

**MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING**

**DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS**

**MARCH 24, 2009**

Mayor Sandack called the Workshop meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall. The Mayor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Mayor Ron Sandack; Commissioners Marilyn Schnell, Martin Tully; William Waldack, Sean P. Durkin, Geoff Neustadt, Bruce Beckman; Village Manager Dave Fieldman; Village Attorney Enza Petrarca; Village Clerk April Holden

Absent: None

Visitors: **Press:** Cat Leyden, Downers Grove Reporter

**Residents:** Frank Falesch, Downers Grove Watch, 820 Prairie; Calvin Brainard, Downers Grove Firefighters; Gordana Kotur, Healthy Heaven 7 to 7, 1131 Adelia Street; Marge Earl, 4720 Florence; Bob Barnett, 730 Maple; Ken Lerner, DG Coalition for Managed Redevelopment, 4933 Whiffen; Chris Saricks, Pierce Downer Heritage Alliance, 1116 61<sup>st</sup> Street; Andy Clark, D.G. Watch, 1126 62<sup>nd</sup> St.; Dan Davies, Earth Works Land Improve. & Develop., 1240 Lyon Rd., Batavia, IL; Bill Wrobel, D.G. Watch, 7800 Queens Ct.; Christine Fregeau, 1918 Elinor Ave.; Mark Thoman, 1109 61<sup>st</sup> St.; Mark Bushhouse, Williams Architects, 450 E. Gundersen, Carol Stream, IL; Ian Parr, Owner Services Group, 1256 Hawthorne; Barbara Taylor, Chuck Keenley, Marta Cullen, Indian Boundary YMCA, 711 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St.

**Staff:** Police Chief Bob Porter; Naneil Newlon, Director, Public Works; Mary Scalzetti, Director, Community Events; Tom Dabareiner, Director, Community Development; Mike Millette, Assistant Director, Public Works; Mike Baker, Deputy Village Manager; Brandon Dieter, Management Analyst

Mayor Sandack explained that Council Workshop meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are video taped live and for later cable-cast over cable channel 6.

The Workshop meeting is intended to provide Council and the public with an appropriate forum for informal discussion of any items intended for future Council consideration or just for general information. No formal action is taken at Workshop meetings.

The public is invited to attend and encouraged to comment or ask questions in an informal manner on any of the items being discussed or on any other subject. The agenda is created to provide a guideline for discussion.

**MANAGER**

1. Active Agenda and Informational Items

- a. **Civic Center Facility Improvement Project Recommendations.** The Manager said staff has reviewed the Facility Needs Study of 2007 for Village Hall, the Police Department, the Fleet Maintenance Garage, and the Counseling and Social Services

facility. This was last discussed by Council on January 27. Since that time two tours of Village Hall and the Police Department have been conducted.

**Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker** then presented staff's recommendation:

- 1) In 3-5 years design and construct a Police Station of 70,000 square feet on the west end of the present site with an estimated price of \$33.5 million;
- 2) Maintain the current Village Hall facility for ten years, and incorporate major system maintenance and repairs not to exceed \$500,000 over ten years;
- 3) Evaluate the Counseling and Social Services Facility at the time of the design of the Police Department;
- 4) Maintain the Fleet Services Garage facility for the next ten years.

Mr. Baker said that staff is confident that Village Hall can be maintained without incurring any significant additional costs. The recommendation is responsive to the Strategic Plan. The Manager expressed his appreciation to Ian Parr of Owner Services Group, Inc., for his assistance.

**Commissioner Tully** thanked the staff for meeting the deadline established. They answered two critical components: What are we doing, and when are we doing it.

**Commissioner Durkin** asked whether a search for another Police Department site has been exhausted. Mr. Baker said that other sites were reviewed; however, staff felt it was prudent to consider a site that was under Village control and ownership. He said information on that search would be provided to Council and on the website. Commissioner Durkin responded that the economy will change and a cost comparison would be useful.

**Commissioner Waldack** asked about a square footage comparison, and Mr. Baker said that information would be provided.

Commissioner Waldack then asked for clarification as to the wording of a Motion regarding this item since it appears to incorporate other things such as a potential combined municipal center or other TCD-III feedback.

