



## Commission on Senior Issues

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

**March 17, 2014**

Location: Heman Park Community Center  
Attendees Present: Abbie Carter, Margaret Diekemper, Mary Hart, Evelyn Hollowell,  
Mayor Shelley Welsch (council Liaison) and LaRette Reese (staff Liaison)  
Lori Fiegel from St. Louis County Planning was also present  
Absent:  
Excused: Eleanor Mullin, Sue Slater and William Thomas

Ms. Margaret Diekemper called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.  
Roll Call was done by Ms. LaRette Reese

#### Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Abbie Carter moved to approve the meeting agenda, was seconded by Ms. Mary Hart. The motion passed.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Mary Hart moved to approve the meeting minutes, was seconded by Ms. Abbie Carter. The motion passed.

#### New Business

Commission members gave brief introductions to Ms. Lori Fiegel, the guest presenter from the St. Louis County Planning Department. Ms. Fiegel shared information on the new St. Louis County AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network. She discussed the upcoming county-wide survey scheduled to begin this week. Surveys will be mailed to 6000 randomly selected people in St. Louis County. The survey results and information on what services and programs other municipalities are providing will be available for our reference.

Ms. Diekemper provided comments on the information she pulled during a review of the original hard copy surveys collected by the Mayor's Task Force on Seniors and Youth. Members decided to focus on the areas recommended by the task force, transportation, communication, home improvement and recreational services.

### Unfinished Business

Members agreed to wait until after the election to invite St. Louis County Councilwoman Hazel Erby to attend a meeting.

The invitation to representatives from the Crowne Center and Brentmoor Place to come and share information about their facilities and programs for seniors is still open. Ms. Hart will reach out to her contact at the Brentmoor Place, and Ms. Hollowell will do the same for the Crowne Center.

Election of officers remains open.

Staff confirmed that a survey insert or flyer could be mailed with the refuse bill. It would be best to use the same size paper as the refuse bill (8 ½ x 11); this would allow for automated folding and stuffing the envelopes. A different size paper and/or a return envelope will require manually stuffing. Refuse bills are mailed out on a five segment rotation, so it would take five months to reach all the residents. One point of concern is the ability to determine which residents are seniors.

It was suggested that we not do any kind of mini survey at this time, since that the county's survey will be mailed this week. Those survey results are projected to be completed and available for review sometime in June.

In the interest of time, Ms. Hart agreed to defer her presentation on senior services in St. Louis County until the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.

### Actions / Follow-Up Items:

- Ms. Hart will look into inviting representatives from the Brentmoor to attend one of our meetings.
- Ms. Hollowell will look into inviting representatives from the Crowne Center to attend one of our meetings.
- Ms. Reese will email AARP sample survey to the members.
- Ms. Reese will order copies of the American Society on Aging (ASA) - (Generations). Also to gather information on the City becoming a member.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Heman Park Community Center**