

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: March 13, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

League Observer: Emily Teising

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

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

Est. Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff): 21

Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:

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

Agenda can be found at: [Agenda March 13, 2018](#)

Council Minutes 3-6-18 Unanimously Approved

[To accommodate members of the public, most of whom were present for the Manager's Report, that report was moved up in the agenda.]

Manager's Report: Implementation of downtown regulatory framework [INF 2018-7711](#)

The framework amends maximum permitted building height and land uses. See linked document for specifics.

Presentation by Stan Popovich, Director of Community Development. Steps to complete by Fall 2018:

Step 1: Implementation Overview & Direction

Step 2: Text Amendments

Step 3: Rezone Properties to Downtown Core District

Step 4: Amend Design Guidelines and Public Participation Process

The framework is not yet legally binding. This phase of the project focuses on 73 parcels, and a total of 171 parcels are scheduled to be rezoned by January 2019.

White clarified that the focus on 73 parcels for now allows for completion of this part of the regulations by fall 2018.

Hosé noted this represents substantial progress toward protecting the village's historic downtown.

Barnett reminded the public that the properties not being addressed before this fall will still be included in the next phase of regulatory amendments.

Public Comment:

Five residents from the neighborhoods under consideration spoke:

- Expressed appreciation for the process and commitment to ongoing involvement (4)
- Reminded council members of the need to follow through to alleviate water issues (2)

Tully clarified to one resident that density and building height will be decreased as a result of these regulations. Urged residents attend the April meeting where storm water issues will be discussed.

One resident expressed concern about high rent for businesses in the downtown.

Council advised staff to proceed with the Downtown Regulatory Framework.

Presentation - Economic Development Corporation Quarterly Report, presented by Michael Cassa, president and CEO of DGEDC

- Trade Area trends are generally down because of online purchases
- Restaurants are doing well.
- Hobby Lobby and Aldi will move into the space at Downers Grove Market previously occupied by Caputo's.
- The new Walgreen's at Meadowbrook Shopping Center is expected to attract interest from new tenants.
- The Rexnord groundbreaking in September attracted national attention.

Consent Agenda Unanimously Approved

- A. Bills Payable: No. 6384, March 13, 2018 BIL 2018-7710
- B. A resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract with Brycer, LLC, for an electronic database system for fire reports [RES 2018-7699](#)
- C. A motion awarding a three-year contract in the amount of \$308,344.05 to H & H Electric Company, Franklin Park, IL, for street light maintenance and repair services [MOT 2018-7696](#)
- D. A motion authorizing a rock salt allocation of 1,688 tons from the State of Illinois for the 2018/2019 season [MOT 2018-7713](#)
- E. Note receipt of minutes of Boards and Commissions [MIN 2018-7712](#)

Active Agenda

- A. A resolution granting historic landmark designation for 1205 Franklin Street [RES 2018-7689](#)

Passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Coffee with the council 9 a.m. March 17 at the library. Reminder to vote.

Council report from Nicole Walus: April 8 Mustang Trot 5 K race benefiting Lungevity.

Date Submitted: March 14, 2018

By: Emily Teising