

## SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 4, 2021

### MINUTES

A MEETING of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, January 4, 2021, via Zoom call from the offices of Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:37pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Meeting were reviewed and amended with 3 changes. Upon Motion made by Robert Petranek, and seconded by Sheri Henderson, the Amended Minutes were approved.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
  - A. **Chairman's Report.** (i) Gaye Wagner announced that Mark and Cathy were presenting on Township Services to the Hinsdale Rotary Club on 1/8/21 from 12-1pm via Zoom invitation. She solicited other members to attend as well, but to let her know if they would be attending.
  - B. **Secretary's Report**
    - a. Susan gave an update on Dial A Ride and stated that it was operating at about 25% due to Covid and more limited capacity
    - b. Cathy Rager gave an update on Township Survey Results for the new building with a handout attached to all members' emails. Highlights: mostly DG residents 65-74 are responding so far; most have a computer and use it for email & information; most suggested seminar programs with exercise and recreations together as close runners up. Classes- improved computer & device knowledge, finances, medical; Exercise- strengthening/stretching, chair and aerobic exercises, yoga; Recreation- cards/games, day trips, socializing, crafts; afternoons and weekdays are preferred times
    - c. Fundraisers- Delta Sonic and See's Candy combined netted just under \$1000
  - C. **Township Officials Report.** Mark Thoman & Karen Kelly, Trustee of Downers Grove Township
    - a. the outside areas of the building are done, next is painting and equipment installation.
  - D. **Resident Reports (ii)** Robert Petranek reported that we will be receiving the Timken Grant for \$19,000 to purchase furniture and equipment for the senior center
6. **Agency Updates.**
  - A. Park Districts

- a. Sheri Henderson reported that BRPD has 200 active seniors; they will be doing a RT.66 tour this year, and possibly a trip to Oklahoma -“Pioneer Woman” and to Waco, Texas
    - a. Would like to see a “Senior Yellow Pages” Perhaps teenagers to help produce and update?
    - b. Would like to see and hear more information on the vaccine
  - b. Beth Hahn of The Community House in Hinsdale reported no inside activities yet, but there are some outside activities like Pilates; hoping to have AARP classes as soon as possible; Junior Board Members may be able to assist with senior tech and other activities
- B. First Responders
- a. Lynn Dralle reported that they received their first vaccine and are waiting for the second one; next round going to nursing homes and law enforcement
- C. Julie Larson –Caregiver Program brings relief to patients and caregivers -check county website: dupageco.org. There is a “Caregiver Resource Assessment “; applicants assigned to case manager; more dollars available for dementia-related issues (or both caregivers and patients)
- D. George Goodwin reported that AARP expects its classes and services to resume April 1, 2021
- a. He suggests seniors viewing a 1-day University Series online – with 1-hour lectures (i.e. Understanding Memory, 4 Paintings You Should See, etc.)
- E. Janet Garreau of Interfaith Community Partners reported they are starting to do expansion into Dupage County. She will set up phone chats with partners. Please forward interested parties to her
- F. Kerry Quirin of Senior Living Experts reported getting more calls with the vaccine coming now, people are more inclined to start making their moves
- G. Teri Geppner of Pathway to Living reported they should hear by end of January or beginning of February about the vaccine for her communities
- H. Elaine Furjanic of Community Adult Day Care was thankful for the Care Act Money that came to her through the Township
- a. “The Art of Good Eating” drive-by breakfast went very well; the caterer was great and many people attended- thanks to members for passing on the info
7. **New Business** Virtual Tour of the Township was suggested for the next meeting
8. **Adjournment.** A Motion to Adjourn was made by Karen Kelly and seconded by Robert Petranek. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Catherine Rager, Secretary

**EXHIBIT A**

**SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**December 7, 2020 Meeting Attendance**

Abbate, Kathy	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Present
Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice Chairman/Darien Resident	Present
Gentile, Glen	SAC Board Member/Township Resident	Absent
Henderson, Sheri	SAC Board Member/Burr Ridge Park District	Present
Klebenow, Patricia	SAC Board Member/Westmont Resident	Present
Petranek, Robert	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Present
Wagner/Gaye	SAC Chairperson/Township Resident	Present
Agema, Troy	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff	Present
Courtney, Beth	SAC Guest/Touching Hearts at Home	Absent
Dralle, Lynn	SAC Liaison with Westmont Fire Department	Present
Faur, Renee	SAC Guest/Saratoga Grove Assisted Living Center	Present
Furjanic, Elaine	SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care	Present
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners	Present
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Pathway to Living	Present
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk/Willowbrook Resident	Absent
Hahn, Beth	SAC Guest/The Community House	Present
Kelly, Karen	SAC Guest/DGT Trustee/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Krampits, Alice	SAC Liaison with Westmont Park District	Present
Larson, Julie	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Senior Services	Present
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Guest/DGT Staff/Darien Resident	Present
Quirin, Kerry	SAC Guest/Senior Living Experts	Present
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Thoman, Mark	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident	Present