**Village Manager Dave Fieldman** responded that staff is preparing for the Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP) and will amend that plan if necessary. This is basically a starting point for the long-range plan discussion.

**Commissioner Schnell** thanked staff, saying that the recommendation identifies the Police Department as the next project that needs to be done. The timeframe may change due to the economic situation.

**Commissioner Beckman** expressed his appreciation for the work done on this project. He is looking for more information regarding the Police Department, but he is skeptical of the long-range use of the Village Hall facility, and whether or not the facility can be made green enough with respect to energy costs. He has serious concerns about waiting ten years to vacate the property.

Commissioner Tully said it is necessary to eventually define the problem and address it. There are economic and financial challenges. With regard to other sites, he said that they would need to find sufficient property and buy it. The Village has land now that can sustain both buildings, and

he believes they should start there. With respect to combining the uses, there are practical challenges and problems.

Mayor Sandack commented that this topic has been before Councils many times. This Council is about to enter into discussions for the LRFP and will identify expenses of all operations and how to fund core Village services as well as capital need improvements. The priority is to develop the Police Station first. The long range financial planning discussions will determine how it will be paid for. The Village has an obligation to move forward with this and cannot continue to wait. The Police Department tour is online. He explained that the Police Department is not sized properly, and there are questions as to storage. This topic will be moved to the financial planning stage. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Parr and to those who took the tour.

- b. **2009 Downtown Downers Grove Market.** The Manager asked Tom Dabareiner, Director, Community Development, to discuss this matter.

**Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner** displayed the plans of the Downtown Downers Grove Market, saying the location remains the same; however, the time has been increased by five weeks, from May 9 to October 17. Hours will be reduced by one-half hour, with start time at 7:00 a.m., closing at 12:30 p.m. He indicated staff has reviewed the Village's in-kind contribution, which was \$7,000 last year and is expected to be the same for 2009. Electrical equipment will not be provided in August during the ProCriterium Bike Race.

**Barbara Taylor**, Executive Director of the YMCA, thanked the Village for the opportunity to host the Market last year. She asked for continued support from the Village and permission to continue jointly hosting the Market. The Mayor said the Market was expanded last year and had an increased vibrancy. This proposal is an expansion upon that.

Commissioner Beckman said he was skeptical about the changes that were planned for last year, but it was exciting and beneficial. He is aware of the willingness of volunteers to contain costs and asked about the tools and training the Village will provide. The Manager responded that staff will work with the volunteers to identify needed jobs, and will continue to provide the electrical work.

Commissioner Tully commented that he wished all agreements with other groups worked as well as this partnership with the YMCA.

- c. **Historic Preservation Plan.** The Manager asked Tom Dabareiner to address this item.

Mr. Dabareiner said a resolution has been prepared for Council approval on April 7. The Architectural Design Review Board (ADRB) has recommended approval of the plan. The reason for the plan is to document the Village's known historic resources, outline Village goals, and meet the requirements of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. He reviewed the process and the plan contents. Becoming a Certified Local Government group will provide opportunities for grant monies, property tax assessment opportunities, and possible State support. He said the application will take about one month to prepare, and eventually goes to Washington. He anticipates about 90 days before the Village will know whether it meets the CLG requirements for certification.

**Ken Lerner**, 4933 Whiffin Place, said he represented the Downers Grove Coalition for Managed Redevelopment (CMR), saying they are pleased to see this move forward. It is a good plan. He thanked the ADRB and staff for welcoming them and listening to their comments. He said in the

past the Village was in a reactive mode. This however, allows the Village to be in a proactive mode.

**Dr. Gordon Goodman**, 5834 Middaugh, congratulated the Village for moving forward and he encouraged the Council to adopt this resolution. He is pleased that the comments of the CMR were heard and incorporated.

**Commissioner Neustadt** said that the staff report was excellent. There are a number of historically significant homes in the Village. He asked how many sites staff estimates. Mr. Dabareiner said he is not aware of anyone waiting for this designation. They do have a petition coming before the ADRB this week.

Commissioner Waldack thanked the ADRB for their hard work, and for incorporating the comments of residents. He looks forward to certification.

