

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 2, 2020

MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, November 2, 2020, via Zoom call from 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 1:36pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the October 5, 2020 Meeting were reviewed. Upon Motion made by Kathy Abbate, and seconded by Pat Klebenow, the Minutes were approved.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Chairman's Report.** Gaye Wagner did not present a report, but did introduce Elaine Furjanic from Community Adult Day Care which is housed in Gloria Dei Church. CADC has been operating for 34 years.
 - B. **Secretary's Report.** Susan Mistretta distributed the 2019 Annual Dial-A-Ride Report, as well as 2020 First and Second Quarter Reports. She reported that, due to COVID-19, ridership was down. Mistretta also reported that the Township has decided to curtail all holiday rides due to lack of interest.
 - C. **Township Officials Report.** Karen Kelly, Trustee of Downers Grove Township, reported that the new senior center is on schedule and on budget. There are pictures and daily updates online at the Township website.
 - D. **Resident Reports.** Kathy Abbate, Glen Gentile and Pat Klebenow all had nothing to report. Robert Petranek reported that he expects the final grant submission to be made within the next 48 hours. He expects the grant to request up to \$33,000. FFDGTS has already contributed \$12,355 towards various needs for the new senior center, but Robert expects to need \$20,000-\$23,000 more.
6. **Village and County Updates.**
 - A. Park Districts.
 - (i) Sheri Henderson reported that the Village of Burr Ridge is currently giving out senior bags containing various items for a resident cost of \$10/bag. The

bags are being given out in conjunction with different themes each month. For example, they had virtual presentations about Marshall Field's and the Wrigley Family and gave out Frango Mints and Wrigley gum. The November theme will be "Traditions". Henderson added that the Village has hosted Parking Lot Bingo and expects to host another two events in November. Finally, Henderson reported that the Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills gave a very positive review of the Township's Frozen Meal Distribution Program.

- (ii) Alice Krampits reported that the Village of Westmont has scheduled a Rules of the Road class for January 25, 2021. Westmont will also be doing tax preparation similar to AARP beginning in February or March of next year. They will see residents by appointment only and scan the resident's tax forms before immediately returning them. Westmont is also considering giving out boxes for seniors that would contain things like crossword puzzles, warm socks and hand sanitizer. They are currently looking into the cost of filling and distributing these boxes.
- (iii) Beth Hahn of The Community House in Hinsdale did not have a report.

B. First Responders.

- (i) Troy Agema of DuPage County Sheriff's Department did not have a report.
- (ii) Westmont Fire Department's Lynn Dralle reported an uptick in transporting COVID-19 patients.

C. There was no report from DuPage County Senior Services.

D. George Goodwin reported that AARP has chosen March 1, 2021 as the date on which it will resume its classes. New classes will take place in the senior center. If seniors do not wish to attend the classes in person, the course is available online.

E. Kerry Quirin of Senior Living Experts remarked that the home healthcare industry is booming. She is seeing seniors still moving, despite COVID-19. Quirin is becoming quite concerned about the isolation of seniors. Similarly, Elaine Furjanic commented that she has seen a downturn in attendance at day care centers.

F. Janet Garreau of Interfaith Community Partners reported that they are continuing to provide rides for seniors to medical appointments, as well as grocery shopping and hair salons. Currently, they are averaging approximately 26 rides per week. When asked, Garreau reported that ICP has not yet made any inroads into DuPage County.

G. Beth Courtney of Touching Hearts at Home did not have a report.

H. Renee Faur, Marketing Director of Saratoga Grove Assisted Living Center, is also concerned with the mental health of senior citizens. SGALC is adapting to flexible

meeting sites. They are also trying to provide seniors with various activities, such as movies, manicures, hair styling, Zooming, etc.

7. **New Business.** There was no new business brought before the Board.
8. **Old Business.** There was no old business brought before the Board.
9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rager, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL February 3, 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	Present
Klebenow, Patricia	SAC Board Member/Westmont Resident	Present
Petranek, Robert	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Present
Wagner/Gaye	SAC Chairperson/Township Resident	Present
Agema, Troy	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Sheriff	Present
Courtney, Beth	SAC Guest/Touching Hearts at Home	Absent
Dralle, Lynn	SAC Liaison with Westmont Fire Department	Present
Faur, Renee	SAC Guest/Saratoga Grove Assisted Living Center	Present
Furjanic, Elaine	SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care	Present
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners	Present
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Pathway to Living	Present
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk/Willowbrook Resident	Absent
Hahn, Beth	SAC Guest/The Community House	Absent
Kelly, Karen	SAC Guest/DGT Trustee/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Krampits, Alice	SAC Liaison with Westmont Park District	Present
Larson, Julie	SAC Liaison with DuPage County Senior Services	Absent
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Guest/DGT Staff/Darien Resident	Present
Quirin, Kerry	SAC Guest/Senior Living Experts	Present
Rager, Cathy	SAC Liaison with DGT/Downers Grove Resident	Present
Thoman, Mark	SAC Guest/DGT Supervisor/Downers Grove Resident	Absent