

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
APRIL 10, 2007 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Resolution to Support the Chicago Olympics Bid	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Michael Baker Assistant Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to demonstrate the Village of Downers Grove's support for Chicago 2016's bid to host the 2016 Olympics in the City of Chicago and surrounding region.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Strategic Plan for 2007-2012 identified *Eye on the Future* as our Mission. This means *Planning for the Future of the Village of Downers Grove* and *Investing Today for a Greater Return Tomorrow*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the July 15, 2008 consent agenda

BACKGROUND

Chicago 2016 is the privately-funded not-for-profit organization responsible for submitting Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Olympics. On April 14, 2007, the United States Olympic Committee selected Chicago as the U.S. bid city, and on June 4, 2008, the International Olympic Committee chose Chicago; Tokyo, Japan; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Madrid, Spain from a list of cities as the finalists in the competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympics Games. The International Olympic Committee will be making its final decision on October 2, 2009. If Chicago is chosen by the Committee, the Games will be held in 2016 from July 22 to August 7 and the Paralympics will be held between August 18 and August 28.

Information produced by Chicago 2016 explains the benefits that the City and region can expect to realize by hosting the Olympics, which include widespread urban revitalization and economic benefits before, during and after the games. Visitors from throughout the world will stay in hotels in the region, eat in local establishments and create a significant economic impact in Chicago and surrounding communities. The Games will generate new jobs in tourism, retail, and other areas of the economy. The 2000 Olympic Games produced an economic impact of \$6.5 billion dollars in Sydney, Australia, and the 1996 Olympic Games had a \$5.1 billion economic impact on Atlanta, Georgia.

Staff from the Village has participated in surveys conducted by Chicago 2016 and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The Village has made these organizations aware of Downers Grove's recognized events, such as the USPRO Championships bike race in August, as great opportunities in which to participate and promote Chicago's Olympic Bid.

RECOMMENDATION

Resolution
 List of Benefits to Chicago from Chicago 2016
 Proposed List of Venues

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S BID FOR THE
2016 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (hereinafter "City") has been selected by the United States Olympic Committee as the U.S. Applicant City for the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the City and the counties and other municipalities in the metropolitan Chicago region are anxious to serve the Olympic Movement by embracing and celebrating the Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic and Paralympic Games represent the best of the human spirit, and Chicago 2016 and the United States Olympic Committee are committed to bringing the 2016 Olympics and Paralympic Games to the United States for the benefit of all and to inspire harmony locally, nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, Chicago, a world-class city and region with remarkable diversity, culture, history and people, already holds a place in the international community as a city and a metropolitan area of immigrants from around the world who are eager to be ambassadors to visiting Olympic athletes; and

WHEREAS, hosting the Games in the heartland of the country will provide a unique opportunity to enhance the development of Olympic sport in the Midwest and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Chicago would provide a spectacular experience for athletes, the Olympic Family, spectators, residents and the global viewing audience by celebrating the Games in the center of the City and throughout the metropolitan region and in the midst of millions of people who are passionate about sports and will create an energetic spirit inside and outside of the venues; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is one of the transportation hubs of the world and can provide accessible transportation to international visitors through extensive rail, transit and motorways infrastructure, combined with world-class international airports.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Downers Grove supports the City of Chicago and Chicago 2016 as they compete for the privilege to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council pledges its assistance to enhance the efforts of the City and Chicago 2016 to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

ADOPTED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove on this the ___ day of _____, 2008 and approved by me on the same day.

-Mayor

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
Village Clerk

So why should Chicago want to host the 2016 Olympic Games?

There are countless reasons, but let's start with the top 16

Source: www.chicago2016.org)

Top 16 reasons why hosting the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games would be a great opportunity for Chicago:

1) Unite the world in our city for a celebration of sport

With its pageantry, sport and celebration on a global scale, this will be the biggest event in our city in our lifetime. This is our generation's World's Columbian Exposition or 1933 World's Fair.

2) Celebrate our love of sport

There is no question that Chicagoans are passionate about sport. This event will bring the best in sport to our city. Over 200 countries will be sending their best athletes into our city to perform at the highest levels of competition in our stadiums and in our parks.

3) Share Chicago with the world and raise our international reputation

We will have the opportunity to share Chicago and what makes our hometown so special with the world's athletes, guests and over 3.6 billion people who will see our City through the global television broadcast. Newspapers, magazines and television from around the world will create profiles of this beautiful Olympic city. This is our chance to inspire the world - to Stir the Soul™ of the world!

4) Create a global sporting legacy for Chicago

Already a professional sport powerhouse, Chicago will become known as one of the world centers of all sport. New venues will allow us to experience sports, like track and field, swimming and rowing among many others, before and after the games through participation and by hosting events.

5) Act as catalyst for widespread urban revitalization

Situating the temporary stadium Washington Park will help revitalize a beautiful part of the City. The Athletes' Village will create mixed-use community right on the lake front, again acting as a central point for improvement of an entire neighborhood on the South Side. It will also act as a magnet for attracting more people to live in the Loop.

