



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
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Tuesday, August 3, 2010

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ron Sandack called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Sandack led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner Bob Barnett, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Bruce E. Beckman, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and Mayor Ron Sandack

Non Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

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The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions of a general matter. If a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.

The presiding officer will ask, at the appropriate time, if there are any comments from the public. If anyone wishes to speak, the individual should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name and address. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and asked that individuals refrain from making repetitive statements.

Mayor Sandack said there are agendas located on either side of the Council Chambers, and he invited the audience to pick up an agenda and follow the progress of the Council meeting.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

*Executive Session Minutes for Approval Only - July 6, 2010 and July 20, 2010
Council Minutes - July 20, 2010*

Commissioner Barnett asked Village Clerk April Holden if she had received comments from Ms. Fregeau. Ms. Holden noted that she corrected the minutes. There being no other changes, the minutes were filed as corrected.

July 4th Parade Awards

Mary Scalzetti announced the July 4th Award Winners:

*Mayor's Award - Cub Scout Pack 80
Council Award - Stanford Battery Artillery unit
Youth Award - Maple Hill Swim Team
Community Sprit - St. Joseph's School Centennial Float
Heritage Award - Cub Scout Pack 85
C.J. Shoemaker Award - District 99 Band*

Mayor Sandack congratulated the award winners and thanked them for their participation in the Parade.

Capital Investment Projects Update

Public Works Director Nan Newlon distributed a summary to the Council with the current work highlighted. She then summarized stormwater related projects, indicating that good progress is being made on the big projects. Washington Park and McCollum Park projects are near completion. They are large regional detention basins for the community. Rogers Street, Wallbank/Warren, and Benton Avenue will be completed this year. Eighth and Cumnor is underway, and a contract approval is pending for Washington Street and Sherman Avenue. Ms. Newlon added that staff is working with some homeowners on cost-shared individual projects. As for some high priority projects, Sterling Park North, and 2nd and Cumnor are under review for cost effectiveness. The Lacey Creek retaining wall will be addressed in stages. There is an RFP out on that project at this time. There are some dramatic changes to the area that will be studied.

Mayor Sandack commented that the rains have caused some angst for many people. He said that many of the high priority projects identified in the 2007 Stormwater Master Plan are moving forward.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman responded that ten projects have been completed and two are substantially completed as identified by the Watershed Infrastructure Improvement Plan (WIIP). An update will be placed on the website. The Manager stated that an information campaign to the public is planned. The Mayor added that capital projects need to be addressed in the budget for future years. Stormwater issues have to be done purposefully and to assure that work performed does not negatively impact other areas.

Commissioner Beckman commented about the residents living in the Sherwood, Prairie and Davis area who are experiencing problems due to the construction changes in that area. He said he understood a cost-sharing approach was recommended for that area. Ms. Newlon responded that the work in this area is being viewed with a cost-sharing approach. She indicated that one staff member is handling this project, and at this time there is discussion with the neighborhood in terms of the cost-sharing potential of the project.

Commissioner Waldack asked about ways to measure success, other than phone calls. The Manager said the WIIP measures flood elevations from the beginning of the project to the present. They have seen substantially less flooding in the areas noted. Commissioner Waldack said that it was important to let the public understand that the Village projects address flooding in public areas and may not resolve individual property problems. It is important that the public understand this in terms of reasonable expectations.

Commissioner Durkin commented that the labor strike delayed road repair, and he asked when the grinding of the streets would begin. Ms. Newlon said it would begin next week, with paving completed by the end of the following week. She said that sod restoration would take place later in August.

4. Public Comments - General Comments on Matters Not Appearing on Tonight's Agenda

1. John Schofield, 1125 Jefferson, referred to the handout Ms. Newlon prepared for the Council and asked that it be placed on the website. Mr. Fieldman said that is the process and the information will be on the website.

