

**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**November 1, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, November 1, 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 1:32pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** Since there was not a quorum present, the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Meeting were reviewed, but not voted upon. The Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Meeting was tabled until the December 6, 2021 meeting.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
  - A. **Chairman's Report.** Gaye Wagner reported that she received a resignation letter from Kathy Abbate, effective immediately.
  - B. **Board Member Report.** On behalf of FFDGTS, Robert Petranek reported that the annual fundraiser was a huge success. He thought that having the fundraiser at the Township Center was an inspired idea as it encouraged members of the general public to attend. Robert estimated receiving \$7,000 in funds to support FFDGTS' future projects.
  - C. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager began her report by indicating her concern over recruiting new Board members. She went on to say that the recent Senior Survival Series on home care was enthusiastically received and senior residents are looking for more classes like that. The Township will be hosting one more frozen meal giveaway on November 18. On November 22, the Meals on Wheels personnel will be prepping and delivering meals from the Township Center. Meals on Wheels will be offering hot meals (prepared in the Township Center kitchen) beginning in January 2022 and these hot meals will take the place of the frozen meal giveaway. Gaye Wagner asked Cathy Rager to arrange a Meals on Wheels presentation to the Board at the December 6, 2022 meeting, if possible.
  - D. **Township Officials Report.** Paul Coultrap extended a thank-you on behalf of the Township for all the hard work done to facilitate the recent FFDGTS Annual Fundraiser. Coultrap added that he is working on improvements for the Township Center, including a speaker system and soundproofing. Finally, Coultrap indicated that he is working with Lorraine, Susan and Cathy to finalize the new PACE contract.
6. **Agency Updates.**

**A. First Responders.**

- (i) Troy Agema from DuPage County Sheriff's Department announced that carjackings and thefts are up. He said the best advice he can give citizens is to always be alert to their surroundings and to always lock their vehicles. Cathy Rager asked Troy to check his calendar so she can schedule him to speak at one of the Senior Survival Series luncheons.
- (ii) Lynne Dralle from Westmont Fire Department reported she had a number of residents questioning when the next Car Care Clinic will be held. George Goodwin responded that AARP has no plans at this time and does not expect to plan anything until after January 1, 2022. In other discussions, it was mentioned that car care clinics were held with volunteer mechanics coming from local car clubs. Also, the local Amazon Fresh store provided goodie bags and lunch for the volunteers at a car care clinic held in Naperville. These are sound suggestions for moving forward in the Township.

**B. DuPage County Senior Services.**

Julie Larson could not attend this meeting but advised Cathy that she has contacted Age Guide and is still waiting to hear back from them about Liz Wiggins' replacement.

**C. Park Districts.**

- (i) There was no Westmont Park District report.
- (ii) There was no Burr Ridge Park District report.
- (iii) The Board welcomed Jillian Spizzirri the new Board liaison from The Community House in Hinsdale. Ms. Spizzirri reported that local seniors are starting to attend classes. They have various classes and trips up and running with impressive attendance. She is looking to collaborate with the Township on a senior outing sometime in the future.

**D. AARP.**

George Goodwin reported that all AARP activities will not be planned until after January 1, 2022.

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

**Community Adult Day Care.** Susan Sinderson reported that CADC is currently operating at one-half capacity. She is looking forward to opening to full capacity in the new year but must continue to meet State guidelines regarding distance and masking. Currently, the CADC is running low on funds and Sinderson has applied for grants to help bridge the gap. Ms. Sinderson also reported on a study combining exercise and numerics having positive effects on senior dementia patients.

**8. Adjournment.** Because a quorum was not present at the meeting, no Motion to Adjourn was made and Chairperson Wagner adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Catherine Rager, Secretary

**EXHIBIT A**

**SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**November 1, 2021 Meeting Attendance**

Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice-Chairman/Darien Resident	Absent
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	Present
Coultrap, Paul	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Dralle, Lynn	SAC Liaison with Westmont Fire Department	Present
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners	Absent
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Aspired Living	Absent
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk	Absent
Krampits, Alice	SAC Liaison with Westmont Park District	Absent
Larson, Julie	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Senior Services	Absent
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Guest/DGT Staff/Darien Resident	Present
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
Spirrizzi, Jillian	SAC Liaison with The Community House in Hinsdale	Present