

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 11, 2022

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, July 11, 2022.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made. Following is the meeting attendance:

Board Members: Ralph Beardsley, Pat Klebenow, Robert Petranek, Lisa Rasin, Linda Rush (via conference call), Gaye Wagner

Members: Connie Catalano, George Goodwin, Julie Larson, Heather Lippe, Susan Mistretta, Carrie Navins, Karen Spencer
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** After reviewing the Minutes of the June 6, 2022 Meeting, Lisa Rasin made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 6, 2022 Meeting and was seconded by Pat Klebenow. The Minutes of the June 6, 2022 Meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **SAC Member Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner announced that Sheri Henderson had submitted her resignation from the Board. Wagner continued that the Board will be accepting names to replace Ms. Henderson. Wagner also stated that three Board members' terms will expire tomorrow (July 12, 2022). Ms. Wagner then asked for a Motion to Extend the Terms of Expiration for One Month for Board Members Gaye Wagner, Bruce Wright and Pat Klebenow. The Motion was made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Ralph Beardsley. A unanimous voice vote passed the Motion.
 - B. **Member Report.** On behalf of FFDGTS, Robert Petranek summarized upcoming FFDGTS events.

6. **Township Officials Report.**

Secretary's Report. Karen Spencer announced that she is receiving a lot of craft and game donations. She also summarized upcoming events sponsored by or held at the Township Center. Spencer continued her report by announcing that, beginning July 18, Meals on Wheels will finally start daily preparation of meals for distribution to area homebound seniors. Senior meals made and served at the Senior Center are expected to begin in late August. Spencer then began a discussion of how to get information through seniors, followed by a discussion of how to get volunteers for the various program. Chairperson Wagner requested the discussion be included in the Minutes for consideration at the August 1, 2022 meeting. Finally, Spencer indicated that the television studio where Vintage Times was filmed is currently being remodeled so that The Vintage Times will be on hiatus indefinitely.

7. **Community Partner and Guest Updates.**

- A. **DuPage County Senior Services.** Julie Larson reported that the County still has funds available for caregiver respite, Ride DuPage and LIWAP.
- B. **Park Districts.** Carrie Nevins reported on the WBBR/BR Senior Group participation increase. Seniors are active and looking to volunteer.
- C. **AARP.** George Goodwin suggested that the Township do more to publicize the Secretary of State Mobile Unit that is being hosted at the Township offices by Senator John Curran. Goodwin went on to state that seniors hate going to the DMVs and will come to Curran's event if they know about it. George also suggested that everyone read the article in the July 2022 issue of Senior News dealing with senior socialization and how it is critical to senior's healthy living. Finally, Goodwin mentioned the Senior Fair that will be held at Drury Lane on August 23-24, 2022. Admission is \$5.00.
- D. **DG Rotary and DG Fish Pantry.** Lisa Rasin gave a summary of the recently held Downers Grove Rotary Fest. Organizations that send volunteers to work at Rotary Fest earn a donation. Though the amount is not yet known, FFDGTS earned a donation for work at this year's Fest. With regard to Karen's statement about The Vintage Times, Lisa also offered the services of a friend who does podcasts. In another vein, as Manager of the Downers Grove Township FISH Food Pantry, Lisa stated that they are servicing more and more families and are beginning to run out of food. Items in dire need are SPAM, canned tuna and chicken, and canned corn.

8. **Adjournment.** Upon a Motion made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Robert Petranek, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan R. Mistretta

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE July 11, 2022 Meeting Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS:

Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident	Present
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	Absent
Wright, Bruce	SAC Board Member/Downers Grove Resident	Present

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Agema, Troy	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff	Absent
Bentsen, Angela	SAC Member/Age Guide	Absent
Catalano, Connie	SAC Member/Senior Living Consultant	Present
Coultrap, Paul	SAC Member/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident	Absent
Dralle, Lynn	SAC Liaison with Westmont Fire Department	Absent
Garreau, Janet	SAC Member/Interfaith Community Partners	Absent
Geppner, Terri	SAC Member/Aspired Living	Absent
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
Lippe, Heather	SAC Liaison with the Village of Downers Grove	Present
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Member/DGT Staff/Darien Resident	Present
Navins, Carrie	SAC Liaison with Village of Willowbrook	Absent
Quirin, Kerry	SAC Member/Senior Living Experts	Absent
Spencer, Karen	SAC Member/DGT Liaison/Downers Grove Resident	
Spirrizzi, Jillian	SAC Liaison with The Community House in Hinsdale	Absent
Stoll, Mary	SAC Member/DGT Board Liaison	Absent

*Present via conference call