

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 12, 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, September 12, 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:

Members:	Ralph Beardsley, Pat Klebenow, Lisa Rasin, Gaye Wagner, Bruce Wright
Guests:	Troy Agema, Lynn Dralle, George Goodwin, Alice Krampits, Heather Lippe, Susan Mistretta, Karen Spencer, Mary Stoll
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** After reviewing the Minutes of Meeting of August 1, 2022, it was determined that Carrie Navins' name appearing on Page 2 was misspelled. Pat Klebenow then made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 1, 2022 Meeting, as amended, and was seconded by Lisa Rasin. The Minutes of the August 1, 2022 Meeting, as amended, were then unanimously approved by voice vote.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **SAC Member Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** Chairperson Gaye Wagner reminded everyone about the Age Guide seminar coming up on October 3, 2022, from 8:30am to 3:30pm, at the NIU Naperville campus. The per person price is \$59. Interested persons should contact Angela Bentsen for information on qualifying for a lesser admission fee. Karen Spencer agreed to confirm all information and mail a registration link to everyone. Also, Chairperson Wagner reminded everyone that the October meeting will move to Tuesday, October 4, 2022, because of attendance at the Age Guide seminar. Also, Wagner said she expects to spend at least a portion of the October 4 meeting discussing the findings from the October 3 seminar.
 - B. **Vice Chairman's Report.** Vice Chairman Ralph Beardsley said that he is still pursuing a meeting with the Mayor of Darien to discuss Darien becoming a "dementia friendly community". Beardsley said he will also contact a Park District representative about getting involved with the Senior Advisory Committee.
 - C. **Member Report.** In Robert Petranek's absence, Karen Spencer announced that FFDGTS' annual fundraiser, "Fall in Love with Seniors", will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Senior Center from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The cost is \$20/person. Karen asked everyone to "spread the word". Additionally, FFDGTS will be holding a fundraiser at 3 Corners Restaurant on September 29, 2022. FFDGTS will receive 20% of all sales made that day.

6. Township Officials Update.

A. Supervisor's Report. In Paul Coultrap's absence, Mary Stoll introduced herself and commented on how to get information out to the community.

B. Senior Services Report. Karen Spencer reported that the Township has received a grant from ARPA and will use the proceeds to purchase acoustic tiles, a wireless sound system and tabletop microphones for the Township Center. With regard to Mary Stoll's comments on passing along information, Karen remarked that she is always looking for opportunities to work collectively with other organizations to cross-promote. Karen announced that community dining will finally begin at the Township Center starting tomorrow, September 13. Lastly, the AARP Smart Driver Course being held in September is now full. Reservations are being taken for the December class.

7. Community Partner and Guest Updates.

A. Westmont Park District. Alice Krampits reported that seniors are slow in returning to activities and events. She went on to summarize the events WPD is sponsoring, including an average of two trips per month. Krampits also mentioned that the Gregg House Museum (of which she is the curator) has a current exhibit on the Santa Fe Speedway which will continue until November 2. People are encouraged to visit the museum on September 24 to share their memories of the Speedway.

B. Westmont Fire Department. Lynn Dralle reported that Westmont Fire Department is hosting an open house on November 3 at the House on Cass Avenue. Lynn also announced that October 13, 2023 will be the 100th anniversary of the Westmont Fire Department.

C. AARP. George Goodwin reported that the Naperville/Lisle Triad will be sponsoring a Car Care Clinic on October 8, 2022 from 8:00am to 11:30am at the Lisle Township Highway Department building located at 4711 Indiana (just south of Ogden). George also mentioned that he is a volunteer at the Senior News and is willing to include any Township flyers when he distributes his papers. Finally, George announced that AARP is getting back to normal scheduling.

D. FISH Food Pantry. Lisa Rasin announced that FISH is now serving approximately 140 families per week. Volunteers from Downers Grove Rotary will be painting downtown business windows and FISH will be on hand to accept donations. September 27, 2022 is the date of the dinner honoring Rotary Fest volunteers. Downers Grove Rotary gave out \$20,000 this year to volunteers.

E. Indian Prairie Public Library. Marquitta Harris of Indian Prairie Public Library attended the meeting, expressing her interest in partnering with SAC for future activities. Harris is the Event Coordinator for IPPL and is always looking for ways to engage seniors. Right now, they have a walking book club for seniors. Members and guests welcomed Harris and expressed hope for her future participation.

8. Case Study Sharing. Heather Lippe of the Village of Downers Grove shared the story of a couple she is currently mentoring. Between the two people, they are on a combined total of 34+ medications, one of which is Eliquis, costing in excess of \$1000 per month. They are not eligible for Medicaid, and they are not trusting of many people, which has precluded them from seeking assistance from family, friends or outside agencies. Neither of them has left their apartment in the last six years. They are computer-savvy. If anyone has any suggestions to help these people, please contact Heather directly.

9. Adjournment. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Lisa Rasin and seconded by Ralph Beardsley. A voice vote unanimously adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Susan R. Mistretta

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Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice-Chairman	Present
Klebenow, Pat	SAC Board Member	Present
Petranek, Robert	SAC Board Member	Absent
Rasin, Lisa	SAC Board Member	Present
Rush, Linda	SAC Board Member	Absent
Sinderson, Susan	SAC Board Member	Absent
Wagner, Gaye	SAC Chairperson	Present
Wright, Bruce	SAC Board Member	Present
Agema, Troy	DuPage County Sheriff	Present
Bentsen, Angela	Age Guide	Absent
Catalano, Connie	Senior Living Consultant	Present
Coultrap, Paul	Downers Grove Township Supervisor	Absent
Dralle, Lynn	Westmont Fire Department	Present
Garreau, Janet	Interfaith Community Partners	Absent
Geppner, Terri	Aspired Living	Absent
Goodwin, George	AARP	Present
Harris, Marquitta	Indian Prairie Public Library	Present
Krampits, Alice	Westmont Park District	Present
Larson, Julie	DuPage County Senior Services	Absent
Lippe, Heather	Village of Downers Grove	Present
Mistretta, Susan	Downers Grove Township Senior Services	Present
Quirin, Kerri	Senior Living Experts	Absent
Spencer, Karen	Downers Grove Township Senior Services	Present
Spirrizzi, Jillian	The Community House	Absent
Stoll, Mary	Downers Grove Township Trustee	Present