staff to pull original surveys. Once the files are available she will email the member to let us know. Available members will meet at City Hall to go through and pull necessary data. Ms. Reese will schedule conference on 2nd floor for this exercise.
- Ms. Reese will check with staff for options of including a questionnaire insert with the trash bills. Also to get recommendations on the paper size and the best way to get the requested information returned to the Commission.
- Ms. Reese to confirm if Ms. Hollowell has contacted Councilwoman Erby about joining our meeting, and share the idea of Ms. Hart representing on Councilwoman Erby's behalf.
- Ms. Reese to forward agenda prior to all meetings.
- Ms. Reese to order or download copies of the American Society on Aging (ASA) - (Generations). Also to see if the City can become a member.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05p.m.

NEXT MEETING
Monday March 17, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Heman Park Community Center