Commissioner Schnell asked if it still remains a voluntary program if certification is obtained. Mr. Dabareiner said it is absolutely voluntary. The plan identifies properties that could be considered.

Commissioner Beckman said he could see the potential merits of the program. He noted that some homes seem to have significant additions and modifications, and he asked about the criteria for modifications. Mr. Dabareiner responded that any remodeling would need to meet certain criteria. It needs to be significant, affecting at least 25% of the value of the house. Owners would be eligible for tax abatement on the incremental increase.

Commissioner Durkin asked what happens if a property owner decides to be certified and sells the property. Mr. Dabareiner said he would research that.

Commissioner Tully said the certification runs with the land and is recorded with DuPage County.

Commissioner Schnell questioned whether the increment is just for Village taxes, or all taxes. Mr. Dabareiner said he believes it is for everything, but he will look further into this.

- d. **Local Circulator Study Task Force Findings.** The Manager said this was on last week's agenda, but was tabled for further information from Commissioner Waldack. He said the concept of an integrated system allows the Village to provide additional services at the same net cost to the Village as the current commuter shuttle. This would happen if grant funding sources totaling 87.5% of the operating deficit could be applied to an integrated system. It would allow a continuation of the AM and PM commuter shuttle, with a circulator system in between commuter shuttle hours. Staff recommends accepting the Task Force findings and suspending participation in the DuPage Mayors and Managers Circulator Program. Staff is seeking further direction from the Council.

Commissioner Waldack said there are three things to remember: 1) this uses other government monies; 2) the timeline is 2.5 years because that is when the bus warranty ends and the Village's operating costs increase; and 3) this should increase revenue, decrease expenses or improve service. The Village has three separate systems: The Grove Commuter Shuttle, Reverse Commute and the Circulator. These systems would make up the Downers Grove Integrated Transportation System. The Grove Commuter Shuttle was always handled by the Transportation and Parking group. One of the members inquired as to whether they can talk about reverse

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commuting and they were told they could not as it was not on the agenda. The deficit for the Grove Commuter Shuttle anticipated for 2010 is \$48,000. He said the Village could run three shuttles for the cost of the leaf pickup program. The operating expenses per the 2010 budget are \$358,500 less \$114,000 in revenue from fares. Pace provides a subsidy of \$50,000 annually. As for a reverse commute, there is no current program. Greg Bedalov of the EDC has been working with Pace to try and get a reverse commute program started. Regarding the Circulator Task Force, the deficit would be approximately \$69,000. The subsidy would be about \$256,000. Total costs would be \$293,082. If the Village invests \$33,000 in capital, we would get \$165,000 in capital. Commissioner Waldack then described the Downers Grove Integrated Transportation System. Ninety riders in a reverse commute at \$45 per month would equal \$48,600 annually, which is the cost of the deficit of the commuter shuttle. The net cost of the Circulator is \$69,000. He estimates the operating costs to be \$358,500; a grant subsidy of 87.5% would cover \$313,718 of the total cost.

Commissioner Waldack reviewed the cost of an integrated transportation system as follows: \$625,695 is the combination of the current revenue based on 2010 budget and the Circulator Task Force, plus \$50,000 annual grant funds from Pace, plus \$48,600 generated by a reverse commute, less \$358,535 operating expenses results in a "profit" of \$365,760 less \$69,635 Circulator deficit equals \$296,125 "profit." Commissioner Waldack said this includes \$151,000 in taxes which could be used to pay down the deficit in the Transportation Fund.

Commissioner Waldack then reviewed the Village taxi subsidy program of \$150,000. This allows participants only about four or five round trips per month. He said that at a conference in Addison several months ago, a Pace official indicated that Seniors would rather take a safe, reliable bus system than an on-call system. He said he does not recommend reducing the taxi subsidy, but believes seniors could be enticed to use the bus system. He said the integrated system would increase revenue, decrease expenses and improve service.

