

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 2, 2021
AMMENDED MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday August 2, 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 1:07pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Meeting were reviewed. Upon Motion made by Paul Coultrap, and seconded by Robert Petranek, 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 to review the SAC's description and purpose, as proposed in 1983 "Downers Grove Township Senior Citizens Advisory Committee" attached hereto as Exhibit B, to-wit: The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee was established in May, 1983, by the Township Board of Trustees. It consists of nine volunteers who reside in different parts of the Township and serve as the "eyes and ears" of senior citizens in our Township. The Committee investigates the ability of elderly persons to maintain their self-sufficiency and personal well-being within the programs currently available. If unmet needs are demonstrated, the Committee will inform the Township Board what services are required.
Chairman Wagner would like to see a monthly Agenda item dealing with SAC roles and responsibilities and how they are/are not being met. This may require the formation of a "referral committee", which is something else to be discussed. The aforementioned Exhibit B was discussed at length, suggestions were made, and Chairman Wagner said she would begin including SAC Roles and Responsibilities as a monthly Agenda item.
 - B. **Board Member Report.** On behalf of FFDGTS, Robert Petranek reported that the annual fundraiser, "What's Brewing at the Township", will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 5:30 to 7:30, at the Township Center. He is currently working through the details (such as featured speakers, background music, and sponsorships) and will update his report at the September meeting.
 - C. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager did not have a report.
 - D. **Township Officials Report.** Paul Coultrap said he is currently working with Cathy Rager on programs to be held at the Township Center and will continue to update the Committee as things happen.

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.

B. **DuPage County Senior Services.**

Julie Larson reported that the County has received funding for unexpected homeowner bills for seniors aged 60+. There is no income requirement, however, there is a community assessment required to be performed by a social worker. Assessments will be made both over the telephone and in person. Up to \$500/homeowner is available.

Julie also mentioned that assistance is available for unpaid water bills linked to Covid. An additional program is titled "LWAP" ("Low Income Water Assistance Program"), will be available in the future at the State level.

C. **Park Districts.**

There were no Park District reports made.

D. **AARP.**

George Goodwin reported that all AARP activities for September have been cancelled. He did not have any estimate as to when they would be reinstated.

7. **Community Partner & Guest Updates.**

A. **Community Adult Day Care.**

Susan Sinderson reported that CADC reopened on March 1, 2021 at half-capacity of 10-12 people. All members have been vaccinated. Sinderson also reported that seniors are afraid of returning. Upcoming CADC activities include an anniversary celebration, a shop-and-stroll in downtown Downers Grove with a chance to win \$1000, and a storytelling experience by Tim Rhodes.

B. **Aspired Living.**

Terri Geppner reported that 100% of patients have been vaccinated and their goal is to have the same percentage of staff vaccinated. She also noted that several community spaces have opened up.

C. **Interfaith Community Partners.**

Janet Garreau reported that ICP continues to deliver books to homebound clients from both Indian Prairie Library and Westmont Library. Garreau added that ICP also continues to shop for and with their clients.

8. **Adjournment.** A Motion to Adjourn was made by Lorraine Grimsby and seconded by Robert Petranek. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____
Catherine Rager, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 7, 2021 Meeting Attendance

Abbate, Kathy	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Absent
Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident	Present
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
Wagner/Gaye	SAC Chairperson/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Agema, Troy	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff	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
Gentile, Glen	SAC Guest/Downers Grove Resident	Absent
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Aspired Living	Present
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk	Present
Hahn, Beth	SAC Liaison with The Community House in Hinsdale	Absent
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
Quirin, Kerri	SAC Guest/Senior Living Experts	Absent
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Sinderson, Susan	SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care	Present