2. Helen Rakowski, 4024 Seeley Avenue, said she previously addressed another meeting regarding the drainage problem in Burlington Highlands. Her property sits at the LA 6 and 7 junctures and is constantly flooded. For over 20 years she has documented and called the Village with little success. Approximately 19 years ago the Village dug a shallow ditch along her property to assist in drainage to Lacey Creek. It did not work. She added that the amount of spillover of Lacey Creek is completely out of hand. She has lost 5" of topsoil on her property and 15' of her property is under water or a marshland every time it rains. The standing water creates a health hazard and resulting litter flows into her yard. She doesn't understand why Lacey Creek cannot be made deeper and wider. Ms. Rakowski said the drainage pipes under Downers Drive are about 4-6" in diameter and the Creek is 8-10' wide. She doesn't understand why the Creek in the LA 6 and 7 area is only about a foot deep and 2' wide. Logically it makes sense that the Creek would overflow into her property before getting to the pipes. She noted that the Northcott area is having drainage work done and questioned why her area is sidestepped. She is concerned about water collecting in the front drainage ditch, adding to the problem for the side yard and the back. She has lived in the community for over 45 years and would like to see LA 6 and 7 designated as high priority. She said that there is a bid out to install a storm sewer on Seeley Avenue from Janet to south of Virginia which is a medium-level priority.

Ms. Rakowski also referenced the sidewalks and the policy to have sidewalks on at least one side of the street. She asked why the Council would wish to spend money for an unpopular proposal. She asked whether anyone has approached the homeowners. Speaking for the residents on Seeley, she understood that there will be no sidewalks on Seeley between 40th and Downers Drive. Residents are thrilled with that decision, given the drainage situation, the destruction of property and the loss of 30-40-year-old trees that would result from sidewalk installation. She then asked who is responsible for clearing the snow or debris from sidewalks. She is not capable of doing so. She hoped that the Village would find a resolution for both problems.

The Mayor asked that Mr. Fieldman get information to contact her, saying that the LA 6-7 designation was probably obtained from the LPDA maps going back many years. He noted her drainage problem and told her the Manager would be in contact with her to discuss where her area is on the priority list.

3. Noreen Kratz, 4008 Elm, said she was before the Council about a year ago. She attended a meeting in January regarding remediations for her area. She had been given information that her area would be remediated in 2010, but later found out that nothing would be done in her area other than another survey, which is probably the third survey for that area. A week and a half ago she had over a foot of water in her family room and utility room as well as all around her house. She didn't hear anything from Ms. Newlon about her area being high priority. She thanked staff for the pump to assist in pumping water out of her back yard. That took over 4.5 hours. Ms. Kratz said that this morning she had water everywhere. She plugged in extra pumps and laid hoses during the thunder and lightening. Ms. Kratz said this has to stop. She is not hearing anything about work starting. She bought a new townhouse in Westmont last year but still has responsibility for her house in Downers Grove. The neighbor's driveway next door slopes toward her property and drains into her drainage ditch. She does not have the patience or health to deal with this situation any longer. No one should have to live this way this long waiting for a resolution to the problem. Ms. Kratz said there is no work being done in the general area to remediate the problem. These are not 100-year rains; they are becoming the norm. Weather patterns are changing and the Village needs to recognize this. She would like a resolution to what is happening in her area.

Mayor Sandack responded that he wished he could tell her something other than what she's already been told. He doesn't know why the project didn't move forward, and he understands that her situation is difficult. She is not alone. The Village is trying to do the best it can with taxpayers' dollars for as large an area as possible. He indicated that they do regional improvements to the public way, not lot by lot, that will hopefully help the private homeowners. He told her that she is not forgotten, and the Village takes complaints seriously. Staff addresses the issues methodically. He asked for her continued patience and noted that staff would attempt to address the situation.

Mrs. Kratz said that it is very discouraging that masses are being dealt with but smaller areas are ignored. She would like more information on what is going to take place in reality. The Mayor said staff would report back to her. Ms. Kratz also commented on the house next door's driveway. Mayor Sandack asked that staff get back to her on both the flooding situation, and with regard to the driveway next door diverting water flow to her property.

4. Laura Crawford, representing 700 members of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the 2010-2011 Community Handbook and Business Directory. She said the directory is available and is being delivered to residents and businesses. Anyone wanting a copy can call 630-968-4050.

5. Tom LeCren, 545 Chicago Avenue, urged everyone to get onto the Village's website and obtain full details on what is being proposed with regard to the refuse pick up. He hopes that the Council has not yet made up their minds. He reminded everyone that information on the refuse proposal is at www.downers.us. He then thanked Ms. Newlon for solving a problem on his street with a neighbor who was pumping water onto the street.

The Mayor said the e-mail address is solidwaste@downers.us for comments regarding the solid waste proposal. The Mayor said that this has been an open and transparent process, and the Council is still considering this matter.

