

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 6, 2022

MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held at the Township Center located at 4341 Saratoga Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, on Monday, June 6, 2022.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:34pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting were distributed for review and approval. Upon Motion made by Janet Garreau and seconded by Linda Rush, the Minutes of the May 2, 2022 were unanimously approved.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner reminded everyone that the Senior Advisory Committee is here to represent our older adults and attempt to provide them with what they need.
 - B. **Board Member Report.** On behalf of FFDGTS, Robert Petranek reported on upcoming activities in June and July. Petranek also reported that the FFDGTS annual fundraiser will be held on October 27, 2022. Petranek also reported, with George Goodwin, on the success of the recent Car Care Clinic. Thirty-five (down from the previous year's 45) residents visited the Car Care Clinic. Pictures of the event are available on both the Township and FFDGTS websites. Suggestions for future clinics included holding the event more frequently and in different locations throughout the Township.
 - C. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager reported that the Files of Life (thanks to a generous donation by FFDGTS) have all been distributed throughout the Township by various volunteers. Karen Spencer reported on upcoming activities in June and July, as well as indicating that she was looking for new instructors and suggestions for future activities.
 - D. **Township Officials Report.** Paul Coultrap thanked Cathy Rager for her service, both to the Senior Advisory Committee and Downers Grove Township. He also welcomed Karen Spencer in her new role as Senior Services Coordinator. Coultrap went on to mention that on June 11 a ceremony in conjunction with Flag Day will be held at the Oak Crest/Oak Hill Cemeteries to dedicate a new flagpole that was donated by American Legion of Lombard Post 391.

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") is still in effect until September, 2023. Applicants must have an outstanding water bill of \$50 or more, or a disconnect notice. Maximum payment is \$1500 per household. Larson continued by announcing the Back to School Fair, sponsored by Catholic Charities, will be held on August 10 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Interested parties must call Catholic Charities to register. Finally, Larson reported that Ride DuPage is still running and interested parties must call the County to register.

C. Park Districts.

(i) Alice Krampits from Westmont Park District was absent.

(ii) Sheri Henderson from Burr Ridge Park District was absent.

(iii) Jillian Spizzirri of The Community House was absent.

D. AARP. George Goodwin did not have a report.

7. Community Partner & Guest Updates.

A. Interfaith Community Partners. Janet Garreau announced a partnership with Plymouth Place to make cards and friendly telephone calls to clients. Garreau continued with the information that ICP's annual fundraiser will be held at Chuck's Southern Comfort Café on September 25.

B. Aspired Living. Teri Geppner announced they Aspired Living will be hosting a senior tour of housing choices. Geppner emphasized that it is very important to look before you need. Teri continued with the news that she has resigned her position to accept a new opportunity.

8. Guest Speakers.

A. Lisa Rasin of FISH Food Pantry gave a short talk on what the food pantry does.

B. Heather Lippe, Social Worker for the Village of Downers Grove, also gave a short talk on what the Village provides.

9. Adjournment. Upon a Motion made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Robert Petranek, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rager, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 6, 2022 Meeting Attendance

Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident	Absent
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
Rasin, Lisa	SAC Board Member/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Rush, Linda	SAC Board Member/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Sinderson, Susan	SAC Board Member/Community Adult Day Care	Absent
Wagner, Gaye	SAC Chairperson/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Wright, Bruce	SAC Board Member/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Agema, Troy	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff	Present
Bentsen, Angela	SAC Guest/Age Guide	Absent
Catalano, 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
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
Nevins, Carrie	SAC Liaison with Willowbrook Park District	Absent
Quirin, Kerri	SAC Guest/Senior Living Experts	Absent
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Raisin, Lisa	SAC Guest/FISH Pantry Manager	Present
Spencer, Karen	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Spizzirri, Jillian	SAC Liaison with The Community House in Hinsdale	Absent
Stoll, Mary	SAC Guest/DGT Board Liaison	Absent
Wright, Bruce	SAC Guest/Downers Grove Resident	Present