

Community Health and Wellness Advisory Committee

November 25, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Dan Rakers, Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present- Dan Rakers, Kacky Garner, Don Kalicak, Barry Pulley, Linda Kenny, Cathy Pratt, Dave Thomas, Terri Violet

Not present- Lynne Badolato, Beth Carsten, Kacky Garner, Kenton McWilliams, Karen Prideaux, Susan Whobrey, Lois Deaver

The October Minutes were not available for approval.

Public Comments: Dr. Ray Storm, DDS. Dr. Storm spoke about the importance of fluoridation of city water and requested that the city continue adding fluoride to city water. He cited benefits to children especially children in poverty. Ms. Missy Rung-Blue. Ms. Rung-Blue spoke both as a resident of the City of St. Peters and as the president of the St. Louis Skeptical Society. Ms. Rung-Blue presented scientific evidence supporting the fluoridation of city water.

Discussion:

- Fluoridation of City Water- Committee discussed the pros/cons of the addition of fluoride to city water. The Committee did not have consensus on the issue with some favoring the discontinuation of adding fluoride and others supporting the city's fluoridation practices. Chairman Rakers motioned to draft a recommendation supporting the city's fluoridation practices and recommending action to educate the public about the CDC warnings related to fluoridated water and its use for infant formula. Barry Pulley seconded. Motion carried.
- Chairman Rakers gave a report on the Senior Fair. An estimated 325 seniors attended the event. 25 surveys were completed at the Committee Booth. 17 respondents provided contact information. Chairman Rakers motioned to award a Rec Plex pass to each of the respondents who provided contact information. Barry Pulley seconded. Motion carried. The Committee discussed the health topics listed on the surveys as being of interest to seniors. Specifically children's bike safety and diabetes were discussed.
- Social Media discussion was tabled to the next meeting.
- Draft By-Laws discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Alderman Thomas advised that the deadline for UpFront articles is Wednesday, November 27th. Chairman Rakers motioned to have the city included an article about safe snow removal. Kacky Garner seconded. The motion carried.

Kacky Garner motioned to adjourn. Don Kalicak seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Cathy Pratt