Commissioner Waldack said that Oak Brook, Lombard and Addison are in support of Circulator, as are Naperville and Darien. The concept behind this transportation system is economic benefit. It has been reported that every dollar spent on public transit creates \$6 in transactions. The RTA will have grant applications on their website shortly with a deadline in June, which is before strategic planning. This would cover year two; he said the Village would probably defer on year one of the Circulator. He said the Circulator is the funding for the rest of the integrated system. If the Village does not progress by June, we will miss out on year two. He believes the Village needs to move forward on this. The DuPage Mayors and Managers is willing to work with the Village and a consultant so an application can be ready by June. He noted that Wheaton has joined the Ride DuPage program and is now trying to proceed with year two Circulator funding.

Mayor Sandack asked about staff's recommendation not to implement the Circulator as conceived. Commissioner Waldack said it is a good idea to defer year one funding for the Circulator. He thinks they should try to get this application in for an integrated system, and put a plan in place. He wants to see the Village at least try to get this money.

Commissioner Neustadt asked for clarification as to whether the plan is a singular Downers Grove plan that may connect with the DMMC Circulator Study. Commissioner Waldack said the purpose is to participate in the Circulator to obtain additional funding to apply to our shuttle. Lombard, Addison and Oak Brook are using this as a shuttle system. Downers Grove already has a shuttle system, so is that much ahead.

Commissioner Neustadt asked whether the Village would be eligible for funding if the plan is kept in Downers Grove.

The Manager said that staff is attempting to get that information. Commissioner Neustadt commented that the Village could probably have its own Circulator in Downers Grove. He doesn't think they can rely on the estimates and would recommend that this go to strategic planning and long range financial planning.

Commissioner Waldack said that the RTA funding deadline is June 1.

Mayor Sandack asked for clarification as to whether this would be the Circulator Study as conceived by DMMC, or a different circulator. Commissioner Waldack responded that it is the same circulator with modifications to the scheduling to incorporate reverse commute and meet up with the Village's shuttle.

Mayor Sandack said we currently have only one system as we do not yet have a reverse commute or a Circulator. It makes sense to have a policy level discussion about unifying and having one transportation system. We would have to accept the DMMC plan by way of its Circulator so we can quickly apply for funding for something the Council has not yet agreed to. The question is timing. The Mayor said he agrees that Council ought to have the policy discussion. He doesn't feel that the Village has agreed to accept the DMMC plan. The numbers are concepts. To apply for funding is premature at this point, as the planning discussion has not yet occurred.

Commissioner Waldack said his suggestion is that the Village forms a Task Force to work with DMMC and a consultant to assist the Village in meeting the time frame. He noted that a funding application would be for year two. He added that the integrated plan is in the Strategic Plan. He recommended that Council not put this off.

Commissioner Beckman expressed concern about how solid the information is, and asked how much commitment the DMMC has made to being flexible. The concept makes sense, but he is concerned about the level of support they will provide, and the financial support the Village can get this year or next year. He is willing to engage in a policy discussion.

Commissioner Schnell also asked for further clarification. She understood that the first year funding would take place now, and the grant cycle starting in June would be before year two. The Village would have to get a grant application submitted within two months. Commissioner Waldack said that was correct. Commissioner Schnell said her concern is with the assumptions regarding grant funding available at 87.5% for more than one year. If that assumption were incorrect, the Village would end up with a huge deficit. She also commented on the assumption that the Senior population would rather take reliable bus service than taxis. She has heard Seniors say that they rely upon the taxi subsidy and need a flexible service. There is an expectation on the part of Seniors and if they don't get that from the Circulator, they will not use it. There are many unanswered questions, the numbers are assumptions, and she is concerned about the amount of staff time that would be needed.

Commissioner Waldack responded that he did not include any Senior taxi subsidy funds in his figures. He is not recommending that the Village change the taxi subsidy program. If the Village wanted year one of the Circulator, our commitment would be \$69,000 and 87.5% would be there. In year two, the share could change and the Village would not have to sign on,

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Mayor Sandack said that this is a planning discussion for a policy decision. It should be planned, vetted and discussed before completing grant applications.

Commissioner Waldack said he believes they should figure out if it is doable. He sees the possibility of reducing the deficit and thinks this is worth a try.

