

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 3, 2020

AMENDED MINUTES

A MEETING of the Senior Advisory Committee was held virtually on Monday, August 3, 2020, via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order** Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:37pm.
2. **Roundtable Attendance**. Roundtable Attendance was taken and is attached hereto attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes**. The Minutes of the August 3, 2020 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

5. **Committees/Agency Updates**

Due to Covid restrictions, members have not met since January 2020. The August meeting was set up to allow members to just check-in with their own individual and/or agency updates. The following is a report of those conversations:

- **Sheri Henderson** reports that she spent some time in Nashville, Tennessee with her son. Stated things were dangerous there and she was making N-95 masks for her son and Good Samaritan Hospital
- **George Goodwin** reported that he had been swimming at the YMCA. He has been doing some online training for AARP, but there are NO in person events for the rest of 2020
- **Pat Klebenow** visited family in Arizona for a graduation party- of course, properly social distanced with masks; she is on leave from FEMA through August
- **Lynn Dralle** - In the beginning (March/April) the Fire Department really needed PPE supplies, but they have enough now; their call volume was low earlier in the pandemic, ... but "all hell is breaking loose now." She stated that Covid 19 is on the rise- especially in the Westmont Nursing Homes. They're hoping to have enough PPE through the end of the year; they are trying to do more care and investigations over the phone rather than in person- it depends on how severe the situation is; Call 911- Police will do well-being checks; stated there was a situation where a man sat in his chair for 3 days- he had 2 cats - Responders fed the cat but couldn't force the man to go to the hospital- however after three 911 calls they WILL transport the resident to the hospital.
- **Ralph Beardsley** has kept busy with friends during this time; Darien Lyons Club is on hiatus for the summer- he's hoping things will "kick in" in September with a Labor Day Parade etc. He golfs, Darien Swim and Racquet Club opened on 7/4/20; Kids & family good; 6-day trip to Michigan; goes to the YMCA for the treadmill and swimming; Had a Covid Test and it was negative

- **Kathy Abbate** states everything is fine; went to Omaha, Nebraska for a funeral and flew Southwest Airlines which is still keeping the middle seat open through October; her daughter, son and their kids living in Chicago and Naperville; she's back at Church now too
- **Robert Petranek** is incredibly busy in as a realtor since people are capitalizing on the low interest rates; it's also a seller's market since there is not enough housing inventory (people are staying put) to meet the demand; Robert and his wife have been doing the lockdown very strictly; Robert spoke about the Timken Grant that FFDGTS is applying for to help provide equipment and furniture for the new building- he is emailing with the contact person for the grant and will update us further as time goes on
- **Julie Larson** has stated that they are receiving more financial support related calls for rental and mortgage assistance; she also stated that there are some COVID funds available for seniors and caregivers to help with various needs- they just need to call county senior services or the Health Dept.; they are doing senior programs over the phone for now, including home investigations and community care
- **Janet Garreau** Son works at Rush in the ICU - they have great PPE; there are 19 states right now that are quarantining at a lower phase; in Idaho - a hospital ICU is at capacity; Janet stated that "terrible choices are being made" when hospitals are at capacity as far as treatment priorities- please wear masks! Interfaith Community Partners are doing mostly Med/dialysis rides and grocery shopping for seniors with some well checks included. (however, one client had tested positive and didn't tell anyone)- now Correction- another ride service had a client who tested positive and didn't tell anyone, ICP became aware of this and interviews each client before driving them to ensure safety for both drivers and clients; fundraising- many sponsors are still committing and upping their amounts- some no donation or less of a donation; ICP volunteers also delivered pints of ice creams to some Senior Living Facilities. Correction - older adults in their homes
- **Gaye Wagner** Home Care PPE keeps caregivers safe; each caregiver has a thermometer and log sheet; they are extremely busy since many seniors are opting to stay home and get help; they are looking for additional caregivers- personally she is good but bored and tired
- **Alice Krampits** All part timers have been laid off, full timers still working; Westmont Park District. has suspended senior programs except Meals on Wheels; Life Line will be in their gym testing; Other activities include: watercolor class, indoor pickleball & walking club, bowling, Ageless Grace (outside), day camp (but no preschool), fitness club and spray park (50 people 2 hours max); Openings for 2 part time receptionists; waiting for school decisions before deciding on Fall Youth Programs

6. Adjournment Ralph Beardsly made a motion to adjourn at 2:40pm and Robert Petranek seconded the motion- all members aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rager, Senior Services Coordinator

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
August 3, 2020 Meeting Attendance

Abbate, Kathy	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Present
Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice Chairman/Darien Resident	Present
Gentile, Glen	SAC Board Member/Township Resident	Absent
Henderson, Sheri	SAC Board Member/Burr Ridge Park District	Present
Klebenow, Patricia	SAC Board Member/Westmont Resident	Present
Mizener, Dr. Floyd	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Absent
Petranek, Robert	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Present
Vogts/Kate	SAC Board Member/The Community House	Absent
Wagner/Gaye	SAC Chairperson/Township Resident	Present
Agema, Troy	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff	Absent
Courtney, Beth	SAC Guest/Touching Hearts at Home	Absent
Dralle, Lynn	SAC Liaison with Westmont Fire Department	Present
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners	Present
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk/Willowbrook Resident	Absent
Kelly, Karen	SAC Guest/DGT Trustee/Downers Grove Resident	Absent
Krampits, Alice	SAC Liaison with Westmont Park District	Present
Larson, Julie	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Senior Services	Present
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Guest/DGT Staff/Darien Resident	Absent
Quirin, Kerry	SAC Guest/Senior Living Experts	Absent
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Thoman, Mark	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident	Absent