

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 1, 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, August 1, 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 Ralph Beardsley, Pat Klebenow, Linda Rush (via conference call),
Members: Susan Sinderson, Gaye Wagner and Bruce Wright

Members: Angela Bentsen, Paul Coultrap, Janet Garreau, Terri Geppner, George Goodwin, Heather Lippe, Susan Mistretta, Carrie Navins, Kerry Quirin, and Karen Spencer

3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** After reviewing the Minutes of Meeting, Pat Klebenow made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Meeting and was seconded by Susan Sinderson. The Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote.

4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.

5. **SAC Member Reports.**

A. Chairman's Report.

(i) Chairperson Gaye Wagner announced that Age Guide will be hosting a seminar on Monday, October 3, 2022, and highlighted the various presenters who will be attending. Because Gaye and several other SAC Board members would like to attend, Chairperson Wagner then asked for a Motion to Approve Changing the October 2022 SAC Meeting from October 3, 2022 to October 4, 2022. The Motion was made by Ralph Beardsley, seconded by Pat Klebenow, and unanimously passed by voice vote. The October 2022 Meeting the SAC will be on October 4, 2022, beginning at 1:30pm. Angela Bentsen also mentioned that Age Guide is inviting SAC members to attend a Senior Expo on August 23-24 at Drury Lane, sharing the types of vendors who will be present.

(ii) Chairperson Wagner referred to the July 11, 2022 SAC Meeting Minutes whereby a Motion to Extend the Terms of Expiration for One Month for Board Members Gaye Wagner, Bruce Wright and Pat Klebenow was unanimously approved. Wagner then announced that Heather Lippe had been asked to fill the remaining term of former Board Member Sheri

Henderson. Wagner then asked if there were any other nominations for the remaining term of Sheri Henderson. There being no further nominations, Wagner then asked for Motion to Approve to Continue the Terms of Expiration of Board Members Gaye Wagner, Bruce Wright and Pat Klebenow to July 2025, and to Approve Heather Lippe to Fulfill the Remaining Term of Sheri Henderson Until July 2023. Said Motion was made by Pat Klebenow, seconded by Susan Sinderson, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

B. Member Report. In the absence of Robert Petranek, Janet Garreau offered an update on FFDGTS. The FFDGTS annual fundraiser is scheduled for October 27, 2022 and they are seeking sponsorships, food donations, and basket donations.

6. Township Officials Report.

A. Township Supervisor's Report. Paul Coultrap stated that he is still waiting to hear about the ARPA grant applications he recently filed for COVID-related funds. If granted, these funds will be used to purchase sound-absorbing tiles, a speaker system and glass partitions for the Supervisor's building.

B. Secretary's Report. Karen Spencer read a note from Cathy Rager thanking the SAC for all the years of service. In other announcements, Spencer related that the Township will be purchasing a software system called "My Senior Center" to facilitate registrations for the various programs. She also stated that the flyer listing August events is now available. Finally, Spencer reported that there will not be a Car Care Clinic held in the fall.

7. Community Partner and Guest Updates.

A. DuPage County Senior Services. On behalf of Julie Larson, Karen Spencer reported that the County is now participating in the National Hotline for Mental Health.

B. Park Districts. Carrie Navins reported that she holds a Facebook chat dealing with subjects of interest to seniors.

C. AARP. George Goodwin reported that he will be teaching the Smart Driver Course at the Township in September, 2022. He suggested attending, not only for oneself, but as a help with older family members who should no longer be driving. George also suggested the 90-minute online seminar entitled "We Need to Talk".

D. Community Adult Day Care. Susan Sinderson shared a success story about a dementia client and the great assistance that the Downers Grove Police Department gave during a recent situation. Discussion ensued about how to best assist dementia residents. Members expressed interest in learning more about dementia-friendly communities and would like to engage in future networking to gather information so that other communities can be designated. Angela Bentsen shared that Age Guide has resources available to assist with this. Chairperson Wagner suggested adding an opportunity for case study sharing to future meetings. Ralph Beardsley offered to approach the Mayor of Darien about dementia preparedness in Darien.

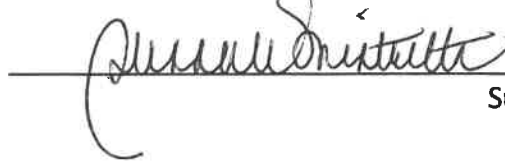
E. Interfaith Community Partners. Janet Garreau distributed copies of the latest ICP newsletter. She announced that ICP has expanded and is now covering the communities of Darien, Downers Grove, Westmont and Willowbrook. She also gave a breakdown of the services offered by ICP. Finally, Garreau announced ICP's annual benefit will be held on September 30.

F. **Senior Living Experts.** Kerry Quirin noted that she is now working with more independent seniors, who are calling on their own for information about senior housing. Quirin also said that she is noticing staffing challenges in senior housing communities.

G. **Comfort Keepers.** Terri Geppner announced that she is now with Comfort Keepers, a company specializing in home care.

8. **Adjournment.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner reminded everyone that September's meeting will be on September 12 because of the Labor Day holiday. Upon a Motion made by Ralph Beardsley and seconded by Pat Klebenow, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan R. Mistretta", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan R. Mistretta

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 1, 2022 Meeting Attendance

Beardsley, Ralph	Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident	Present
Klebenow, Pat	Board Member/Westmont Resident	Present
Petranek, Robert	Board Member/Coldwell Banker	Absent
Rasin, Lisa	Board Member/FISH Food Pantry	Absent
Rush, Linda	Board Member/Downers Grove Resident	Present*
Sinderson, Susan	Board Member/Community Adult Day Care	Present
Wagner, Gaye	Chairperson/Independence4Seniors	Present
Wright, Bruce	Board Member/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Agema, Troy	DuPage County Sheriff	Absent
Bentsen, Angela	Age Guide	Present
Catalano, Connie	Senior Living Consultant	Absent
Coultrap, Paul	Downers Grove Township Supervisor	Present
Dralle, Lynn	Westmont Fire Department	Absent
Garreau, Janet	Interfaith Community Partners	Present
Geppner, Terri	Comfort Keepers	Present
Goodwin, George	AARP	Present
Krampits, Alice	Westmont Park District	Absent
Larson, Julie	DuPage County Senior Services	Absent
Lippe, Heather	Village of Downers Grove	Present
Mistretta, Susan	Downers Grove Township Staff	Present
Navins, Carrie	Village of Willowbrook	Present
Quirin, Kerri	Senior Living Experts	Present
Spencer, Karen	Downers Grove Township	Present
Spirrizzi, Jillian	The Community House in Hinsdale	Absent
Stoll, Mary	Trustee, Downers Grove Township Board	Absent

*Present via conference call