

AUGUST 7

League of Women Voters of Downers Grove-Woodridge-Lisle

Observer's Report

Agency: Village Council of Downers Grove

Date: August 7, 2012

Please check answers:

Type of meeting: Regular Workshop Public Hearing
Other _____

Facilities: Clean Proper Size Could See Could Hear
 Handicap accessible

Media Coverage: Yes No If yes, who was present: DG Patch reporter,
Sarah Marchmont.

Public Present: Yes + about 15 at the beginning of the meeting No

Public Comment: Yes No

PROCEEDINGS

YES

NO

COMMENTS

Meeting start on time? yes

All members present? No

Mayor Tully and Comm. Durkin were absent

Sufficient staff present? yes

6 staff members were present

Presiding officer control meeting? yes

Members prepared and attentive? yes

Members respectful and courteous to all present? yes

Adequate discussion of issues? yes

Information re issues available to public? yes

Sufficient opportunity for public input? yes

Commissioner Schnell ran the meeting as Mayor Pro Temp and it was very swift, lasting about 30 minutes. The first order of business was a proclamation in celebration of the 20th anniversary for Every Day's a Sunday. Thereafter two citizens made public comment. Michael Casa, the President of the Economic Development Council announced Invesco Powershares would be moving into Downers Grove, bringing up to 300 employees. Bill Wrobel, resident in Queens Court, brought a petition to the Council signed by neighbors who requested a speed

bump or speed wobble on their street to deal with speeding in their neighborhood. Mayor Pro Temp Schnell said the suggestion would be taken under consideration.

There were no items on the consent agenda. There were two items up for first reading. The first was a request for a one year extension of a variance ordinance granted a year ago to the property owners of the Sara Lee building to allow time to build an intended parking garage. Construction has not yet started, but the structure will be built within the next year. Staff recommended approval and there was no discussion. The second item for first reading related to a storm sewer project on Elm Street to include a concrete bumper. Two neighborhood meetings had been held and third was planned. Residents support the work proposed. Eight bids had been received and are being reviewed.

Thereafter, each member present made announcements and the meeting was adjourned.

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