

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 7, 2021

MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, May 7, 2021, at the Township Center located at 4341 Saratoga Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the May 3, 2021 Meeting were reviewed. Upon Motion made by Paul Coultrap, and seconded by Kathy Abbate, the Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** Gaye Wagner would like revisit the purpose of the SAC. She would like everyone to think about who and how the SAC advises. Should the purpose of the Committee be reworked? Paul Coultrap added that he would soon be assigning a Trustee to be liaison from the Township. Cathy Rager added that the SAC By-Laws indicate that it should be a 9-member committee. Currently the SAC is missing 3 members.
 - B. **Board Member Report.** Robert Petranek reported that the Senior Survival Series has started up again. Two seminars have been offered so far: the first was "What Can DuPage County Do For You", hosted by Julie Larson, and the second was "Home Is Where the Heart Is", hosted by Robert and his wife and Kerry Quirin. Both seminars were well-attended, at a total of 30 people each.
 - C. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager reported that the frozen meal distributions were started in April and will continue until October. In April, 210 meal packages were given out, and in May 240 meal packages were given out. Currently, it is unknown as to whether the program will continue past October 2021. Rager also mentioned that 25,000 copies of The Banner News were distributed to area seniors. Susan Mistretta distributed copies of the Dial-A-Ride First Quarter Report, which shows a slight increase in ridership from the same period in 2020.
 - D. **Township Officials Report.** Paul Coultrap introduced himself as the new Supervisor of Downers Grove Township. He also stated that he has had conversations with Cathy Rager about how to make the most use of the Township Center. He is also interested in receiving suggestions from Township residents. With respect to the

Dial-A-Ride Program, Paul said he would attempt to commit more Township funds, or partner with other agencies to get additional funds for Dial-A-Ride.

6. Agency Updates.

A. First Responders.

- (i) There was no report from DuPage County Sheriff's Department.
- (ii) There was no report from Westmont Fire Department.
- (iii) There was no report from DuPage County Senior Services.

B. Park Districts.

- (i) Sheri Henderson was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a note saying that Burr Ridge Park District is welcoming back senior groups in bridge, investment/finance and computers. See their website for upcoming events.
- (ii) There was no report from Westmont Park District.
- (iii) There was no report from The Community House in Hinsdale.
- (iv) There was no report from AARP.

7. Community Partner & Guest Updates.

- A. Renee Faur of Saratoga Grove reported an increase in move-ins to her facility. She is also seeing seniors needing a more skilled level of care.
- B. Susan Sinderson of Community Adult Day Care reported that CADC is open at half-capacity. She is also seeing an increase in the number of phone calls. Most CADC members attend 2-3 days/week. Members are still masked and having their temperatures taken at each arrival.
- C. Teri Geppner of Aspired Living reports that 100% of her residents, and 70% of staff, are vaccinated. She is also seeing an increase in dementia patients.
- D. Janet Garreau of Interfaith Community Partners is still looking for volunteers. She is currently training new volunteers and it was proposed that perhaps she could use the Township Center for that purpose.

8. Adjournment. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Robert Petranek and seconded by Paul Coultrap. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____
Catherine Rager, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 7, 2021 Meeting Attendance

Abbate, Kathy	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident
Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident
Petranek, Robert	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident
Wagner/Gaye	SAC Chairperson/Downers Grove Resident
Coultrap, Paul	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident
Faur, Renee	SAC Guest/Saratoga Grove Assisted Living Center
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Aspired Living
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Guest/DGT Staff/Darien Resident
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident
Sinderson, Susan	SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care