

**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 5, 2021**

**MINUTES**

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, April 5, 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 1:33pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the March 1, 2021 Meeting were reviewed. Robert Petranek pointed out the misspelling of “Timken Foundation” in Section 5, Paragraph D. Susan Mistretta noted the error and will change the Minutes accordingly. Upon Motion made by Pat Klebenow, and seconded by Ralph Beardsley, 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 reported that she attended a GardenWerks/Hinsdale Rotary presentation and was very impressed and happy that the two organizations will be participating in the gardens at the Township Center. (ii) Ralph Beardsley announced that Darien Lion’s Club will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast on April 11, 2021 at two locations: Chuck’s Southern Comfort and Darien Swim & Racquet Club. The DLC will also be hosting its Golf Tournament and Raffle. Finally, at this time it is unknown whether there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.
  - B. **Secretary’s Report.** (i) Cathy Rager wants to start a Calendar of Events from May through December 2021. She welcomes suggestions. Janet Garreau requested a list of past speakers. Rager also reported that a new Banner News will be coming out by the end of April. Finally, approximately 400 survey results were received regarding senior programs. Cathy is still busy collating the results. (ii) Susan Mistretta emailed everyone a copy of the 2020 Dial-A-Ride Annual Ridership Report. Any questions can be addressed to Susan via telephone or email.
  - C. **Township Officials Report.** Mark Thoman, Supervisor of Downers Grove Township, reported that the Dedication of the new Township Center, held March 19, 2021, was a huge success with approximately 60-70 persons attending. Thoman also noted that the lettering on the glass of the Township Center now shows the “Ruth

Anderson Food Pantry” and the “William H. Swanston Memorial Township Community Hall”.

- D. **Resident Reports.** (i) Robert Petranek reported the successful ribbon-cutting for the Township Center on March 19. He added that the \$33,000+ donated by FFDGTS is being used to purchase furniture and other necessities for the Township Center. Robert foresees additional attendance for the popular Lunch n’ Learn series. (ii) Kathy Abbate reminded everyone to be sure to vote on April 6. She also offered kudos to Mark Thoman for all his hard work and dedication to the Township. She wished him well in his retirement.

**6. Village and County Updates.**

A. Park Districts.

- (i) As Sheri Henderson was absent, no report on Burr Ridge Park District was given.
- (ii) Alice Krampits reported that Tai Chi, Watercolor, virtual Zumba and Pickleball classes are open and populated. Alice also indicated that the seniors she has spoken with will not return to classes until they are certain all participants have been vaccinated.
- (iii) Beth Hahn of The Community House in Hinsdale reported that their in-person fitness classes will return in mid to late summer. Also, speakers are being planned for June, July and August. Finally, The Community House is looking to fill Kate Vogt’s position soon.

B. First Reponders.

- (i) Troy Agema of DuPage County Sheriff’s Department reported that his unit has taken on more social service duties, including assisting residents with eviction issues, the need for food, and qualifying for assistance.
- (ii) Westmont Fire Department’s Lynn Dralle reported that they would like to set the date for the Car Care Clinic, at which point George Goodwin joined the discussion, saying that AARP has no definite start date. Additionally, because of the pandemic, food and drinks would have to be eliminated from the Car Care Clinic, as well as close contact with residents to assist them in adjusting their seat belts. A suggestion was made to postpone the Car Care Clinic to Spring 2022 and do the Safe Driving Classes in Fall 2022.

- C. Julie Larson, of DuPage County Senior Services, reported that they are contacting clients to discuss vaccine education, as well as transporting residents to and from vaccination locations. At this point, the transportation would be through Ride DuPage and private taxi services, the cost of which being absorbed by the resident.

- D. George Goodwin’s report is included with Lynn Dralle’s report above at 5B(ii).

- E. Janet Garreau of Interfaith Community Partners reported that they are involved in both educating and transporting their clients for vaccinations. Right now, Janet reported that 80% of their clients have been vaccinated. Also, ICP will be participating in Westmont Library's "Giving DuPage Days". If anyone is interested in supporting ICP during this event, please contact Janet directly.
  - F. Kerry Quirin of Senior Living Experts was absent.
  - G. Renee Faur of Saratoga Grove Assisted Living Center is involved in getting the residents of SGALC vaccinated. If they are vaccinated, they are permitted to leave the facility and not required to quarantine when they return.
  - H. Teri Geppner of Pathway to Living is involved in getting the residents of PTL vaccinated. If they are vaccinated, they are permitted to leave the facility and not required to quarantine when they return. Also, the common spaces within the facility have been reopened and are useable with residents required to wear a mask.
  - 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 2:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Catherine Rager, Secretary

## EXHIBIT A

### SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL April 5, 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	Absent
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	Absent
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	Absent
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	Absent
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Thoman, Mark	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident	Present