6) Generate economic benefits before the Games

The construction of new venues and infrastructure improvements means new jobs. Being an Olympic host city will attract domestic and international companies to open offices or even possibly move their headquarters here. This wave of new businesses means economic development and new jobs.

7) Generate economic benefits during the games

Over six million incremental tourists from around the world staying in our hotels, eating in our restaurants, taking rides in our cabs. Employers in the service industry will need to hire additional help to service the guests thereby creating new jobs.

8) Generate economic benefits after the Games

Tourists will come to our Olympic City in increasing numbers years after the Games to remember and relive the 2016 spectacle, see the venues, and experience Chicago firsthand.

9) Accelerate planned infrastructure improvements

Hosting the Games will fast track key capital projects, especially transportation related initiatives, to coincide with the Olympiad.

10) Experience world-class athletics and the values of Olympic sport – in our own backyard

This is our chance to see the best athletes in the world compete in our parks and stadiums, demonstrating not only the most amazing level of competition the world has to offer, but also the values that make the Olympic movement singular – fair play, friendship, hope, inspiration, and joy in effort.

11) Capitalize on the educational benefits

Our children will be exposed to the athletes and cultures of the world. This global Olympic Movement is a great educational tool for geography, culture, history etc. The City and Chicago 2016 will create many programs focused on our youth that will enrich our children and broaden their understanding of sport and the world.

12) Enjoy great cultural events

Beyond sport, this event will bring world class singers, actors, dance, theatre, etc. into our city. The Games will be a cultural celebration with events throughout the city - many of them free to the public.

13) Get motivated to get in shape

The Games will be inspiration for Chicagoans to live healthier lives by embracing fitness and wellness activities.

14) Appreciate Chicago's distinctiveness even more

You will learn surprising and amazing things about Chicago and Chicagoans you never knew before that will make you even prouder that you live here.

15) Meet new extraordinary people

By hosting the Games, we will attract broad range of domestic and international visitors to the Windy City who we can learn from and share experiences. Chicago will become the World's second home.

16) Have fun and show your pride

This will be a great time, the streets will be alive, and our people will be a big part of the experience. This will be an incredible source of pride for everyone who lives here. And, more fun than you can imagine!

Olympic Venues

Source: Chicago2016.org

Competition Venue	Sports	Seating	Venue Type
Allstate Arena	Basketball: Preliminary	20,000	Existing
Chicago State University Convocation Center	Basketball: Preliminary	6,500	Existing
Brigham Field at Northern Illinois University	Football: Preliminary	28,000	Existing
McCormick Place Lakeside Center	Weightlifting	4,250	Existing
	Volleyball, Indoor	15,000	Existing
McCormick Place North	Handball	10,200	Existing
	Judo Wrestling	9,800	Existing
McCormick Place West	Fencing	6,000	Existing
	Modern Pentathlon, Fencing		
	Table Tennis		
	Taekwondo		
	Badminton		
	Gymnastics, Rhythmic		
	Modern Pentathlon, Shooting		
Ryan Field Northwestern University	Football: Preliminary	49,250	Existing
Soldier Field	Football: Preliminary, Finals	61,500	Existing
TCF Bank Stadium University of Minnesota	Football: Preliminary	50,000	Existing
University of Illinois at Chicago Pavilion	Boxing	7,000	Existing
United Center	Basketball: Finals	23,200	Existing
	Gymnastics, Artistic and Trampoline	22,000	Existing
Olympic Stadium	Athletics	80,000	To be built / Permanent
Lakefront Rowing Course	Rowing: Canoe / Kayak, Flatwater	20,000	To be built / Permanent
Olympic Aquatics Center	Swimming	20,000	To be built / Permanent
	Diving	10,000	
	Synchronized Swimming	5,000	
	Water Polo	5,000	
Olympic Equestrian Center	Dressage	15,000	To be built / Permanent
	Jumping	30,000	
	Eventing		
	Modern Pentathlon, Running	15,000	
	Modern Pentathlon, Riding		
Olympic Slalom Course	Slalom: Canoe / Kayak	14,000	To be built / Permanent
Grant Park	Archery	8,000	To be built / Temporary
Olympic Shooting Complex	Rifle and Pistol	2,000	To be built / Temporary
	Shotgun	1,800	To be built / Temporary
Olympic Village Harbor	Sailing	N/A	
Olympic Hockey Fields	Hockey	15,000 / 5,000	To be built / Temporary

Olympic Beach Volleyball Center	Volleyball, Beach	20,000	To be built / Temporary
Olympic BMX Course	Cycling, BMX	10,000	To be built / Temporary
Olympic Velodrome	Cycling, Track	5,000	To be built / Temporary
North Avenue Beach	Triathlon	5,000	To be built / Temporary
Olympic Mountain Bike Course	Cycling, Mountain Bike	8,000	To be built / Temporary
Olympic Cycling Road Course	Cycling, Road	5,000 / unlimited	To be built / Temporary
Olympic Tennis Center	Tennis (Multiple Courts)	10,000	To be built / Temporary
		5,000	
		2,000	