

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 4, 2019

MINUTES

A MEETING of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 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 1:31.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made by all present. Attached is a list of all attendees.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** Corrections to the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting are as follows:
 - (a) In Section 5, Paragraph B, Line 1, "Mark Thoman, Township Supervisor" should be changed to "Karen Kelly, Township Trustee".
 - (b) In Section 5, Paragraph B, Line 3, the word "township" should be initial capped.
 - (c) In Section 5, the following should be added after Paragraph D:

"E. The Car Care Clinic had 38 cars, which was less than last year and was most likely due to the inclement weather. New trainees for AARP Car Fit earned their certification by assisting veteran trainers with the Car Fit process. An adequate number of volunteers made the process run smoothly. Adding to efficiency this year was dividing the checklist into three parts: Car Fit, Tires & Air Pressure, and Mechanics. Troy Agema was joined by Sheriff's Office Explorers to perform the air pressure checks. We had an improved tire gauge which was provided by Gus's Auto Repair. Downers Grove Township was joined by AAA, The Community House, Westmont Park District, AARP, PACE and Clemen's Enterprises in distributing information to attending seniors. Dunkin Donuts, Great American Bagel, and Trader Joe's all donated treats."

Upon motion made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Robert Petranek, the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 Meeting, as Amended, were approved. A unanimous voice vote confirmed the motion.

4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
 - (a) Chairperson Gaye Wagner indicated that the time of the December 2, 2019 Meeting will be changed to 12:00pm. The meeting will include a holiday potluck lunch, which

will take place following the meeting. Cathy Rager will coordinate food. There were no suggestions made for December 2 Agenda items.

- (b) Karen Kelly, Township Trustee, said that the plans for the Community Center continue to solidify. The Township would like to pursue working with Meals on Wheels to use the planned Community Center kitchen for meal preparation. The Village of Downers Grove has agreed to assist the Township with funding for the Community Center. Ground breaking is anticipated for Spring 2020.
- (c) Susan Mistretta distributed answers to questions previously posed regarding the Township's Dial-A-Ride Program. This document is attached hereto.
- (d) Robert Petranek reported that the Senior Seminar Series is continuing to go well. The last lecture, "Get the 411 on 911", had the largest attendance to date. Troy Agema (DuPage County Sheriff's Office), Lynn Dralle (Westmont Fire Department), and Jim Snyder (Westmont Police Department) all covered various topics. Robert felt that the questions asked by attendees were just as important for learning as the subject matter. Petranek indicated that more speakers will be needed for 2020. The next Senior Seminar will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Julie Larson and Bridget James of DuPage County Senior Services will be presenting information on the DuPage County Senior Services Department.
- (e) Cathy Rager indicated that more volunteers are needed for the next FFDGTS fundraiser. Volunteers will be wrapping gifts at the Oakbrook Barnes & Noble. Additional wrappers are needed on November 29 from 9:00am to 3:00pm, December 15 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm, and on December 20 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. Please report your interest to Cathy.
- (f) Cathy Rager also reported that the SAC website will be up and running soon. Glen Gentile indicated that the site is basically "built" and they are now working on adding pictures and a calendar feature. The site is expected to be fully operational by January, 2020. Glen indicated that a volunteer to maintain the site will be needed.

6. Village and County Updates.

- (a) Park Districts.
 - (i) Alice Krampits was absent so there was no report from Westmont Park District.
 - (ii) Kate Vogts of The Community House in Hinsdale reported that they will once again host the Senior Fair (sponsored by Main Street Realtors) in April 2020. She indicated they are also hosting Pickleball lessons and open play.
 - (iii) Sheri Henderson of Burr Ridge Park District reported on a number of programs being hosted, including How to Declutter and Organize, History of Coins, billiards classes, card-making, etc. Sheri also indicated that they hosted a very successful Halloween party.
- (b) Police/Fire Departments.
 - (i) Troy Agema of DuPage County Sheriff's Department had no report.
 - (ii) Lynn Dralle of Westmont Fire Department was absent.

(c) AARP. George Goodwin proposed March 7, 2020 as the date for the Township's next safe driving class. Discussion ensued about how the class is really geared towards younger seniors because of the one-day length. George offers two-day, four-hour sessions for older seniors. George and Cathy Rager will check their respective calendars and the date will be confirmed or changed at the next meeting.

7. Continuation of Presentation. Julie Larson continued her presentation on DuPage County's Senior Services Department. Seniors interested in obtaining any of the services offered should call 630.407.6500 and ask for "Intake". Some of the programs are based upon financial need, while others are not. The Board is referred to Julie's handout on the Department.

8. Adjournment. Upon motion made by Pat Klebenow and seconded by Robert Petranek, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm. A unanimous voice vote confirmed the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rager, Secretary

**SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
November 4, 2019 Meeting**

ATTENDANCE

Abbate, Kathy	SAC Board Member/Township Resident	Present
Beardsley, Ralph	SAC Vice Chairman/Township Resident	Absent
Gentile, Glen	SAC Board Member/Township Resident	Present
Henderson, Sheri	SAC Board Member/Burr Ridge Park District	Present
Klebenow, Patricia	SAC Board Member/Township Resident	Present
Mizener, Floyd	SAC Board Member/Township Resident	Present
Petranek, Robert	SAC Board Member/Township Resident	Present
Vogts, Kate	SAC Board Member/The Community House	Present
Wagner, Gaye	SAC Chairman/Township Resident	Present
Agema, Troy	DuPage County Sheriff/Township Resident	Present
Courney, Beth	Touching Hearts at Home	Present
Dralle, Lynn	Westmont Fire Department	Absent
Garreau, Janet	Interfaith Community Partners	Absent
Goodwin, George	AARP/Township Resident	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	Township Clerk/Township Resident	Present
Kelly, Karen	Township Liaison/Township Resident	Present
Krampits, Alice	Westmont Park District/Township Resident	Absent
Larson, Julie	DuPage County Senior Services	Present
Rager, Cathy	Township Liaison/Township Resident	Present
Thoman, Mark	Township Liaison/Township Resident	Absent
Mistretta, Susan	SAC Secretary/Township Resident	Present

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senior Advisory Council

FROM: Susan R. Mistretta

DATE: November 4, 2019

RE: Dial-A-Ride Program

At the September 9, 2019 meeting, I was tasked with providing certain information regarding the Dial-A-Ride reports, as follows:

1. **What do “Gross Costs” include?** Gross costs include all costs of operating the Dial-A-Ride Program, including drivers, vehicle maintenance, insurance, gas, etc. Additionally, any federal and/or state grants received are also applied to gross costs.
2. **What does “Less Liquidated Damages” Mean?** The Township’s contract with PACE provides for the payment of damages in the event of an accident. If there are no accidents in any given period, “liquidated damages” are refunded to the Township and subtracted from the Township’s contributed share of fares.
3. **How Many Dialysis Trips are Provided?** During negotiations for the most recent contract between the Township and PACE, PACE was reluctant to further break down trip purposes to include dialysis, even though it had done so in the past. The Township decided not to pursue this and has indicated to me that it would not request a change.
4. **How Many Dialysis Trips are Provided on Holidays?** Through August, 2019, there have been no reported dialysis rides occurring on holidays. However, there were two rides for work purposes that occurred on July 4, 2019.