



Commission on Youth Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Youth Issues

August 04, 2014

Location: Heman Park Community Center

An open meeting was held, but a quorum was not met. The attending commission members discussed the Teen Pool party event that took place Tuesday July 22, 2014 at Heman Park Pool. The event was a success and well attended with 120 teens! Fees were waived for all University City teens (with proper identification) and their guests. Wristband and a raffle ticket were distributed to each attendee for facility entry and food distribution. A variety of snacks and drinks were provided for each attendee. Two officers were in attendance. Thankyou notes mailed out to Mr Walker; Mrs. Lynda Euell-Taylor & staff; Police Chief Adams & officers Basta & Hope & Sean. For pool parties in the future the commission should meet with the Recreation division in the initial states of the event. As a reminder please notify me if you are not able to attend meetings.

The next three meetings are:

September 08, 2014

October 06, 2014

November 03, 2014

This is imperative to the commission conducting business. If you have any items to add to the agendas, please do not hesitate to email me with them.

New Business/Old Business items discussed:

Better Block Event: Community Development would like to invite a representative from the Youth Commission to serve on the planning committee for a “Better Block” event (<http://betterblock.org>). The event will take place on Thursday, October 2nd from 4pm-7pm at the city-owned property located on the northwest corner of Olive Blvd and Midland Blvd. A community celebration is envisioned that will help the City gather community interest and ideas for use of the

property. We hope to plan a successful event that could include temporary art, dog park, garden plots, music, performers, and food trucks, etc.

The first meeting of the planning committee will be on Thursday, August 14th from 6:00-7:00pm at the Heman Park Community Center. The committee will likely meet every other week until the event. Committee members are expected to commit attending up to 4 meetings in August and September. Several members of the community will also be invited to serve on the planning committee. Jodie Lloyd, Manager of Economic Development, will be the primary coordinator of the event.

ONE youth representative is needed to volunteer. Please let me know if anyone is interested.

Officer elections: In order for the commission to elect officers all members must be in attendance. I will send out a meeting wizard out to all members for each meeting so that we can figure out which day would be the best.

Fair U City: Members discussed having a booth at Fair U City 2014. The Fair is September 12 – 14th. Mayor Welsch suggested that the Youth Commission could share a booth with The City. Volunteers are needed for several shifts each day. Councilman Jennings suggested that the commission look into getting promotional items to give away during the fair. Items we can think about are wristbands, pens, pencils etc. Mrs. Desai – Ramirez suggests that the commission create an informational flyer with a tear off portion for interested students and volunteers.

Make a Difference Day : OCTOBER 25, 2014. The City of University City participates in the national event every year. This will be the fifth year The City will be participating in the largest national day of community service. So far, University City is the only municipality in the St. Louis area, and one of two in the state of Missouri, to do so. Volunteer opportunities include collecting food and organizing a food drive, cleaning and planting in parks and lots, painting, and assisting local senior citizens with yard work. Volunteers usually meet at Heman Park Centennial Commons in University at 8 a.m. for orientation and refreshments. Service activities usually last from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will need to provide their own transportation. Councilman Jennings suggested that we consider partnering with Home Depot or other companies to help a family in the community repair their home.

HOMECOMING FLOAT: Councilman Jennings proposed that UCYC participate in this year's Homecoming festivities. Homecoming will be held September 20, 2014. I will find out the theme of homecoming and if an entry form is required. Thoughts? Ideas? Comments?

SPRING OPPORTUNITIES FAIR: The commission is beginning to form a subcommittee for Planning the spring job and volunteer opportunities fair. Any members interested please let us know.