

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 4, 2021

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday October 4, 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 1:35pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the August 2, 2021 Meeting were reviewed, since there was no September meeting. Janet Garreau made comment that the minutes did not accurately reflect Interfaith Community Partners activities. The minutes were amended and Upon Motion made by Paul Klebenow, and seconded by Robert Petranek, the Revised Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** Gaye apologized to the group for the fact the September's Meeting was cancelled.
 - B. **Board Member Report.** Ralph Beardsley stated that the Lions Club is selling candy the 2nd week of October. In Woodridge along 83rd St. only, possibly in Westmont at Cass & 75th. Some towns need a permit, others do not. This is their largest fundraiser of the year. 60% of the proceeds go to Lions of Illinois and 40% goes to the club here. They've been earning up to \$23,000 the last few years and up to \$40,000 in the early 2000's.
 - C. Robert Petranek stated that the FFDGTS fundraiser is on October 28 from 5:30-7:30pm in the new Township Center. All are invited to attend. Senior Survival Skills is going well with great attendance and good presentations.
 - D. There was additional discussion on programming at the new center. The discussion concerned safety as far as masks etc., number of people who should be attending, qualifications for giving presentations (vetting procedures), cost to "private citizen" presenters (seniors), sponsorships to help pay for supply costs etc., partnerships with local agencies and marketing efforts through the Park Districts and Libraries.
 - E. **Township Officials Report.** Lorraine stated that there will be a cleanup at Oak Hill and Oak Crest cemeteries on Saturday, October 16th from 9-12noon with the Boy Scouts. Anyone is welcome to come clear brush and debris. There will also be a Veteran's Day Ceremony through the American Legion at the cemetery on November 11th. Cathy will send the information out to members when completed.

6. **Agency Updates.**

A. **First Responders.**

- (i) Westmont Fire Department October 30th Paper Shredding Event by the Police Station for “Special Olympics” \$5 per box donation.

B. **DuPage County Senior Services.**

Julie stated that funding exists for help with water bills if they are connected to Covid. October 1st began their new fiscal year. There are Caregiver Support programs and Senior Ride Dupage just started. However, lack of drivers has been a problem, other arrangements have had to be made at times. Age Guide will have a new contact to replace Liz Wiggins who passed away recently. She will update us soon.

C. **AARP.**

George Goodwin reported that all AARP will attempt to start their Car Fit and Smart Driver classes after the first of the year. He will decide on dates with Cathy. The Illinois State Triad Conference will be in Aurora. There will be a theme (or discussion) on “how do seniors behave when not in church”. They will allow 100 seniors in for free.

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

A. **Interfaith Community Partners.**

Janet Garreau reported the ICP fundraiser was very successful with sponsorships up 30% from last year. Over 200 people attended, and eight sponsors raised their levels of sponsorships. Mostly seniors were in the room and they all bid over the price of the items. A Covid Card was required to attend along with a mask. Interfaith is now serving more than 50 clients for rides.

8. **Adjournment.** A Motion to Adjourn was made by Gaye Wagner and seconded by Robert Petranek. The meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm.

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	Absent
Dralle, Lynn	SAC Liaison with Westmont Fire Department	Present
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners	Present
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Aspired Living	Present
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk	Present
Spirizzi, Jillian	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	Absent
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