

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JANUARY 5, 2010 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Total Community Development (TCD) 3 Report and Referral of Neighborhood Community Network	Resolution Ordinance ✓ Motion Discussion Only	Michael Baker Deputy Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested to accept the TCD3 Report and refer the Neighborhood Community Network concept to the Human Services Commission for further consideration and recommendation.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Mission for the Village of Downers Grove states: *We engage our citizens and partner with others to make Downers Grove a great community in which to live and do business.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Referral of the item to the Human Services Commission will involve nominal costs associated with staffing monthly meetings for a period of approximately six months.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the January 12, 2010 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

In 2009, the Village conducted TCD3, an extensive community engagement process that sought to involve residents and stakeholders throughout the community to discuss issues of significance facing Downers Grove and identify long-term opportunities that could be pursued in future years. The process included the following opportunities for stakeholder participation:

- Community Workshop
- Four Neighborhood Workshops
- Governing Body Workshop
- Board & Commission Workshop
- Business Workshop
- Student Workshops
- Independent group submittal opportunities
- Resident & Business surveys
- Interactive project website

Based on the input provided from the participants, a final report was developed summarizing actions that could be pursued. A companion appendix document provides detailed summaries of each of the events and input opportunities. Together, these documents represent a variety of ideas and issues for further consideration by the Village, along with other units of government that serve Downers Grove.

The following next steps are proposed in order to evaluate the opportunities referenced in the report and the appendix documents:

1. Acceptance of the Report by the Village Council – allows for the report to be designated as an official Village document, but does not commit to action on any of the items referenced in the document.
2. Referral of the Neighborhood Community Network concept to the Human Services Commission – provides a venue for further consideration in a public setting for this proposal that is outlined on pages 5-7 of the Summary Report. A report and recommendation from the Commission will be brought to the Village Council prior to implementation. Note that the report refers to the concept as “Neighborhood Organizations”, which in recent discussion at the staff level, has been replaced by the Neighborhood Community Network.
3. Further consideration of certain topics as part of the Comprehensive Plan update – From the beginning, it was anticipated that several issues raised as part of TCD3 discussions (involving, for instance, land use, economic development, transportation, etc.) would be further considered as part of the Comprehensive Plan process. TCD3 provided for a more extensive venue for stakeholder input than most comprehensive plan processes traditionally include.
4. Identification of other opportunities for consideration by the Village Council as part of the 2011 Strategic Plan process or by other Board and Commissions – Items in the report or appendix that are deemed worthy of further consideration, but are not being addressed in steps 2 or 3 can be brought forward and discussed either by the Village Council or a designated Board/Commission. As part of the proposed 2010 Strategic Plan action agenda item described as TCD3 Implementation, staff will outline a more detailed process for how this can occur based on the extensive amount of information and potential for future action contained in the report and appendix.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft TCD3 Report and Appendix (available for viewing at: <http://www.downers.us/story/view/284>)