

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**7/7/2015**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
New Business - Create an Ad Hoc Committee on Historic Preservation	David Fieldman Village Manager

**SYNOPSIS**

At the request of Mayor Tully, a proposal to create an ad hoc committee on historic preservation has been placed on the New Business Agenda. Pursuant to Village Council policy, this topic shall be a discussion item only to allow for the Council to direct staff to prepare a resolution for consideration at a later date.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The 2011-2018 goals include *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

Action at the discretion of the Village Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Mayor Tully requested that the Council discuss a proposal to create an ad hoc committee on historic preservation. The proposal is as follows:

*With the heightened public attention surrounding the issue, it strikes me that this would be the perfect time and subject for such a committee. As I conceive of it, this committee would serve to compliment the efforts of Council and staff to evaluate, enhance and facilitate historic preservation in our community. In the past, the ad hoc format has worked well for addressing transportation and stormwater funding issues and I think it would work well again here.*

*The idea would be to form a committee similar in nature to the ADRB, that is, with certain members appointed by myself (with council consent) because of their experience, interest, or expertise. For example, a realtor, a local builder, an architect, an historian, and the balance interested members of the community at-large. The scope of the committee's charge would be defined as, say, the following:*

*1. To identify, explore and evaluate strategies, methods, and incentives for fostering and facilitating the preservation of historic and architecturally significant places and things in our community in order to maintain responsible stewardship of the history and character of Downers Grove for the enjoyment and appreciation of current and future residents;*

2. *To address such issues related to historic preservation as the Village Council may from time-to-time direct; and*
3. *To make such recommendations to the Village Council for consideration and potential action as necessary to advance the foregoing goals and objectives.*