5. Public Hearings

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor Sandack asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Schnell moved to remove item F, RES 00-04219, a resolution authorizing a third amendment to the Economic Development Corporation bylaws from the Consent Agenda and place it on the First Reading. Commissioner Barnett seconded the Motion.

VOTE: YEA: Commissioners Schnell, Barnett, Beckman, Neustadt, Durkin, Waldack; Mayor Sandack

The Mayor declared the Motion passed and asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

COR 00-04216 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5857, Payroll, July 16, 2010

Sponsors: Accounting

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-04217 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 5842, August 3, 2010

Sponsors: Accounting

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

BID 00-04212 C. Bid: Award \$337,234.98 to Globe Construction, Addison, IL, for the 2010 New Sidewalk Program (S-004)

Sponsors: Public Works

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Sidewalk Construction

BID 00-04199 D. Bid: Award \$133,650 to Strada Construction Co., Addison, IL, for 2010 Replacement Sidewalk Program

Sponsors: Public Works

A motion was made to Approve this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried.

Indexes: Sidewalk Construction

RES 00-04218 E. Resolution: Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Village-Wide Street Pavement Patching

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR VILLAGE-WIDE STREET PAVEMENT PATCHING

RESOLUTION 2010-51

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Street - Resurfacing , Illinois Department of Transportation

RES 00-04220 G. Resolution: Authorize a Renewal Customer Service Agreement with Call One

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RENEWAL CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CALL ONE

RESOLUTION 2010-52

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Telephone System

RES 00-04229 H. Resolution: Authorize a Centrex Renewal Customer Service Agreement with Call One

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CENTREX RENEWAL CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CALL ONE

RESOLUTION 2010-53

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Telephone System

RES 00-04230 I. Resolution: Authorize an ISDN-PRI Renewal Customer Service Agreement with Call One

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ISDN-PRI RENEWAL CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND CALL ONE

RESOLUTION 2010-54

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Telephone System

MOT 00-04222 J. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Library Board - June 23, 2010 and July 14, 2010

Plan Commission - June 7, 2010

Transportation and Parking Commission - June 9, 2010

A motion was made to Note Receipt Of this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Boards and Commissions Minutes

Passed The Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was passed as amended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack

7. Active Agenda

MOT 00-04198 A. Motion: Approve Agreement with Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (VOC Operators)

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: This adopts the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (VOC Operators), effective May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2013.

Commissioner Barnett said that he will vote against the agreement. There is a lot in the agreement that is good; however it is a multi-year agreement and given the current financial conditions he is reluctant to commit the Village to increases without a long range plan.

Commissioner Neustadt thanked the VOC negotiating team, the Attorney and Human Resources for their work. He will vote in favor of the contract.

The Mayor commented that he understood Commissioner Barnett; however, he thought the agreement to be fair and a good deal for all.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Beckman, to Authorize this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack
Nay: Commissioner Barnett

RES 00-04172 B. Resolution: Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Nicolay & Dart, LLC

Sponsors: Manager's Office

Summary of Item: This authorizes execution of an agreement between the Village and Nicolay & Dart to represent the Village before the Illinois General Assembly in an attempt to secure Federal and/or State stimulus funding.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND NICOLAY & DART, LLC.

RESOLUTION 2010-55

Commissioner Schnell said she would not vote for this, as it should be talked about during the budget discussions. She said this item is not presently budgeted.

Commissioner Beckman commented on the importance of engaging in this relationship with Nicolay and Dart to provide a means by which they can become actively involved in the budget and planning process. He believed this would help establish a shared vision for the future for the Village. He will support this matter.

