



rRemarks Data for February 8th, 2022 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section: First Reading

Agenda Item: ORD 2022-9308 An ordinance amending certain zoning ordinance provisions

Commenter: Irene Hogstrom, Downers Grove

Comment: Dear Mayor Barnett, Village Council, and Staff,

I am writing in regards to the First Reading on Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments. I have no issue with the proposed changes with the exception of proposed text changes to Section 28.11.020 Nonconforming Lots.

If the Village has consistently applied the ordinance in the matter that it is represented since 2014, why wordsmith it at all? Apparently, people have no problem understanding the language.

It is my understanding, as well as of those on the Plan Commission, that it is a change in intent. I found it easier to read the original language to make the distinction.

This proposed change will impact more than the Longfellow property. For example, there are three properties on the relatively short street of Gilbert, where one house sits on two nonconforming lots with the same owner. These three houses can be torn down, and two houses constructed with their accompanying driveways, patios and other impervious surfaces. It is without a doubt that several properties like this exist throughout town and will essentially null and void the 75-foot lot width requirements.

Please vote “nay” on the proposed changes to Section 28.11.020.

Sincerely,
Irene Hogstrom

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Commenter: Pam Johnson, Downers Grove

Comment: As a resident of Downers Grove I value our neighborhood's character and the open spaces protected by the village's Comprehensive Plan. The change to nonconforming lots' -- Sec 28.11.020(b) goes against the Comprehensive Plan and should be voted down. The Plan Commission did not endorse this change and neither should you. Please vote "Nay" on changes to nonconforming lots' -- Sec 28.11.020(b).

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Commenter: Mark Grippando, Downers Grove

Comment: In regards to 28.11.020(b) "Longfellow", the land is not going anywhere. Why the rush for approval? And, if it is a simple text change as the village staff insist, why did our Planning Commission unanimously vote against it? Please step back, look beyond the legality of the issue and have a discussion on what is best for the village. There is no rush. The land remains.

Agenda Section: Manager's Report

Agenda Item: Social Services Referral Program

Commenter: Mark Grippando, Downers Grove

Comment: Of the 500+ service providers identified, I only saw a handful listed on the page: <http://www.downers.us/res/social-services-referrals> Is the full list available? Thank you.