

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 12, 2021

MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday July 12, 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 June 7, 2021 Meeting were reviewed. Upon Motion made by Paul Coultrap, and seconded by Ralph Beardsley, the Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comment.** Sheri Henderson commented that she has proof of the positive influence of the Senior Advisory Committee on the welfare of senior citizens. Because of information Sheri learned through the SAC, she was able to help some seniors who came to her with questions.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** (i) 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. Therefore, the August 2, 2021 meeting will be extended by thirty minutes, the new time being 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Finally, since the Board is missing three members, everyone is encouraged to bring names of prospective Board members.
(ii) Ralph Beardsley wanted everyone to know that on July 10, the Lions Club (of which he is a member) brought food and other needed items, as well as funds, to the victims of the tornado in Woodridge. Gaye added that she would like to put Ralph on the Agenda later in the year to educate SAC about what the Lions Club does.
 - B. **Board Member Report.** Pat Klebenow reported that the Taste of Westmont was extremely popular and well-attended this year. Further, she added that the Thursday night car shows on Cass Avenue in downtown Westmont will continue. The fire trucks will be there on August 5 and the police cars will be making an appearance on September 2.
 - C. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager reported that the frozen meal distributions were started in April and will continue until October. An average of 200+ meal packages

have been given out since the April inception. The program will continue through October 2021. Rager also reported that FFDGTS has started its Senior Survival Series, which has been well-received with 25-30 seniors attending each lunchtime seminar. FFDGTS will be holding its annual fundraiser on October 14, from 5:30 to 7:30, at the Township Center. FFDGTS members are also volunteering to work shifts at the upcoming Rotary Fest. The Rotary will pay FFDGTS \$25/shift, up to a maximum of \$1000, for volunteering at the Fest. FFDGTS is also looking for new members. Finally, Rager reported that she is working with various groups to either rent or use the Township Center space.

- D. **Township Officials Report.** Paul Coultrap commented that he has reviewed the Township budget and there is plenty of money left in the Dial-A-Ride fund to provide for more senior riders. Paul also reported on the efforts made by Township volunteers to assist with the recent tornado damage. The Township worked with County officials to visit approximately 300 homes to assess damage.

6. **Agency Updates.**

A. **First Responders.**

- (i) There was no report from DuPage County Sheriff's Department, but Troy did mention that there is an increase in the theft of catalytic converters.
- (ii) There was no report from Westmont Fire Department.
- (iii) There was no report from DuPage County Senior Services.

B. **Park Districts.**

- (i) Alice Krampits reported that senior citizens in her area are not coming back to the park district yet. Because of this, they have cancelled some programs, but are still hosting their basic classes, such as tai chi, bridge and mah jong. The Westmont Chamber of Commerce is hosting a senior fair on October 1 from 8:30 to 12:30 at the Westmont Park District gymnasium. Finally, activities are being planned to celebrate Westmont's 100th anniversary.
- (ii) Sheri Henderson reported that many of Burr Ridge Park District's senior citizens have returned. They are doing outdoor concerts and lunch, and various trips. They plan to have indoor bingo return in August. They also have a bus tour to Nashville planned.
- (iii) There was no report from The Community House in Hinsdale.
- (iv) George Goodwin reported that AARP Safe Driving Courses will be held at the Township Center on September 29-30, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm, and on October 16 and 23, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. George also reported that the AARP Car Fit Program will be held in the Township Center parking lot on September 25 and October 2, both days from 9:00am to 11:00am. George reported that AARP will also be doing Safe Driving Courses in Westmont. Upon questioning from Gaye as to what else AARP does for seniors, George replied that they do tax preparation, for no cost, at local libraries and park districts during February and March. Cathy Rager suggested working with

AARP to get tax preparation done at the Township Center. Finally, George said that AARP is very active in sponsoring legislation aimed at senior citizens.

7. **Community Partner & Guest Updates.** Teri Geppner of Aspired Living reports that 100% of her residents, and 70% of staff, are vaccinated. She also reported an increase in seniors taking bus trips for shopping and activities.

8. **Adjournment.** A Motion to Adjourn was made by Paul Coultrap and seconded by Pat Klebenow. The meeting was adjourned at 2:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____
Catherine Rager, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 7, 2021 Meeting Attendance

Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident
Henderson, Sheri	SAC Board Member/Clarendon Hills Resident
Klebenow, Pat	SAC Board Member/Westmont Resident
Wagner/Gaye	SAC Chairperson/Downers Grove Resident
Agema, Troy	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff
Coultrap, Paul	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident
Gentile, Glen	SAC Guest/Downers Grove Resident
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Aspired Living
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk
Krampits, Alice	SAC Guest/Westmont Park District
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Guest/DGT Staff/Darien Resident
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident