

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: Downers Grove Village Council

Date and Location of meeting: September 18, 2018, Council Chambers, 801 Burlington Ave.

Meeting started: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:29 p.m. to committee room

League Observer: Lisa Reed

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

Mayor Martin Tully	P	(2019)
Bob Barnett	NP	(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): 17

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

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Consent Agenda

- A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6281, Payroll, August 31, 2018
- B. Bills Payable: No. 6414, September 18, 2018
- C. Minutes: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Active Agenda

- A. An ordinance to establish Special Service Area #10 for the Bridgepoint Downers Grove Subdivision

Presentation

Economic Development Corporation Quarterly Report provided by Michael Cassa, President & CEO of Downer's Grove Development Corporation Financial results comparing year over year (6/2017-6/2018) discussed. Highlights included:

- A. Sales tax revenue increased 1.65%
- B. Municipal sales tax revenue increased 3.24%

- C. Hotel tax/fees increased .08%
- D. Current business projects in DG were reported
- E. The EDC's target marketing group includes:
 - a. Corporate real estate managers
 - b. Commercial brokers
 - c. Commercial developers
 - d. Site consultants

Proclamation read regarding observance of Constitution Week

Manager's Report:

Meeting adjourned to committee room.

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A. Information: Plan regarding the Future of the Downtown

- a. Mike Baker, Assistant Village Manager reported
- b. Video shared related to history of downtown planning
- c. Two financial tools essential to downtown planning, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district & Special Service Area (SSA) both expire 12/2020.
- d. Nearly all revenue generated from TIF is used to make debt service payments which will be paid off in 2021. The revenue source expires the same time as the debt is paid off.
- e. The Downtown Management Corporation is a key partner for business attraction & retention.
- f. Complete recommendations for downtown improvement is included in the 2017 comprehensive plan.
- g. After the expiration of the TIF & SSA, there will still be ongoing & additional expenses without resources to support them, requiring the Village to examine resources to determine the funding source to bridge the gap.
- h. Importance of accessibility & parking are key components of plan.
- i. Importance of functions performed by DMC, especially attraction & retention of businesses.
- j. Residents of downtown will have input in future decision making made by Village Council.

Date Submitted: September 25, 2018

By: Lisa Reed