

**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
December 7, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**A MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, December 7, 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 1:34pm.
2. **Roundtable Introductions.** Roundtable introductions were made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes.** The Minutes of the November 2, 2020 Meeting were reviewed. Upon Motion made by Pat Klebenow, and seconded by Robert Petranek, the Minutes were approved.
4. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
5. **Committee Reports.**
  - A. **Chairman's Report.** (i) Gaye Wagner gave a summary of the Age Guide Listening Sessions she recently attended. Although partnered with many local agencies, Age Guide is still interested in knowing what is needed by older adults, including nutrition, health issues, transportation and elder abuse. Liz Wiggins is Age Guide's representative for this area and Gaye will contact her with an invitation to join SAC. (ii) Gaye Wagner presented the proposed SAC Meeting calendar for 2021. The meetings will stay on the same schedule as 2020 (i.e., the first Monday of each month), with the only exceptions being in the months of July and September.
  - B. **Secretary's Report.** Cathy Rager spoke of proposed questions she has to be incorporated into a Survey Monkey survey and sent to local seniors. Cathy will be sending a copy of the questions to all members for their input. Specifically, she is looking for questions about what seniors are looking for in the new senior center.
  - C. **Township Officials Report.** Karen Kelly, Trustee of Downers Grove Township, reported that the new senior center is on schedule and on budget. The building will be closed up soon, with completed doors, windows and walls. Commonwealth Edison is on-site today to install electricity for the building. The building is expected to open in February, 2021.
  - D. **Resident Reports.** (i) Pat Klebenow had nothing to report. Residents Kathy Abbate and Glen Gentile were absent. (ii) Robert Petranek reported that he waiting to hear from Timkin Foundation regarding grant money. Like all other organizations, currently FFDGTS is in a state of suspended animation due to COVID. Their activities

are limited to small events, such as the current See's Candies fundraiser and the Delta Sonic Kiss Car Wash event planned for early 2021.

**6. Village and County Updates.**

A. Park Districts.

- (i) Sheri Henderson reported that the Village of Burr Ridge is currently closed and she has nothing to report.
- (ii) Alice Krampits was absent.
- (iii) Beth Hahn of The Community House in Hinsdale reported that members of the Junior Board need service hours, so a pen pal program has started, matching high schoolers with local seniors. She has for names of anyone interested in participating.

B. First Responders.

- (i) Troy Agema of DuPage County Sheriff's Department did not have a report.
- (ii) Westmont Fire Department's Lynn Dralle did not have a report.

C. Julie Larson, of DuPage County Senior Services, reported that the agency's fiscal year began in October so she has funding available. DuPage County Senior Services is not doing any face-to-face visits, no home visits, and LIHEAP assistance is only by phone.

D. George Goodwin reported that AARP expects its classes and services to resume March 1, 2021.

E. Janet Garreau of Interfaith Community Partners reported that they are doing a pen pal program. They are also looking to partner with Hinsdale Humane Society to provide comfort animals. An article on ICP appeared in the latest issue of West Suburban Living Magazine. Janet reported that they are always looking for opportunities to get the word out about ICP.

F. Kerry Quirin of Senior Living Experts reported an uptick in calls looking to place seniors in both assisted living and memory care. She advised not waiting until all funds have run out. It is much easier to place someone when they have at least some money.

G. Renee Faur of Saratoga Grove Assisted Living Center was absent.

H. Teri Geppner of Pathway to Living was absent.

I. Elaine Furjanic of Community Adult Day Care reported that a "Drive-by Breakfast" will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 7:30am to 11:00am. Anyone interested in attending should visit CADC's website for further information.

7. **New Business.** Gaye informed the Board that Mary Ferguson is now at The Birches. Gay will extend an invitation to Mary to join SAC. If anyone has anything to discuss, please email Gaye so she can add it to next month's Agenda.

8. **Old Business.** There was no old business brought before the Board.

9. **Adjournment.** A Motion to Adjourn was made by Lorraine Grimsby and seconded by Robert Petranek. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Catherine Rager, Secretary

## EXHIBIT A

### SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL December 7, 2020 Meeting Attendance

Abbate, Kathy	SAC Board Member/Darien Resident	Absent
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	Absent
Furjanic, Elaine	SAC Guest/Community Adult Day Care	Present
Garreau, Janet	SAC Guest/Interfaith Community Partners	Present
Geppner, Terri	SAC Guest/Pathway to Living	Absent
Goodwin, George	SAC Liaison with AARP	Present
Grimsby, Lorraine	SAC Guest/DGT Clerk/Willowbrook Resident	Present
Hahn, Beth	SAC Guest/The Community House	Present
Kelly, Karen	SAC Guest/DGT Trustee/Downers Grove Resident	Present
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	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