

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 14, 2020

MINUTES

A MEETING of the Senior Advisory Committee was held virtually on Monday, September 7, 2020, via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order** Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.
2. **Roundtable Attendance**. Roundtable Attendance was taken and is hereto attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.
3. **Guest Introduction** Jayne Miller from Saratoga Grove could not be present. Beth Hahn, Program Director for The Community House (TCH Hinsdale) took on Kate Vogts responsibilities after Kate's retirement. TCH is doing Zoom Yoga, Pilates and Pickle Ball. The Walking Track is open. She surveyed some local senior living centers and discovered that 62% were uncomfortable coming into their building right now.
4. **Review and Approve Minutes**. The Minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting were not reviewed or approved due to lack of a quorum being present. August minutes will be deferred until the October meeting. Cathy will send August and September minutes to all members
5. **Public Comment**. There was no public comment.
6. **Fond Remembrance** Floyd Mizener, long time SAC member, valued colleague, friend and so much more passed away on September 7, 2020. He will be greatly missed. He was fondly remembered by the committee members at today's meeting. Pat Klebenow's husband, Robert, also passed on August 15, 2020. SAC members gave their condolences to Pat and the Klebenow family.
7. **Vote to renew expired SAC member terms** was tabled until October
There are 2 open positions on the committee, the group will recruit, interview and present potential members to the committee
7. **Committees/Agency Updates**
 - Chair/Co-Chair- Independence 4 Seniors (Gaye) is sponsoring a concert at Burr Ridge Park District; there is a sports ball Friday, Sept. 18th; she's also volunteering at the Food Distributions for the township
 - Township Officials
 - Mark gave a brief update on the new building. Pictures are taken and posted daily; exterior walls are up, steel underside of roof, H/VAC is in the planning stages; November should start the "inside" work; the Township is benefitting from County Covid Funding for qualified expenses- for FISH it could mean major dollars.

- Lorraine stated that she is hearing very positive feedback about the food distribution from township seniors
 - Secretary – Cathy
 - Dial-A-Ride is down due to Covid-19 and social distancing requirements, should increase as things loosen up
 - Our 6th frozen food distribution is coming up on September 24th from 9-11. This should be our biggest giveaway yet. We are increasing our reach to new people each time, while the “old” ones continue to come as well. It has been great PR and a way to gather information, volunteers and emails for our database; will do a Banner News in the Spring to coincide with the opening of the building; she will check into when she can tape a Vintage Times program again.
 - Park Districts
 - WPD- Alice Krampits stated there are no in-house activities through the end of the year, although they are doing Ageless Grace, Pickle Ball and Tai Chi and In lieu of some of the Senior Programming they are doing E Learning. Dementia Friendly Group meeting on 9/17. There are no special events until the 1st of the year.
 - BRPD- Car Bingo 1X per month, Facebook Live Cooking presentations;
 - Kathy Abbate asked Beth if The Community House will be a polling place for the election. Beth stated that it should be by then
 - First Responders
 - Lynn Dralle (WFD) has been getting some resident questions about the annual Car Care Clinic- this was cancelled due to AARP’s cancellation of services through the end of the year; things right now tamped down; EMA is at normal or above- and there have been no positive cases of COVID among personnel.
 - Dupage County Senior Services
 - **Julie Larson** is reminding us that there is still Covid funding available for seniors, but it ends 9/30/20 and it must be Covid-related (i.e. visiting a spouse in a nursing facility & medical issues mostly); tablets have been given away to seniors- ended; no LIHeap in the office- appts. only! Complete the census- it has been extended through 9/30; Dupage County’s fiscal year ends 10/1/20
 - **Janet Garreau** Interfaith Community Partners is continuing its outreach to the western suburbs, but has been stalled due to Covid. They have only been able to do limited rides for seniors – initially it was life threatening only (i.e. dialysis), but since 6/1 it can be ANY doctors’ appts. Right now, they’re doing 25 rides per week down from 65. At one point they were only doing 2 per week. Many seniors backed away due to Covid. They’ll grocery shop for seniors and do homebound library delivery in coordination with WPL on the first Saturday of each month- every other Saturday for other libraries in the area. Volunteers are needed! They have strict guidelines for drivers & riders. Logo masks were mailed to donors. Janet will send information to Cathy for emails about volunteers.

6. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL September 14, 2020 Meeting Attendance

Abbate, Kathy	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Present
Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice Chairman/Darien Resident	Absent
Gentile, Glen	SAC Board Member/Township Resident	Absent
Henderson, Sheri	SAC Board Member/Burr Ridge Park District	Absent
Klebenow, Patricia	SAC Board Member/Westmont Resident	Present
Mizener, Dr. Floyd	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Passed
Petranek, Robert	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Present
Vogts/Kate	SAC Board Member/The Community House	Resigned
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	Absent
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk/Willowbrook Resident	Present
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	Present
Guest		
Beth Hahn	SAC Guest TCH Program Director	Present