

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Village of Downers Grove Council

Date and Location of meeting: June 13, 2017 Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

League Observer(s): Emily Teising

Board Members/Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T):

Mayor Martin Tully	P
Bob Barnett	P
Margaret Earl	P
Greg Hose	P
Nicole Walus	P
William Waldack	P
Bill White	P

Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):

16 (10 for Historic Landmark Designation, departed after resolution passed)

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http://www.downers.us/weekly_archives

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

Agenda can be found at:

<http://www.downers.us/agendas/current>

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Names were not clearly stated this week, but are usually included in the approved minutes a week or so later.

1. Citizen concerned about flight patterns, in particular the frequency of air traffic above his house. Read from a letter to Eddie Corrigan, staffer for Peter Roskam. Has been in touch with state and local government officials including Peter Roskam, Martin Tully, David Olsen, and Arlene Juracek, chairwoman of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. During one of these meetings, a suggestion was made to appeal for a no-flight zone in DuPage County. Informing Council that he is continuing to advocate "for people in Southeast DuPage County to get a fair shake."

2. Citizen, 5410 Grand Ave. Ongoing private disagreement with neighbor about adherence to village codes. Each neighbor has spoken at one previous meeting in the last two months. Mayor Tully: responded that it is not appropriate for a neighborhood dispute to play out at Village Hall. The Village enforces codes for the benefit of the community, and these types of disputes would be resolved by a county judge, not the village council.
3. Citizen representative on the Police Pension Board, reinforcing a June 5 letter sent to council. Referenced June 6 meeting. Commended Tully and White for leadership, and José and Barnett for their flexibility. Underlined that the conditions at the police station present security risks and affect preparedness in case of emergency. Urged action and chastised council members whose comments “seemed to go beyond caution into fear” of moving forward.

REPORTS (board members, staff, administrators)

Mayor’s Report:

1. June 17, 2nd annual Ben’s Memorial Mile at Downers Grove North High School.
2. June 25, The Walt Disney Birthplace presents “Magic of the Mouseketeers” at the Tivoli theater.
3. Eight days until Rotary Grove Fest

Council Member Report:

Earl: Attended unveiling of the mural in the children’s section of the Downers Grove Public Library, with Nicole Walus.

CONSENT AGENDA

See above link. Passed unanimously, no discussion.

ACTIVE AGENDA

RES 2017-7383 A. Resolution: Grant **Historic Landmark Designation** for 5325 Fairmount Avenue *Family members recognized.*

RES 2017-7398 B. Resolution: Authorize a **Local Agency Agreement** with the County of DuPage for Jurisdictional Transfer of a Portion of Hobson Road

ORD 2017-7399 C. Ordinance: Provide for the **Jurisdictional Transfer** of a Portion of Hobson Road/CH 41 to the Village of Downers Grove Municipal Street System

RES 2017-7376 D. Resolution: Authorize an **Intergovernmental Agreement** with the County of DuPage

Waldack thanked staff for following up with more details, allaying his fears about the required work/investment on the village’s end, as a result of this jurisdictional transfer.

ORD 2017-7244 E. Ordinance: Adopt the Village's **Comprehensive Plan**

Commissioners thanked all involved in the review and update of the comprehensive plan, which was discussed at several meetings this year. Tully noted that the Comprehensive Plan before last was from 1965, and he was happy that the council had adhered to the plan of reviewing it every five years. "It is not to be a static document."

All Active Agenda items were voted upon and approved.

FIRST READING

Items A and B Presented by Naneil Newlon, Director of Public Works
Through an intergovernmental agreement, Metra is providing funds to replace the tile flooring at the historic Main Street train station. The work will take place in phases to minimize disruption to access to the ticket counter and washrooms.

Earl: concern that new tile will match historical nature of building.

Items C-K Presented by Stan Popovich, Director of Community Development
Adoption of 2015 International Codes. Goals: protection, simplification, alignment with neighboring communities, updating. The new codes will be effective August 12.

Waldack: concern that a small project will lead to significant, unanticipated costs to align with code. Will changes make things easier? Tougher?

Popovich: Anything submitted up to a certain date will follow the old code. Some parts of the code may be stricter, some looser.

Hosé: Meeting with builders and architects?

Popovich: meeting went well, architects and builders are generally pleased that the code will be aligned with other communities.

Waldack: concern about requirement for sprinklers, would like feedback.

Tully: Obviously safety comes first, but we want to strike a balance between the cost and benefit of code requirements. In neighboring communities, new code adoptions have included exceptions for some requirements.

TRUSTEE DISCUSSION

Comments/Concerns:

General Features

	Yes	No	Comments
Did the meeting start on time?	x		
Were members attentive and prepared?	x		
Were members courteous to each other?	x		
Were members attentive to the public's comments?	x		
Was the facility adequate?	x		
Could the audience see and hear?	x		
Were visual aids easily visible to the audience	x		
Were the meeting facilities handicapped accessible	x		

FOIA (Complete once, unless information changes.)

Illinois Open Meetings Act requirements

	Yes	No	Comments
Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? If yes, note where	x		

Did the agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?	x		
Were background materials made available to the public?	x		
Was there adequate discussion of the issues?	x		
Was there a closed session before, during or after the meeting?		x	
If there was a closed meeting, was any action taken after the closed session? If so, what action?		x	

Date Submitted: June 14, 2017

By: Emily Teising