

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 7, 2022

MINUTES

A MEETING of the Senior Advisory Committee was held via Zoom on Monday, February 7, 2022.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the November 5, 2021, meeting were reviewed and, upon Motion made by Ralph Beardsley and seconded by Robert Petranek, unanimously approved.
4. **Public Comment.** Sheri Henderson noted that the former Christian Science Reading Room in downtown Downers Grove was purchased by the nearby United Church of Christ and is now being used to serve daily breakfasts and dinners to the homeless. The Presbyterian Church in Downers Grove is also serving meals to the homeless. The volunteer or donate, please contact the Churches directly.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** Gaye Wagner requested that any recommendations for new SAC members be sent directly to her.
 - B. **Board Member Report.** On behalf of FFDGTS, Robert Petranek reported that since there have been no meetings held, there is nothing to report. Petranek said he is waiting to meet with Paul Coultrap to make future plans.
 - C. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager reported that she will be placing an order for the File of Life outside jackets and is looking for sponsors to cover the cost. She added that she will raise the issue at the February 10, 2022, FFDGTS meeting. Rager also acknowledged Bernadette Rodriguez, Bruce Wright and Lisa Raisin and thanked them for attending the meeting.
 - D. **Township Officials Report.** Paul Coultrap reported that the Township is in the process of finalizing the preparation and distribution of meals with Meals on Wheels. He is hoping for a March 1 beginning. Coultrap also reported that the Peoples Resource Center is offering computer and art classes at the Township Center. Coultrap also indicated that the Township has a new hire in the Youth Services Department.
6. **Agency Updates.**
 - A. **First Responders.**

- (i) Troy Agema from DuPage County Sheriff's Department had nothing to report.
- (ii) Lynne Dralle from Westmont Fire Department was absent.

B. DuPage County Senior Services. Julie Larson reported that there will be a Zoom presentation on February 16 dealing with adult protective services. Also, Larson reported that a new program, Low Income Water Assistance Program ("LIWAP") began on February 1 and will be in effect until September 2023. Applicants must have a disconnect notice. Maximum payment is \$1500 per household.

C. Park Districts.

- (i) Alice Krampits from Westmont Park District reported low attendance at their recent events. Westmont Park District has two trips planned, as well as a Lifeline screening to be held on May 13, 2022.
- (ii) Sheri Henderson from Burr Ridge Park District reported that Clarendon Hills Park District is hosting a "Bingo & Pies" event on March 14. She went on to say that all Burr Ridge Park District senior activities are moving to Willowbrook, where there is a building that will be devoted solely to seniors
- (iii) There was no Hinsdale Community House report.

D. AARP.

George Goodwin reported that the CDC map must be in yellow or blue for AARP to begin planning activities. He added that AARP has online courses available, but he is not sure if they would honor online certifications.

7. Community Partner & Guest Updates.

A. Community Adult Day Care. Susan Sinderson reported that CADC is still at one-half capacity, and there are more men (Vietnam veterans) than women now. She also reported that CADC received some much-needed financial support from their recent fundraiser, as well as some financial gifts from local churches. Sinderson also noted that CADA has purchased a "magic table" for technology play designed for dementia patients.

B. Interfaith Community Partners. Janet Garreau reported that ICP is increasing their presence in DuPage County, and they have just trained someone from Downers Grove.

C. Aspired Living. Terri Geppner reported that visitors can visit only in residents' apartments and not in common areas.

D. Senior Living Experts. Kerry Quirin reported that requests for senior living referrals are on the rise. She went on to say that December 2021 was a very busy month.

8. Adjournment. Upon a Motion made by Ralph Beardsley and seconded by Pat Klebenow, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rager, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

**SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 7, 2022 Meeting Attendance**

Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident	Present
Henderson, Sheri	SAC Board Member/Clarendon Hills Resident	Present
Klebenow, Pat	SAC Board Member/Westmont Resident	Present
Petranek, Robert	SAC Board Member/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Wagner, Gaye	SAC Chairperson/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Agema, Troy	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff	Present
Bentsen, Angela	SAC Guest/Age Guide	Present
Catalane, Connie	SAC Guest/Senior Living Consultant	Absent
Coultrap, Paul	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Dralle, Lynn	SAC Liaison with Westmont Fire Department	Absent
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners	Present
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Aspired Living	Present
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimbsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk	Absent
Krampits, Alice	SAC Liaison with Westmont Park District	Absent
Larson, Julie	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Senior Services	Present
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Guest/DGT Staff/Darien Resident	Present
Quirin, Kerri	SAC Guest/Senior Living Experts	Present
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Raisin, Lisa	SAC Guest/FISH Pantry Manager	Present
Rodriguez, Bernadette	SAC Guest/Clarendon Hill Resident	Present
Sinderson, Susan	SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care	Present
Spirrizzi, Jillian	SAC Liaison with The Community House in Hinsdale	Absent
Stoll, Mary	SAC Guest/DGT Board Liaison	Present
Wright, Bruce	SAC Guest/Downers Grove Resident	Present