Commissioner Durkin asked what would happen if the Village starts the program and doesn't get the grants or doesn't get funding in subsequent years. He noted there may be overlap in the systems. He is concerned about the deficit with the current system and an increased shortfall. He would like to study this at a strategy session. He is pleased to see the new buses working and additional riders using the service, and would like to see a system in place where non-residents can be transported to local businesses, but he believes further study is needed.

The Mayor asked for concurrence among the Council members to have a unified system discussion at the next strategic planning session.

Commissioner Tully said that the strategic planning session is an opportunity for anyone to bring forth ideas for discussion.

The Manager said that staff can frame a discussion with financial information for the strategic planning sessions.

Commissioner Waldack said that the Task Force and TAP could do some of the work.

- e. **Final Plat of Subdivision – 4736 Linscott Avenue.** The Manager said the proposal is to consolidate two lots into one plat to allow an addition to the house.

Commissioner Beckman said the owners have done a remarkable job of improving the property.

- f. **Amend Development-Related Permit Fees.** The Manager said this item had been previously tabled. He indicated that staff has received a signed letter of support from the Chamber of Commerce.
- g. **Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2008.** The Manager said the amendment is in the amount of \$100,000 to the health fund for last year's claims that came in through early 2009.

### 3. Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Bid: Washington Park Stormwater Improvements.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract for the Washington Park stormwater improvements to Copenhaver Construction, Inc. of Gilberts, Illinois, in the amount of \$2,872,663.00. The Village portion of the costs is \$2,789,888.00 and the Park District portion is \$82,775.00. This was competitively bid; Copenhaver Construction, Inc. was the low bidder. The project is pending approval from the Park District Board, scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2009.

**Dan Davies** of Earthworks Land Improvement and Development Corporation said he was one of the bidders. He believes there were irregularities in the bid of Copenhaver Construction. Their bid was flawed and unbalanced. He asked that Council question staff on the details of the bid, and how Copenhaver can provide quality construction and service in the amount they submitted.

The Mayor responded that the contractor has agreed to adhere to the bid. The Council will be mindful of change orders. The Council expects them to adhere to the bid and do a quality job.

Commissioner Durkin noted that this item and the next one are contracts and the first steps in the stormwater management redevelopment projects. He urged staff and the vendor to stick to the contract bid amount and not have change orders. He would like to see progress reports and learn from these projects for remaining projects.

The Manager said this would be the topic of many updates provided by Public Works Director Nan Newlon.

Commissioner Schnell said that when projects are done, staff should make sure they are fully functioning and that the parks are useable by the children. The Manager said that will be a resident engineer on site during all stages of the project.

- b. **Bid: McCollum Park Stormwater Improvements.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract for the McCollum Park stormwater improvements to Naperville Excavating Co. of Naperville, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,175,303.28. The Village portion of the costs is \$1,157,462.32 and the Park District portion is \$17,840.96. This was competitively bid; Naperville Excavating Co. was the low bidder. The project is pending approval from the Park District Board, scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2009.
- c. **Bid: Gierz, Wilson and Austin Water Main Replacement Project (CIP Project WA-009 & WA-013).** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract for the Gierz, Wilson and Austin water main replacement project to City Construction Company, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$977,375.01. This was competitively bid; City Construction Company, Inc. was the low bidder.
- d. **Bid: Supply of Fire Hydrants.** The Manager said staffing recommends awarding a contract for the supply of fire hydrants to HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. of Carol Stream, Illinois, in the amount of \$48,500.00. This was competitively bid; HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. was the low bidder.

In response to Commissioner Beckman, the Manager said the hydrants last about 20 years. They are replaced in-house.

Mayor Sandack noted that all of these bids were competitive, all submitted references and contractor evaluation forms.

- e. **Water Distribution Leak Detection Survey Services.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract for water distribution leak detection survey services in the amount of \$16,150.00 to M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. of Valparaiso, Indiana. Staff developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) and received two proposals. M.E. Simpson's proposal provides the greatest value to the Village for this program.

Commissioner Waldack said the contractor evaluation form was very informative as it noted that the estimated water loss due to leaks was about 254,000 gallons per day, at an estimated cost of \$115,000 annually.



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Commissioner Durkin asked if there has been a reduction in breaks and in overtime. The Manager said he would provide a written report.

