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Mayor's Report	A. RES 2017-7504 A Resolution Removing a Member from the Library Board of Trustees	<p>I strongly encourage the members of the council to approve the resolution to remove Art Jaros from the Downers Grove Library board. I was appalled by his using a board meeting to air his religious views, including disapproval of citizens who are LGBTQ. I know many upstanding citizens in both Downers Grove and elsewhere who are LGBTQ, and a library should serve ALL comers, not just those that are approved by Mr. Jaros. Furthermore, this quote, if accurate, from the League of Women voters observer report, is quite alarming, and white supremacist views have NO place within the library board.</p> <p>"He proceeded to continue to express his personal views on how we should view straight people vs. gays and reject any inclusion and people different from white straight people."</p>	Mary Vercellino, 6921 Springside, Downers Grove
Mayor's Report	A. RES 2017-7504 A Resolution Removing a Member from the Library Board of Trustees	<p>I strongly encourage the members of the council to approve the resolution to remove Art Jaros from the Downers Grove Library board.</p> <p>I was recently shocked to read comments made by Art Jaros at a recent board meeting. While it is one thing to state ones religious views, it is quite another to encourage discrimination of people different from oneself. A library has the responsibility to serve all citizens, not just those approved by Art Jaros. In fact, if the quotes by the League of Women Voters observer report are accurate his language is alarming and racist. I urge his removal from the board.</p>	Barbara Martin, 4743 Saratoga, Downers Grove
Mayor's Report	A. RES 2017-7504 A Resolution Removing a Member from the Library Board of Trustees	<p>I am very upset by the stance taken by Trustee Jaros. Especially in these times, such discrimination should not be tolerated. All people are to be respected and served regardless of their race or sexual orientation. Mr. Jaros is a bigot and needs to be terminated.</p>	Doreen Roethler, Winfield
Mayor's Report	A. RES 2017-7504 A Resolution Removing a Member from the Library Board of Trustees	<p>FROM David Haugen (resident since 1975; and Library volunteer) Email address: dhaugen88@comcast.net Home/day phone: 630-852-4828</p> <p>I have observed that item 3 on the agenda for the regular meeting of the Village of Downers Grove (VoDG) Council on September 5, 2017 (that I will attend) is consideration of RESOLUTION 2017-7504 ("A Resolution Removing a Member from the Library from the Library Board of Trustees") submitted by Village Manager Dave Feldman; and presumably to be presented by the Mayor for consideration by the Council as a whole.</p> <p>The PRIMARY PURPOSE of this communication is to STRONGLY SUPPORT the Council's approval of the cited Resolution, with justification similar to that submitted by Karen Haugen, and supported by relevant content of the following (1) the "Illinois Public Library Trustee Manual," [https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lda280.pdf], (2) the official "Downers Grove Public Library Bylaws, Policies, and Guidelines" [http://www.dglibrary.org/sites/default/files/files/LibraryPolicies120516.pdf], and (3) the U.S. Constitution (as amended) and the supporting U. S. laws and implementing regulations.</p> <p>The SECONDARY PURPOSE of this communication is to inform the Village Manager and members of the Council that although the BACKGROUND section of RES 2017-7504</p> <p>(a) cites the removal authority as defined in Section 2.53.1 of Downers Grove Municipal Code, and</p> <p>(b) includes the sentence "State law does not provide for the removal of Library Board of Trustee members,"</p> <p>I have examined State law that DOES (unless not applicable to the VoDG, because of home rule status or some other reasons unknown to me) provide for removal of a trustee(s) of a "local library board" for which the members are appointed by the mayor.</p> <p>The one-sentence Section 75 ILCS 5/4-1.1(b) of the Illinois Local Library Act [http://codes.findlaw.com/il/chapter-75-libraries/il-st-sect-75-5-4-1-1.html] is "The mayor may remove any [public library board] trustee in the manner provided in Section 3.1-35-10." [http://codes.findlaw.com/il/chapter-65-municipalities/il-st-sect-65-5-3-1-35-10.html]</p> <p>The cited "manner provided" includes language that – as is the case for RES 2017-7504 – IF the removal is not supported by "any written charge" and/or a "report [of] the reasons for removal" THEN an at least "TWO-THIRDS vote of all [VoDG Council] members authorized by law" is required to REVERSE the mayor's resolution/decision for removal.</p>	David Haugen, 4826 Forest Ave., Downers Grove