Commissioner Waldack said he would not vote in favor of this. He said that lobbying is about perceptions. Council was told last year \$1.4 million was received as a result of Nicolay and Dart's lobbying efforts. The Village still hasn't received some of the funds that were promised. The Village obtained other funds such as funds as a result of our local representatives, Metra money, block grants, etc., without having a lobbyist. Elmhurst is also debating hiring a lobbyist, but they have received \$2.5 million without a lobbyist. The State is bankrupt. He said he is not comfortable with the math. Secondly, Commissioner Waldack questioned the rush to do this since Springfield is not in session and he thinks it is silly to rush into this. Commissioner Waldack said that staff promised to provide a to-do list for the lobbyist. He wants to get the agreed upon marching orders to the lobbyist before signing the checks. Commissioner Waldack asked why the Village is only going after capital money, as it should be looking for funds for the general fund. He has concerns about the process, saying that Council members should not be contacting vendors directly. It was indicated that Council members have called and should call the lobbyist with any concerns or questions. Council members should not be calling vendors directly or discussing their relationship with the Village. Council members cannot use the relationship with the lobbyist to promote their own personal, political, or business interests. It is improper to take political advantage of a business relationship with the Village. The lobbyist sells contacts and access and cannot be treated any differently than any other vendor, such as vendors selling engineering, concrete or other services. All contacts should be made by Village staff and contact information and agendas should be shared with the all members of the Council as with any other matter. Since some access may be gained with the lobbyist in a social context, the question should be raised as to whether a Council member is making this contact and using the relationship with the lobbyist to their own advantage as a result of the business relationship the lobbyist has with the Village. If the answer is "yes," then this is an improper contact. All contacts should be made through Village staff. Because of the math, the timing, the lack of a to-do list and a lack of process he cannot support the expenditure.

The Mayor said that two years ago the Village hired Nicolay and Dart for the Belmont underpass project, and no one objected to the use of a lobbyist then. Without that, the funding would not have occurred, and last year they obtained money that they would not have otherwise received. There was money obtained through grants as well. Mayor Sandack said that there is

no requirement to hire a lobbyist when Springfield is in session. The State is in dire straits but will still do road projects, bridges, etc. There will be a more competitive nature in Springfield than ever. It is not realistic to expect the Council members to personally lobby for this, and there has been no criteria stated that this must be for capital projects only. Having a voice to act on the spot is what this is about. There are no ulterior motives. The Village has done this for two years, and this is the very same contract for \$36,000, which has raised over \$8 million in funding over the past two years. There has been a more than reasonable return on the Village's investment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Beckman, to Adopt this file. Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Beckman, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Sandack
Nay: Commissioner Schnell and Commissioner Waldack

Indexes: Lobbyist

8. First Reading

RES 00-04219 B. Resolution: Authorize a Third Amendment to the Economic Development Corporation Bylaws

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BYLAWS

Mr. Fieldman reviewed the resolution regarding the EDC bylaws. The EDC was approved in 2005 and Council has the authority to approve bylaw changes. This amendment appoints the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Director of the Downtown Management Corporation to serve as permanent elected directors and remove the seven person maximum restrictions for serving on the EDC Executive Committee.

Commissioner Beckman said he understands there has been previous research done, and he asked that the information be shared with the Council as to what the process entails and how this conclusion was reached.

Commissioner Schnell said that when the EDC was established, the idea was to allow it to be an independent organization to position the Village in the best possible way in terms of economic development. She said that she does not want to deter that goal of independence, and asked whether this will interfere with the process. She said she had given her questions to staff earlier.

Mayor Sandack directed the information be provided to the Council by staff, and that the item be placed on next week's Agenda.

Indexes: Economic Development Corporation

ORD 00-04221 A. Ordinance: Approve a Planned Development Amendment to Planned Development #18 to Approve the Master Sign Plan

Sponsors: Community Development and Plan Commission

Tom Dabareiner, Director, Community Development, provided background information on this ordinance concerning Downers Park Plaza, located at the northeast corner of Lemont and 75th. He explained that the shopping center consists of two large main parcels and nine outlots, operating under single management, but somewhat independent of each other. The Sign Ordinance allows the shopping center larger signs, as well as an existing monument sign, which he showed on an overhead display. This proposal would take the four large conforming signs and remove them. The existing monument sign would remain and would have to come into

conformance with the Sign Ordinance. Directional signage, which is non-existent now, would be added. The proposal is for five signs, six-square feet in size. Five trees would be removed along Lemont Road with the installation of ten new trees throughout the parking lot. The Plan Commission considered this at its July 12 meeting, saying that they believed the standards have been met. Staff concurs with that recommendation.

John Schofield, 1125 Jefferson, commented on the tree plan, and complimented the recommended changes. Although trees will be removed, new trees will be installed at a rate of 2:1. He noted that these are all private trees.

Commissioner Beckman inquired as to the existing signs and Mr. Dabareiner responded that there are no changes propose to the out parcels, but they must all come into compliance in the future. Five of the nine signs are non-conforming. In further response to Commissioner Beckman, Mr. Dabareiner said that there are three opportunities for signage: multiple, individual and directional.