- f. **Hydrant Flow Testing.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract for hydrant flow testing services in the amount of \$39,150.00 with M.E. Simpson co., Inc. of Valparaiso, Indiana. Staff developed an RFP and received two proposals. M.E. Simpson's proposal provides the greatest value to the Village for this program.
- g. **Water Distribution Valve Assessment Program.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract for water distribution valve assessment services in the amount of \$46,200.00 with M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. of Valparaiso, Indiana. Staff developed an RFP and received one proposal. There was no clear indication on the lack of response other than the market for these services is relatively narrow.
- h. **Heritage Festival Agreement – Generator Contract.** The Manager said staff recommends awarding a contract for generator rental services with Gen Power Inc. in the amount of \$19,089.00. An RFP was distributed in February 2009; one proposal was received. The Community Events Commission reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of this contract at their March 19, 2009 meeting.
- i. **Contract for Lobbyist.** The Manager said staff is requesting authorization of a contract with Nicolay and Dart LLC of Chicago, Illinois, for an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00 for the purposes of representing the Village before the Illinois General Assembly and with appropriate state agencies and officials with the primary goal of securing federal and/or state stimulus funding and/or other funding for local capital improvements.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager said Council recently authorized a bond refunding designed to save the Village money. The bond sale was held today and resulted in a net present value savings of \$410,000.

Manager Fieldman noted that next week is the fifth Tuesday, and there will be no meeting.

**Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker** presented a yard waste update, reminding everyone that yard waste collection does not start until April 1.

### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting 13 items to the Council: 1) A resolution authorizing execution of a contract between the Village of Downers Grove and Gen Power, Incorporated; 2) A resolution adopting an Historic Preservation Plan; 3) A resolution approving the final plat of resubdivision for 4736 Linscott Avenue; 4) A resolution authorizing an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and the Indian Boundary YMCA to jointly conduct the 2009 Downtown Downers Grove Market; 5) A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. (hydrant flow testing); 6) A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. (water leak detection); 7) A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. (water valve assessment); 8) An ordinance providing for an amendment to Ordinance #5020 and the Village of Downers Grove budget for fiscal year 2008; 9) A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and City Construction Company, Inc. 10) A

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resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Copenhagen Construction, Inc.; 11) A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Naperville Excavating Co.; 12) An ordinance amending fees charged for building permits; and 13) A resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between the Village of Downers Grove and Nicolay & Dart, LLC.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sandack said the Village received an application for an on-premise full alcohol and outdoor liquor license from BHTT, Inc. doing business as Brick House Tavern & Tap located at 1461 Butterfield Road. Pursuant to Section 3-12 of the Liquor Control Ordinance, a public hearing for a liquor license application may be waived. The application must be placed on file for a minimum of two weeks, subject to public comment prior to the issuance of a new license. He said he was placing the application on file in the Village Clerk's Office. Barring any objection, once the two week waiting period has passed, a liquor license will be issued to BHTT, Inc. doing business as Brick House Tavern & Tap. The Mayor noted that this applicant already has a liquor license; this procedure is required due to a corporate name change.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Commissioner Schnell said she attended a Legislative Committee meeting for DMMC today, and they presented information about Governor Quinn's budget. There is some legislation possible that could have major repercussions, including modifications to the FOIA. She thanked the staff for the information provided. In the past, many bills were killed in committee; however, that isn't expected this year.

Commissioner Waldack said that the Governor was proposing a sales tax holiday, and he asked if there was further information as to how it would affect municipalities. The Manger said staff is reviewing this and will report back.

Commissioner Beckman reported that the headline on this week's *Nation's Cities Weekly* reports that 63% of all downtown Main Street type retail areas have experienced at least one retail shutdown that can be directly attributable to the economic slowdown. He urged residents to eat in and shop in Downers Grove. It is critical to support retailers in our community.

Commissioner Durkin commented on the District 58 Foundation concert at the Tivoli, which was an outstanding performance. They raised over \$15,000 and it was a fun event.

Commissioner Schnell said that 648 residents attended. She hoped that more events of this type could be done. Everyone had a great time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Workshop meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

April K. Holden  
Village Clerk

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