

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 2, 2019

MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, December 2, 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 12:04.

2. **Township Update.** The meeting went off Agenda to accommodate Mark Thoman's schedule. Mark gave an update on the progress of the Community Center to be built adjacent to the current Township office, to-wit:
 - The FISH Pantry will move completely to the main floor of the new building, which will be ADA compliant.
 - The new building will be about 2200 square feet.
 - There will be security access separate from the main building so FISH can determine its own hours.
 - There will be a separate entry for product intake, making it easier for food drop-offs.
 - All bathrooms in the new building will be unisex and handicapped accessible.
 - There will be cash wrap counters for easier intake.
 - There will be high ceilings to maximize storage space with tall shelves.
 - There will be a community room and kitchen for use by SAC and FFDGTS.
 - He is working with FFDGTS to purchase some of the kitchen equipment which he estimates to be \$28,000 to \$29,000. FFDGTS has already raised \$16,000.
 - Mark is also looking to DuPage County for financial assistance.

Following his presentation, Mark Thoman presented George Goodwin with a plaque honoring his years of volunteering on behalf of AARP. The Township and SAC have both benefitted from his largesse.

3. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were eliminated due to timing. Eileen Fitzgerald, of FFDGTS, attended the meeting as a guest.

4. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the November 4, 2019 Meeting were reviewed. Upon Motion made by Robert Petranek, and seconded by Gaye Wagner, the Minutes were approved.

5. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.

6. Committee Reports.

- (a) There was no Update from Chairperson Gaye Wagner.
- (b) Robert Petranek reported that the Senior Seminar Series is a resounding success. The last lecture, "Get the 411 on 911", was standing room only. The next lecture is scheduled for Thursday, December 5. The subject will be DuPage County's Senior Services Department, which will most likely become an ongoing subject considering the amount of services they provide.
- (c) Cathy Rager indicated that the next FFDGTS fundraiser is a quick turnaround sale of See's Candies. All payment must be in Cathy's hands by Thursday, December 5, and the products will be delivered by Tuesday, December 10. Rager also said that more volunteers are needed for the Barnes & Noble Gift-Wrap fundraiser. Adults are needed to check in and check out the teenage wrappers on December 15 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm, and on December 20 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. Please report your interest to Cathy.

7. 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 are considering offering a "Smart Driver Tech Class", given by AARP.
 - (iii) Sheri Henderson did not have an update.
- (b) Police/Fire Departments.
 - (i) Troy Agema of DuPage County Sheriff's Department was absent.
 - (ii) Lynn Dralle of Westmont Fire Department was absent.
- (c) AARP. George Goodwin confirmed March 7, 2020 as the date for the Township's next safe driving class.

8. Adjournment. Upon motion made by Robert Petranek and seconded by Ralph Beardsley, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:36pm. A unanimous voice vote confirmed the Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Rager, Secretary