

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 9, 2019

MINUTES

A MEETING of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 9, 2019, at the offices of Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.

2. Roundtable Introductions

Roundtable introductions were made by all present. Guests at the Meeting included Janet Garreau, Executive Director of Interfaith Community Partners, Beth Courtney, Owner of Touching Hearts at Home, and Kerry Quirin, Senior Care Advisor for Senior Living Experts. Attached to these Minutes is the Sign-In sheet for the Meeting.

3. Review/Approve Minutes

Chairperson Gaye Wagner asked all present to review the Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Meeting. One correction was noted. On Page 2, "Alice Clemens" should be changed to "Alice Krampits". Kathy Abbate made a motion to approve said Minutes, and was seconded by Gaye Wagner. A unanimous voice vote approved said Minutes, as corrected.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Committee Reports

A. There was no Chair/Co-Chair report.

B. Karen Kelly, Township Trustee, gave an update on the new building to be constructed on Township property. Mark Thoman, Supervisor of Downers Grove Township, will be attending the Village of Downers Grove Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, beginning at 7:00pm, to provide the Council with both an update on the progress of the building as well as the goals for the completed project. All are invited to attend the Meeting.

C. (a) Susan Mistretta distributed Dial-A-Ride reports and explained the process by which she prepares the monthly reports. Upon request for comments, Susan was asked to define the terms "Gross Costs" and "Liquidated Damages". Information was also requested on rides to dialysis centers, specifically on holidays. Susan will gather this information and report back to the Committee.

(b) Cathy Rager outlined the Senior Survival Series. The next Lunch and Learn program is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, and the subject will be hearing issues. There will be a presentation of different telephones available for those with hearing loss, as well as an audiologist speaking. The next Lunch and Learn program will be on Thursday, October 24, and

the subject will be “Get the 411 on 911”. Cathy is reaching out to seniors through email blasts sent twice a month.

(c) Cathy Rager reminded the Council about the upcoming FFDGTS annual fundraiser, “Oktoberfest”, to be held on Thursday, October 3, from 5:00 to 7:00, at Oak Trace.

6. Village & County News/Updates

A. Alice Krampits reported that Westmont Park District will be hosting several health screenings from September 13 through October 18. Each program is free that there are still several openings available.

B. Sheri Henderson of Burr Ridge Park District reminded the Council about their upcoming Harvest Fest on Saturday, September 28, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Sheri went on to suggest that both SAC and FFDGTS open Facebook pages and “friend” all of the local park districts to get the word out on upcoming events, thus avoiding the printing of flyers. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of doing this.

C. Kate Vogts of The Community House in Hinsdale did not have a report.

D. Julie Larson of DuPage County Senior Services reported that the LIHEAP Program will be starting up again beginning October 1. She also reminded the Council that Medicare enrollment will also begin October 1 through December 7. SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) counsellors will begin visiting senior retirement homes to assist residents in making Medicare and supplemental insurance decisions. Residents can be referred to a SHIP counselor by calling 630.407.6500 and selecting option #2. Finally, Julie announced that Ride DuPage had received additional funds, making rides available again until the funds are exhausted. Ride DuPage offers DuPage County residents one roundtrip ride per week from and to any location in DuPage County. Residents can also access the information at www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs.

E. Troy Agema was absent, so there was no DuPage County Sheriff’s report.

F. Lynn Dralle of Westmont Fire Department did not have a report.

G. Janet Garreau of Interfaith Community Partners distributed a flyer for their upcoming annual fundraiser to be held on September 27 at Capri Banquets in Countryside. She encouraged all Council members and guests to attend.

7. Car Care Clinic Update

George Goodwin began his update with the announcement that Car Care Technician training will take place at Downers Grove Township office on Thursday, September 17, from 4:00 to 7:00. At the upcoming Car Care Clinic, new technicians will be paired with experienced technicians to provide optimum service to the seniors visiting. Lynn Dralle stated that set-up at Westmont Fire Department will be the same as last year. Fifteen tables will be available for use by the various organizations for flyers and information. Volunteer parking is available at the lot adjacent to the firehouse and also in the lot behind the firehouse. All volunteers should arrive no later than 7:15. Rager also requested that Council members try to secure more giveaway donations.

8. Old Business

Cathy Rager asked for suggestions from everyone present for inclusion in the next issue of the Township’s Banner News.

9. **New Business**

Due to time constraints, no new business was discussed.

10. **Adjournment**

Upon motion to adjourn made by Kathy Abbate, seconded by Ralph Beardsley, and by unanimous voice vote, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Rager, Recording Secretary