Senior Citizens' Advisory Council March 3, 2025 10:00 A.M. Location: Gregg Klice Community Center 1600 E. 17th Terrace Kansas City, MO. 64108

AGENDA

Meeting call to Order

Roll Call:

In attendance: Bradshaw, Berry, Curls, Forrest, Kabiser, Hilt, Howard Rice, City Clerk office and guest, Vicki Glenn.

Chair Forrest called the meeting to order and Member Wilson led the group in prayer and silent meditation.

Chief of Communications for the Kansas City School District, Nicole Collier White, distributed the pamphlet "Building the Blueprint: A Bond for Kansas City Public Schools," and discussed the need for the \$474 Million GO Bond issue that Kansas City community will be asked to approve on April 8, 2025. The last bond approval by Kansas City voters was in 1967. Chief White emphasized that our schools, which have full accreditation and rose to a graduation rate of 88% in 2024, are suffering from deferred maintenance and lack of proper facilities for Kansas City school children.

If approved, the \$474 million bond will be shared between KCPS (\$424 Million) and nine charter schools (\$50 million.) The plan will involve 33 structures and will include renovations of existing structures, new construction, and relocations and

co-locations. In Kansas City, the bond's cost to an owner of an average home valued at \$200k would be approximately \$20.00 per month.

The bond has been endorsed by the Teachers Union, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. Martha Curls, daughter of Member Melba Curls, is the campaign director.

Member Kabiser presented results of the Missouri Aging Profile state survey conducted by the Missouri Bureau of Senior Programs. Results showed needs in the categories of housing costs, transportation, social isolation and injuries from falls for adults 65 and over in Jackson, Cass, Clay and Platte Counties. The Council agreed that the Kansas City, City Council should be apprised of the results of this survey, and Howard stated that he would forward the results to council members.

Member Wilson reminded the Council that positions of Wellness Ambassador for the Kansas City Health Department will open again May.

Howard will again send our prospective website for Council members suggestions.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Bradshaw

For todays' meeting, we will have a representative from the League of Women voters.

Old Business: