

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 1, 2021

AMENDED MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, March 1, 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 1:39pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the February 1, 2021 Meeting were reviewed. Sheri Henderson pointed out that it was not her, but Julie Larson who stated that the County would not be doing tax preparation this year. Susan Mistretta noted the error and will change the Minutes accordingly. Upon Motion made by Kathy Abbate, and seconded by Sheri Henderson, the Minutes, as corrected, were approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** (i) Gaye Wagner noted that she has been attending Triad Township meetings. The Triad is made up of Police and Fire Departments and municipalities, in this case Naperville and Lisle. Wagner also mentioned that SAC could copy the Triad's business promotions and programs. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 3, 2021. (ii) Chairperson Wagner also said that the Hinsdale Rotary is interested in participating in the garden project at the Township Center.
 - B. **Secretary's Report.** There was no Secretary's Report.
 - C. **Township Officials Report.** Mark Thoman, Supervisor of Downers Grove Township, reported that a Temporary Occupancy Permit was issued on February 10, 2021, and the Township has taken acceptance of the building, called the Township Center. There is still more work to be done. Supervisor Thoman has met with Garden Werks, who will put in six gardens, including two raised beds. Hinsdale Rotary will also be involved in this project. The Township Center dedication will be held on Friday, March 19, 2021, at 10:00am. The dedication will be both in person and online.
 - D. **Resident Reports.** Robert Petranek reported that blinds and equipment for the Township Center are being ordered, courtesy of the grant received from the Timken Foundation. Robert also reported that FFDGTS has received a \$1500 donation from Trustee Karen Kelly, personally, as well as from unused campaign funds. Trustee

Kelly and Petranek are in the process of deciding how to best use these funds. Mr. Petranek stated that he would like to get the Lunch and Learn Series up and running as soon as possible in the Township Center. Furthermore, he foresees SAC being able to hold its April 2021 meeting at the Township Center.

6. Village and County Updates.

A. Park Districts.

- (i) Sheri Henderson reported that the Village of Burr Ridge is operating virtually and expects to continue to do so until the summer. On March 13, the Park District will host a fundraiser. For \$125, participants get all the ingredients for a dinner for two from Eddie Merlot's. Corned beef and cabbage prepared by the chef from The Birches will be served. Finally, the Park District will host a virtual Mystery of Nancy Drew on Facebook.
- (ii) Alice Krampits reported that all AARP tax preparation appointments have been taken. Krampits also stated that all of the Park District classes are up and running with social distancing and temperature checks. Westmont Park District has also scheduled three summer concerts.
- (iii) Beth Hahn of The Community House in Hinsdale reported that all of their AARP tax preparation appointments are already taken. They are also offering open Pickleball play. Hahn reported that senior groups are not comfortable gathering until all have been vaccinated.

B. First Responders.

- (i) Troy Agema of DuPage County Sheriff's Department did not have a report.
- (ii) Westmont Fire Department's Lynn Dralle reported that they will be offering the Fire Academy class online in April.

C. Julie Larson, of DuPage County Senior Services, reported that they are only taking referrals.

D. George Goodwin reported that AARP expects its classes and services to resume September 1, 2021. We will try to schedule a safe driving course in the fall.

E. Janet Garreau of Interfaith Community Partners reported that they are partnering with teenagers to assist seniors in completing forms online to register for vaccines.

F. Kerry Quirin of Senior Living Experts reported an uptick in calls looking to place seniors in both assisted living and memory care.

G. Renee Faur of Saratoga Grove Assisted Living Center was absent.

H. Teri Geppner of Pathway to Living was absent.

- I. Elaine Furjanic of Community Adult Day Care was absent.
- 7. **New Business.** There was no new business brought before the Board.
- 8. **Old Business.** There was no old business brought before the Board.
- 9. **Adjournment.** A Motion to Adjourn was made by Ralph Beardsley and seconded by Kathy Abbate. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rager, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL March 1, 2021 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	Absent
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	Absent
Furjanic, Elaine	SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care	Absent
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners	Present
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Pathway to Living	Absent
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk/Willowbrook Resident	Absent
Hahn, Beth	SAC Guest/The Community House	Absent
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	Absent
Thoman, Mark	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident	Present