

**Senior Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes Thursday, September 2, 2021 | 9:30 AM**

**Normal Township Activity and Recreation Center
600 E Willow, Normal, IL 61761**

Members Present: Rich Farr, Margaret Ann Hayden, Carol Plotkin, Faye Sanders, Deborah Shaw, Barbara Singer, Leonard Ross, Uday Deoskar

Members Absent: Chair Steven Kossman

Township Officials: Supervisor Sarah Grammer, Trustee Sally Pyne, Trustee Arlene Hosea

ARC Staff: Director of Operations Rick Lewis, Director of Programming Molly Camper, Member Services Manager Elicsha Sanders, Communications Coordinator Samantha Scott

Public Present: Mary Wurhmann

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Shaw at 9:30 AM

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting made by Barbara Singer and seconded by Rich Farr. Motion passed.

Report from Chair

Absent – No report.

Member Updates & Committee Reports

Uday Deoskar, Health & Wellness – Has observed that the effects of COVID on individuals is varied. Concerned about depression and dementia in older adults living through the pandemic. Suggested looking at research on the effects of COVID-19 pandemic outside of the illness itself.

Rich Farr, Fundraising – No report.

Margaret Ann Hayden, Welcoming Committee – Held a member orientation event on Tuesday, August 31st with an attendance of 26+ members who were very responsive and who engaged in asking questions.

Carol Plotkin, Blood Drive Updates – The Battle of the Badges drive in August welcomed 50 people, including 5 first-time donors. Collected 45 full units. The drive that was scheduled for September 26th was moved to October 6th from 1 – 6 PM due to staffing challenges for the original date.

Leonard Ross – No report

Faye Sanders – No report

Deborah Shaw – Peace Meal will be returning to ARC on October 4th to offer pick-up meals that can be taken home or eaten outdoors.

Barbara Singer – Shared interest from members in the 55-72 age group who would like to see more outdoor concerts, basketball, and volleyball, and more activities for active seniors interested in sports.

Discussed potential of raffles during concerts as well as a concert series becoming a sponsorship opportunity that allows sponsors to be in attendance. Could charge members to attend as well.

Report from Township Supervisor Sarah Grammer

Shared again that Peace Meal would be returning for pick-up meals on October 4th.

The green space project plans were given back to Farnsworth with the request to slim down the project design, focus on the patio and usable surfaces and take out more aesthetic items to reduce cost at the start. Hope to receive update plan in the next week.

Preston has done a number of walkthroughs of the ARC building to evaluate leaks occurring. There is another water test coming up to evaluate the water coming into the yoga studio as well as an upcoming brick repair. Preston is also evaluating how the plastic lining of the insulation may be contributing to leaks.

The audit review took place at the last Township Board meeting, and Sarah is getting ready to work on the tax levy for next year. She does not anticipate changes from this year.

ARC Staff Reports

Rick Lewis, Director of Operations Report - Report attached to meeting packet. Highlighted a few items on his report.

Would like to see members involved in talking to their peers about wearing masks correctly. Members wearing of masks is improving with time.

Met with David Hopper from the McLean County Health Department to discuss booster shot clinics. ARC is scheduled to hold clinics October 28th, 2021 and January 13th, 2022. Clinics will be contained to the Rec Room with entry through the east door.

ARC has an article featured in the September 50+ News & Views issue with information on ARC programs, the Grand Reopening event and the 2021 Build the ARC Campaign.

Paula Basta, the Director of the Illinois Department on Aging, will be visiting ARC on Wednesday, September 15th.

Molly Camper, Program Highlights - Report attached to meeting packet. Grief Support groups at ARC offered by Carle BroMenn have moved back to Zoom offerings only, and a New to Grief group has been added for women who are not currently in the Women's Grief Support group and who are new to grief in the last 5 years. ARC's book groups are also meeting only on Zoom.

ARC's new exercise instructor, Nancy Nork, offers a cardio and strength training class on Monday and Wednesday mornings and a circuit training class on Monday and Wednesday evenings. She has become popular and is seeing strong attendance.

SHIP is offering presentations in September on Medicare Advantage Plans and Part D Prescription Drug Plans.

Elicsha Sanders, Member Services - Report attached to meeting packet. Will be providing a comparison report on membership numbers month to month. Van ridership is increasing; there is interest in Saturday van rides. ARC is nearing 2,200 members.

Samantha Scott, Communications and Fundraising Update – Provided an update on funds raised for the Living Memorial Fund since the September newsletter went out – have raised \$870. Provided update on the Build the ARC raffle that will run through the Grand Reopening event on September 18th and encouraged the board to purchase tickets and share information with family and friends.

Reached out to WJBC to invite them to broadcast from the Grand Reopening event. September is a busy month for radio events.

New Business

A. **Discussion of ARC operations:** Masking continues.

The Grand Reopening event will take place September 18th from 10 AM to 12 PM. The hope is that the event boosts membership, awareness of ARC, and increase fundraising dollars brought in for the green space project.

B. **Veterans Day:** Rick and members have indicated nervousness about mass gatherings with 100+ people indoors, so the staff plan to offer special programs for veterans throughout the month of November. Ideas discussed included: Honor Guard ceremony on the afternoon of November 11th with Rev. Col. David Terrinoni speaking, presentation by Vicki Terrinoni on being the wife/family of a serviceperson, John Bishop presentation on Air Force and working with missile silos, dedication of the Veterans Wall, a Veterans Day-themed program by Rita Meland, movies shown on Saturdays with a military theme, Veterans Dance, recognition of widows and widowers giving out flowers, Veterans Yearbook and slideshow.

Suggested Topics for Next Meeting None

Public Comment None.

Reminders:

Rick is to be recognized by the local Agency on Aging for his work over the last year leading the center through the pandemic.

There will be a walk-in flu shot clinic at ARC on September 13th from 12 – 2 PM offered by Walgreen's on Raab Road.

Meeting adjourned by Vice Chair Shaw at 10:07 AM. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

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by Rick Lewis
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Membership Stats

	July	August
Paid New Members	66	43
New Silver Sneaker	12	6
New Renew Active	5	2
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NORMAL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 AT 8:15 AM
304 E MULBERRY, NORMAL, IL

This meeting will be at Normal Township Hall, with the option to join remotely via Zoom by following this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84656028457> or by calling 312-626-6799. If prompted for a meeting ID, please enter 846 5602 8457.

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of the August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Expenditures from August 20, 2021 – September 16, 2021
4. Reports
 - A. Community Engagement
 - B. Assessor
 - C. Clerk
 - D. Highway Commissioner
 - E. ARC Staff and Senior Advisory Committee
 - F. Supervisor
5. Public Comment
6. New Business
 - A. Presentation from the ARC Living Memorial Fund
 - B. Discussion and vote on ARC Greenspace design
 - C. Discussion of ARC building repairs
 - D. Discussion of ITASCSA Commitment to Senior Services Awards Nomination
 - E. Discussion of a township flag
7. Suggested Items for the Next Agenda
8. Adjournment

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