

COMBINED MEETING OF SAC/SALT COUNCIL
March 4, 2019

MINUTES

A MEETING of the combined SAC/SALT Council was held on Monday, March 4, 2019, at the offices of Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Roundtable introductions were made by all persons present. Guests at the Meeting included Glenn Gentile, a Downers Grove resident interested in becoming a member of the Council and lending it his IT expertise, Debbie Lunger, a representative of People's Resource Center, and Cheryl Levinson, a representative of Community Adult Day Center. Attached to these Minutes is the Sign-In sheet for the Meeting.

Chairperson Gaye Wagner asked all present to review the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 Meeting. Upon review, Kathy Abbate made a motion to approve said Minutes, and was seconded by Ralph Beardsley. A unanimous voice vote approved said Minutes.

Debbie Lunger, from People's Resource Center, gave a short background on PRC and what they do. With offices in Wheaton and Westmont, PRC has 45 paid employees and 2700 volunteers. All goods and services available from PRC are at no charge. PRC offers a jobs program, a food pantry, clothes closet, computer training and art classes. Debbie distributed information about the services offered by PRC, and said she was available for further discussion and to answer any questions.

Cheryl Levinson is the Director of Community Adult Day Center, currently housed at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Downers Grove. Most of their clients have cognitive disorders. Cheryl detailed the group's annual fundraiser, a storytelling event to be held March 27, 2019 at Bobak's.

Cathy Rager, Council Secretary and Senior Services Coordinator at Downers Grove Township, gave an overview of the Township's Dial-A-Ride program and indicated that next month she would present the Annual Ridership Report to the Council. The Dial-A-Ride Program is a shared ride, curb-to-curb service that operates Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:00pm, within the boundaries of Downers Grove Township. Each ride costs \$3.00, or \$6.00 for roundtrip service. Rides must be reserved in advance by calling PACE directly.

The next Vintage Times program is scheduled for March 28 and will be devoted to both the Dial-A-Ride Program and Interfaith Community Partners, a transportation program utilizing volunteer drivers that is based in LaGrange, Illinois and is beginning to make inroads into DuPage County. Council Chairperson Gaye Wagner is a Board member and Secretary of ICP.

Robert Petranek, chairperson for the Speaker's Bureau, was unable to attend the meeting, so Cathy Rager gave an overview of the next Senior Survival Series, scheduled for March 14, 2019, which will deal with estate planning and wellness and fitness routines. Rager also indicated the intent to host six Senior Survival Series this year.

During Public Comment, Pat Klebenow asked George Goodwin if he had any additional information on the Real I.D. Program, an identification program sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. George reiterated that the State of Illinois will require all residents flying domestically to have a Real I.D. by October, 2020. Currently, there is a pilot program in place in southern Illinois, but he is uncertain as to when the program will launch statewide. George went on to urge all seniors over 65 to get a State ID and all persons to get a Passport Card. George indicated that the Passport Card can be used for identification purposes in place of a driver's license and it does not present the stolen identity possibilities that another form of identification does.

In New Business, Cathy Rager distributed copies of the old and newly proposed Pocket Pals, a dissemination of services available in and around Downers Grove Township which is easy to access and is "pocket-sized". Cathy pointed out some of the changes she has made to the document and asked all present to review same and submit any other changes or additions to her no later than March 8. Lynn Dralle of Westmont Fire Department will print the final version and give to Cathy for distribution.

The Garden Works Project is a program designed to help seniors grow their own fruits and vegetables. Seniors are provided with a raised garden and given instructions on growth plans for various fruits and vegetables. Some of the gardens' produce is donated to local food pantries. Cathy Rager will contact the responsible person and invite him/her to the next Council meeting, as well as provide all Council members with contact information.

Under Old Business, Cathy Rager requested assistance in distributing Vintage Times CDs. She also gave a bag of old telephones to DuPage County Sheriff's representative Troy Agema. Agema indicated that the phones are given to a local recycling plant and the Sheriff's Office provides those in need (specifically seniors) with a flip phone designed to be used in emergencies.

Upon motion to adjourn made by Kathy Abbate and seconded by Ralph Beardsley, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Rager, Recording Secretary