



Commission on Senior Issues

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Meeting Minutes – University City Commission on Senior Issues

January 20, 2015

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Abbie Carter, Margaret Diekemper, Mary Hart, Sue Slater, William Thomas, Arthur Sharpe, Jr. (Council Liaison) and LaRette Reese (staff Liaison)

Excused: Eleanor Mullin, Evelyn Hollowell

Guests: Lori Fiegel, St. Louis County Planning, Rosalind Turner (resident)

Ms. Margie Diekemper called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

Roll call was done by Ms. LaRette Reese

Ms. Diekemper acknowledged guests and gave instruction for addressing the Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Bill Thomas moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December 15th meeting; it was seconded by Ms. Abbie Carter. The motion passed.

There were no new emails or calls to report.

Council Update: Councilman Sharpe reported that Mr. Walker is working on hiring a webmaster over the next three weeks or so. Mr. Sharpe briefly discussed the possible bond issue for the April 7th ballot. One is for streets and the other is for parks.

Unfinished Business

- Ms. Diekemper provided feedback from the January 8th budget meeting that she attended on the Commission's behalf. She presented the request for the city to hire a part-time person to support the senior population. She stated Mr. Walker was happy to consider this idea. Ms. Diekemper is scheduled to meet with Mr. Walker on January 21st to discuss in more detail. She shared a draft of the ideas she would talk about, the commission members provided feedback and suggestions on the job description.
- Ms. Hart continued brainstorming discussion on what kinds of things we would like to see on the webpage.
- The revised ROARS article was reviewed and members agreed to submit to the City Manager for approval and submission in the next edition.

New Business

- File of Life – Agenda item for February meeting. LaRette will see if the City has any forms or information on hand.
- Senior Friendly Business Imitative – Due to time limitations, this idea was simply introduced and deferred for more discussion at February meeting. Senior-friendly business certifications are becoming more common across the country.
- Ms. Diekemper asked that an agenda item - formulation of Commission by-laws - be also on the February agenda.

Guest Comments:

Lori Fiegel provided a brief update on the St. Louis County Age Friendly Initiative. Reports are now available on the website.

Resident Rosalind Turner was involved and provided input in the discussion on senior resources and webpage content.

Actions / Follow-Up Items:

- LaRette will submit ROARS article to Mr. Walker for approval. Once approved submit to ROARS for inclusion in the next issue.
- LaRette will check to see if the city has any File of Life forms and how it was used in the past.
- LaRette will send example of other commissions' by-laws to the members for review at the February meeting.
- Mary Hart will consolidate the data from the webpage brainstorming exercise and have it ready for review by the February meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 PM. – Heman Park Community Center

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25p.m.