

**League of Women Voters  
Observers Report**

**Board meeting attended:** Downers Grove Village Council

**Date and Location of meeting:** August 15, 2017, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

**Meeting started:** 7:02 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:25 p.m.

**League Observer(s):** Emily Teising

**Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T), (Term expires)**

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| Mayor Martin Tully | NP | (2019)              |
| Bob Barnett        | NP | (2021)              |
| Margaret Earl      | P  | (2021)              |
| Greg Hose          | P  | (2021)              |
| Nicole Walus       | P  | (2019)              |
| William Waldack    | P  | (2019) Acting Mayor |
| Bill White         | NP | (2019)              |

**Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** 9

**Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/VillageDownersGrove>

**Agenda can be found at:** [Agenda August 15, 2017](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Olsen, Dunham Rd.: Recognized the service of Fire Chief Jim Jackson, who will retire August 31 after thirty years of service to the village. Commended the Department of Public Works and director Naneil Newlon project in his neighborhood. Said he was heartened by the community come together for the DG Marchers (local grassroots organization) vigil last night.

Acting Mayor Waldack thanked Olsen for his comments recognizing Chief Jackson.

Liz Chalberg, president of the Downers Grove Historical Society. Recognized historian of the year, Carol Wandschneider. Underground Railroad historian and author Glennette Turner will speak at the Downers Grove Public Library at 2 p.m. Aug. 20. Chalberg talked about a time capsule by Village Hall buried in 2018.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approved unanimously

## **Active AGENDA**

Earl: motion to table the active agenda until September 5 meeting. Approved unanimously.

## **Acting Mayor's Report**

Fine Arts Festival downtown, September 9 – 10. Downtowndg.org is seeking volunteers for the event.

Further recognition of Chief Jackson, since this is the last council meeting before his retirement.

Tonight's meeting was held was to approve construction projects on the consent agenda that otherwise would have been unnecessarily delayed.

## **Council Member Reports**

1. Earl said she was pleased to be able to say "Mayor Waldack" tonight.
2. Walus said she echoed Earl.
3. José echoed positive comments about Chief Jackson. Said he was proud to attend Monday evening's vigil against extremism and it is important that people stand up and declare this is unacceptable.

**Date Submitted: August 15, 2017**

**By: Emily Teising**