

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 7, 2022

AMMENDED MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held both via conference call and in person at the Township Center located at 4341 Saratoga Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, on Monday, March 7, 2022.

1. **Call to Order.** Vice-Chairperson Ralph Beardsley called the meeting to order at 1:36pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** Due to the lack of a quorum at the November 2021 meeting, the Minutes from the October, 2021 meeting were never approved. Upon Motion made by Ralph Beardsley and seconded by Robert Petranek, the Minutes of the October 2021 Meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

After reviewing the Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Meeting, George Goodwin requested the following change be made to Section 6D of the Minutes:

Delete the words "how to participate" and add "if insurance companies will honor the online course certificates."

Upon Motion made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Ralph Beardsley, the Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Meeting, as amended, were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Paul Coultrap brought up the fact that the Open Meetings Act only allows for in-person meetings and does not allow for Zoom meetings. However, during the period covered by Governor Pritzker's proclamation, Zoom meetings were allowed. Now that the proclamation has expired, Paul will research the validity of meetings held via Zoom. Troy Agema of DuPage County Sheriff's Department commented that Zoom meetings are allowed under the Open Meetings Act, provided they are recorded.

4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** Vice-Chairman Ralph Beardsley had no report.
 - B. **Board Member Report.** On behalf of FFDGTS, Robert Petranek reported that there will be a fundraiser at Pierce Tavern on March 15, which will net FFDGTS ten percent of all sales that day, including both dine-in and carry-out orders.
 - C. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager reported that, in cooperation with Peoples Resource Center, the Township is hosting various classes at the Township Center. These include drawing, needlecraft and computer classes, all of which are well-attended. Additionally, the Township is hosting a St. Patrick's Day party (which includes lunch) at the Township Center on Thursday, March 17. The next Senior

Survival Skills luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 22, and the topic is "What Do I Keep/How Do I Stay?"

D. **Township Officials Report.** Paul Coultrap did not have a report.

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 the 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. Also, the County is still accepting LIHEAP applications.

C. **Park Districts.**

- (i) Alice Krampits from Westmont Park District was absent.
- (ii) Sheri Henderson from Burr Ridge Park District was absent but sent the following reports: the monthly luncheons at BRPD have returned. Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge and Duplicate Bridge are also up and running. Kerry Quirin of Senior Living Experts will host a bus tour for seniors to local senior living facilities. Other BRPD trips include the Orchid Show at the Botanic Gardens, a four-day trip to the Amana Colonies in Nebraska, the Basilica of St. Josephat in Milwaukee, and a trip to Starved Rock.

Sheri also reported on the Clarendon Hills Park District offering several fitness classes, including Balance, Ageless Ballet, Drum Fitness and a Walking class. Monthly classes include bingo, crafts and painting. Finally, CHPD will be offering "Camp Clarendon Hills", which will meet daily from June 25 to June 29. Each day campers will start off with an activity, followed by a craft and a light lunch.

- (iii) Jillian Spizzirri of The Community House reported that TCH will host Gloria J. Yorke, the author of *Medical Manslaughter*, on March 16. Additionally, there will be trips to see "Tosca" at the Chicago Opera House on April 7, and "Teatro Zin Zannie" on June 19. Finally, Spizzirri reported that TCH's brochure is ready to mail.

D. **AARP.** George Goodwin reported that AARP has new rules which he will be discussing with Cathy.

7. **Community Partner & Guest Updates.**

A. **Community Adult Day Care.** Susan Sinderson reported that CADC is beginning to expand past the one-half capacity. They cannot require visitors to receive booster vaccines. The CADC will be hosting a fundraiser at Emmet's on April 14, which will include dinner and entertainment. The cost for one person is \$60, two people \$100. Finally, the CADC has received its "Magic Table" and Susan is anxious to host an SAC meeting at CADC so we can all see the table and witness how it works. Cathy will discuss possible dates with Susan.

B. Interfaith Community Partners. Janet Garreau expressed interest in hosting a Senior Survival Skills on transportation. Julie Larson also expressed interest in joining this program. Cathy will work with them to establish a date. Additionally, Janet reported that ICP is expanding its presence in Darien, Downers Grove, Westmont and Willowbrook.

C. Aspired Living. Terri Geppner did not have a report.

D. Senior Living Experts. Kerry Quirin reiterated that she will be leading a tour of four senior living facilities, including Franciscan Village (Lemont), Aspired Living (Westmont), Sheraton of Oak Brook, and Oak Trace Health Center (Downers Grove).

8. New Business.

A. Nominee Introduction. The following people will be nominated to occupy a place on the Senior Advisory Board: Bruce Wright, a retired CPA from Downers Grove, Linda Rush, Lisa Rasin, the current manager of the FISH Food Pantry, and Susan Sinderson of Community Adult Day Care.

B. Annual Meeting. The date of the Annual Meeting has been changed to April 4, 2022.

C. Meeting Time Change. There was a motion put forth by Robert Petranek to change the meeting time from 1:30pm-2:30pm to 1:30 – 3:00 pm in order to be more inclusive of member updates and discussion. Ralph Beardsley seconded the motion. All said aye.

9. Adjournment. Upon a Motion made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Robert Petranek, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rager, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

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

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| Beardsley, Ralph | SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident | Present |
| Henderson, Sheri | SAC Board Member/Clarendon Hills Resident | Absent |
| Klebenow, Pat | SAC Board Member/Westmont Resident | Present |
| Petranek, Robert | SAC Board Member/Downers Grove Resident | Present |
| Wagner, Gaye | SAC Chairperson/Downers Grove Resident | Absent |
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| Agema, Troy | SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff | Present |
| Bentsen, Angela | SAC Guest/Age Guide | Absent |
| 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 |
| Grimsbey, 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 | Absent |
| Rodriguez, Bernadette | SAC Guest/Clarendon Hill Resident | Absent |
| Rush, Linda | SAC Guest/Resident | Present |
| Sinderson, Susan | SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care | Present |
| Spirrizzi, Jillian | SAC Liaison with The Community House in Hinsdale | Present* |
| Stoll, Mary | SAC Guest/DGT Board Liaison | Absent |
| Wright, Bruce | SAC Guest/Downers Grove Resident | Present |

*Present via conference call