Commissioner Schnell said that this development is a PUD and the signage was approved. The shopping enter is now trying to comply with the new Sign Ordinance, and the Council must approve the changes because this parcel is a PUD.

Commissioner Waldack commented that the freestanding signage will have to conform by 2012. He commented about existing signage for businesses that are no longer in business and asked that they consider removing the signs that are no longer applicable. Mr. Dabareiner said a business has 30 days after a business is closed to remove the signage from the site.

Commissioner Durkin agreed with Mr. Schofield's comments. He asked about using the islands to bring in green space and enhance and beautify the area.

The Mayor noted that the Plan Commission heard this petition and recommended approval. He said this is a reasonable request and will benefit all concerned.

Indexes: Planned Development #18-Venture, Zoning Ordinance - Signs

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Sandack noted that this evening's meeting began at 6:00 p.m. in order to go into later discussion on Strategic Planning. He invited anyone who came at 7:00 p.m. and did not have an opportunity to make public comments to do so at this time.

Joanna Fiore said she came to ask about the garbage pick-up. The Mayor said there was some minimal discussion about that item, however nothing has been decided. Ms. Fiore wanted to know if they were discussing carts versus Village stickers. Senior citizens do not use that much garbage, and they would like the system to remain as it is. The Mayor said the information is on the website and staff can provide an information sheet for them.

Frank Falesch, 820 Prairie, said he was disappointed to hear talk about the garbage collections. He asked who is more important, the collectors or the people. He asked if the Council was trying to emulate the Federal government. The majority of responses favored the sticker system. Mr. Falesch said the major cost of the cart system is the cart itself and that must be financed by the users. He asked as to the life span of the carts, who owns them, and how long it takes to pay them off.

Mayor Sandack responded that a number of people don't like the carts because they compost. He said that the proposals are on the website, and are just proposals. No one has made up his or her mind. They are looking at three proposals and trying to be as equitable as possible. The built-in costs also cover fixed costs. The real costs are the trucks that go up and down the street whether people have a lot of garbage or not. This is similar to the water system, which has costs

whether the faucet is turned on or not. The Village has heard from people about the volume-based system, and Council will try to come to as fair a decision as possible.

Christine Fregeau, 1918 Elmore, said that the Reporter misquoted Commissioners at last week's meeting, and did not show that the Village meeting was beginning at 6:00 p.m. tonight. She wanted to comment on the sidewalk issue. She said she looks to the Council to treat this as a responsible part of safety. She thanked the Council for approving the amount for the new sidewalks this year. The Village has a CIP fund of \$4.7 million; sidewalks represent less than 5% of that at \$240,000 and providing safe places to walk is not unreasonable. Ms. Fregeau said as the project nears its completion it loses steam. She said she does not advocate sidewalks for herself, and people address many different issues for the greater good of the community. She asked the Council to recognize the grant funding opportunities that may be available. The last 15 miles of sidewalk is not less deserving of provisions given to the other 150 miles of streets.

A resident said with regard to refuse contract that 70% of the people have said the system should remain as it is. He thinks the more important consideration and focus should be made on leaves and a fall collection, since these are hazardous during the winter months.

Materials to be Received

Materials to be Placed on File

10. Manager's Report

11. Attorney's Report

Enza Petrarca, Village Attorney, said she was presenting one item to the Council: An ordinance approving a planned development amendment to Planned Development #18 to approve the master sign plan.

Future Active Agenda

12. Council Member Reports and New Business

Commissioner Schnell commented that parking in handicapped parking spaces illegally is a fine of \$250.00 according to State Statute. Recently she found that some communities are charging more for this infraction. She asked the Village Attorney to research this matter. A Home Rule community can charge up to \$350.00. Commissioner Schnell asked the Council to consider this during the budget process. She found that there are also many signs posted that still have \$100 fines shown. She asked that the Village Attorney be made aware of these.

Commissioner Durkin noted that a lot of handicapped parking spots are not properly marked, as well, and asked that these be reviewed.

Manager Fieldman said staff would look into this.

The Mayor said that since the last meeting, a matter concerning a Downers Grove Police Officer was made public and it is going through the court process. Mayor Sandack said he wants to allay the fears of the public. The incident is entirely isolated and not systemic according to the State's Attorney's office. He thanked the members of the Village Police Department for their continued high service.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barnett seconded the Motion.

Mayor Sandack declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.