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First Reading	D. RES 2017-7414 A resolution authorizing an agreement with Flavorchem Corporation providing for a license with respect to Brook Drive	<p>My name is Steve Giesler. I am one of the owners of the 1501/3 Brook building. We built our building in 1977. We also subsequently built the 1509, 1515 and 1525 Brook buildings now all owned by Flavorchem or associated entities. I don't want to repeat all of the problems we have with closing Brook Drive. I hope you will read all of my oral and written comments to the Plan Commission. I would like to address four items in detail that immediately devalue our building if this proposal was to be approved.</p> <p>Building visibility The Brook Drive elevation is the front of our building. Building mounted address and tenant identification signs are mounted there for two tenant spaces. Deleting some of the proposed Flavorchem landscaping and signage does not make up for the lost visibility to our building if Brook Drive is closed. That directly affects our tenants and leasing efforts.</p> <p>Cross Access Agreement between Flavorchem and 1501/3 Drive This is Item #8 in the staff recommendations. We have yet to see any proposal from Flavorchem on this matter. The B-1 plat of survey shows a proposed 30' easement from Downers Drive to our west parking lot which is inadequate for truck maneuvering. Even if it were adequate, our current agreement with respect to the existing easement in our west parking lot quite reasonably has us sharing cost for maintenance and snow removal with the owners of 1509 Brook. We certainly don't want to do that for a much larger easement in the Brook Drive right-of-way when our taxes currently pay for that. Even if Flavorchem agreed to pick up all of the associated costs, what happens if they or a subsequent owner fail to live up to that commitment? At that point, we would be paying for it ourselves and/or going to court to resolve the issue. We would much rather continue to pay taxes and have the village responsible for these items.</p> <p>Truck Maneuvering (west side) There are two on grade overhead doors on the west side of the building that are frequently used to access warehouse space for two tenants. Large trucks normally back in and exit west onto Brook Drive since it's a much easier turn. Flavorchem has indicated that the radius of the east curb cut will be increased to allow a 120 degree turn east out of our parking lot. We have not seen any drawings which show how a box truck or a semi would negotiate that turn. How large could the truck be to make that turn? More importantly, maneuvering space to the west would have to be included in any easement to allow trucks to pull past the driveway in order to back in.</p> <p>Truck Maneuvering (east side) There is an exterior depressed truck dock on the east side of our building that services warehouse spaces for two tenants. The submitted Flavorchem drawings conveniently omit this situation. Currently, most trucks take Brook Drive east and turn south onto Downers Drive to back into the dock. They can temporarily stage in front of our building if necessary to wait until traffic clears. This cannot be done if Brook Drive is closed west of our building. Trucks would have to reroute by taking the circuitous route using Centre Circle and then eventually head south onto Downers Drive. This is not impossible, but another deterrent to ease of use for tenants of our building.</p> <p>I respectfully submit that these issues and others should be discussed and ironed out before the Village Council acts on this matter which affects our property so significantly.</p>	Stephen Giesler, 1214 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove
First Reading	D. RES 2017-7414 A resolution authorizing an agreement with Flavorchem Corporation providing for a license with respect to Brook Drive	<p>Regarding RES 2017-7414, I wish to reiterate the concerns expressed during the February 27, 2017, Plan Commission meeting and in my letter to the Plan Commission following that meeting. The revised proposal from Flavorchem is not substantially different from the previous petition which was denied 6:1 by the Plan Commission. The end result will still be the closure of Brook Drive and the subsequent access restriction and traffic congestion on Downers Drive, Centre Circle, and Brook Drive.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More truck traffic – Closing one of the travel routes (Brook Drive) will force all truck traffic along Centre Circle to the docks at Brook/Centre and at 1528 Centre Circle (directly across from Elite) and force more truck and car traffic through Downers Drive which is already strained by traffic from the Finley Square shopping center. The proposed pull-off at 1528 Centre Circle will not mitigate the blockage of the street while maneuvering as it only accommodates one vehicle at a time. Trucks will still park along Centre Circle and pull forward into the street and Elite's driveway to back into the docks. Furthermore, the most likely outcome of the reduction from 3 to 2 docks at Brook/Centre will be more trucks parking along Brook/Centre impeding traffic. The widening of the turn will not address this. 2. More car traffic – With no alternate route, all car traffic from Finley Rd will be directed via Centre Circle further amplifying the congestive effect of trucks blocking the street at Brook/Centre and 1528 Centre Circle. <p>Closure of Brook Drive will have a significantly negative impact on numerous businesses and property owners on Brook Drive and Centre Circle. I implore the Plan Commission and Village Council to reject Flavorchem's proposal until the stated concerns of the neighboring business and property owners have been addressed and the closure of Brook Drive is withdrawn from consideration. The Village's efforts to accommodate the expansion of established businesses must not be detrimental to other established, growing businesses in the Village.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration, Thomas E. Klouda, Property/Business owner of Elite Electronic Engineering, Inc. (1516 Centre Circle), Property owner of 1500 Centre Circle and 1430 Centre Circle</p>	Tom Klouda, 1516 Centre Circle, Downers Grove