



# Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Council Chambers

February 20, 2024

07:00 PM

## 1. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## 2. Roll Call

**Council Attendance (Present):** Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Davenport

**Council Attendance (Not Present):** None

**Non-Voting:** Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Village Clerk Rosa Berardi

## 3. Proclamations

### A. Government Communicators Day

The Village's Communicators Department Director, Doug Koszowski, and his staff members Janene Cerulli, Don Wilson and Chris Durullo accepted the proclamation.

## 4. Minutes of Council Meetings

**MIN 2024-10187** — A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2024

**MOTION:** To adopt the meeting minutes of the February 13, 2024, Village Council Meeting, as presented.

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Hosé

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

## 5. Public Comments

Mayor Barnett provided the guidelines for Public Comment.

### Public Comments

Dr. Jodi Herrup, EQDG, spoke of a survey provided to residents of Downers Grove. She provided a copy of the survey and a report with results to the Council. She reviewed highlights from the results of the survey via PowerPoint presentation.

Jim Kelly spoke about being assaulted and how there is a lot of hate in the world today. He asked all to be positive.

**6. Consent Agenda**

**COR 2024-10178** — A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6541, Payroll - February 09, 2024

**BIL 2024-10179** — B. Bills Payable: No. 6784 - February 20, 2024

**RES 2024-10290** — C. Resolution: Authorize the First Extension to the Contract with Western Grandall Corporation for Roadside Ditch Maintenance Services.

**Summary:** This resolution authorizes a contract extension for roadside ditch maintenance services to Western Grandall Corporation of Naperville, Illinois in the amount of \$50,938.80.

**RESOLUTION 2024-24**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE DOWNERS GROVE AND WESTERN GRANDALL CORPORATION**

**RES 2024-10287** — D. Resolution: Authorize a Contract Extension to National Power Rodding Corporation of Chicago, Illinois for Storm Sewer Maintenance Services.

**Summary:** This resolution authorizes a contract extension for storm sewer maintenance services to National Power Rodding Corporation of Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$368,345.15.

**RESOLUTION 2024-25**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND NATIONAL POWER RODDING CORPORATION**

**MOTION:** *To adopt the consent agenda, as presented.*

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by roll call..*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner Hosé*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

**AYES:** *Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

**7. Active Agenda**

**ORD 2024-10276** — A. Ordinance: Approving an Amendment to Planned Unit Development #31 to Construct a New Multi-Family Residential Development.

**Summary:** This ordinance approves an amendment to Planned Unit Development #31 to construct a new multi-family residential development.

**MOTION:** *To adopt the motion to approve **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT #31 TO CONSTRUCT A NEW MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE 6038***

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by roll call.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner Hosé*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

**AYES:** *Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

**RES 2024-10277** — B. Resolution: Approve a Plat of Subdivision for 3201, 3211, 3221 and 3231 Woodcreek Drive.

**Summary:** This resolution approves a Plat of Subdivision for 3201, 3211, 3221 and 3231 Woodcreek Drive.

**MOTION:** *To adopt the motion to approve **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR 3201, 3211, 3221 AND 3231 WOODCREEK DRIVE RESOLUTION 2024-26***

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by roll call.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner Hosé*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

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**AYES:** Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

### **Village Council Comments/Questions**

Mayor Barnett gave a brief background on the item and encouraged new viewers to take a look at last week's meeting for more context.

**ORD 2024-10278** — C. Ordinance: Authorizing a Special Use for 1204 75th Street to Permit a Second Drive-Through.

**Summary:** This ordinance authorizes a special use for 1204 75th Street to permit a second drive-through.

**MOTION:** To adopt the motion to approve **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR 1204 75th STREET TO PERMIT A SECOND DRIVE-THROUGH ORDINANCE 6039**

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call..

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Hosé

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

### **Village Council Comments/Questions**

Mayor Barnett noted that drive-throughs in Downers Grove require special use permits. He explained this process gives the Village Council more insight into what is going on and how it might affect the neighboring area.

**ORD 2024-10282** — D. Ordinance: Amending Certain Parking Provisions.

**Summary:** This ordinance amends certain parking provisions within Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code.

**MOTION:** To adopt the motion to approve **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PARKING PROVISIONS ORDINANCE 6040**

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call..

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Hosé

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

**AYES:** Commissioners Hosé, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

## **8. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Barnett explained that the items on the Active agenda have been discussed at previous meetings and were on this agenda for a vote.

## **9. Council Member Reports**

Commissioner Davenport congratulated the Downers Grove North/South Co-op Gymnastics team for their second place finish in State and for an awesome season.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt thanked EQDG for their presentation and for providing the Village with some food for thought on ways that Downers Grove could become a more inclusive community. She also shared that the Grove Foundation's Passport to Dining would be taking place in April. She advised all to stay tuned to the Village's Facebook page for more information.

Commissioner Hose thanked the Downers Grove Professional Firefighters Association for the invitation to their annual recognition dinner. He shared that he attended, along with Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt and her husband. He said it was good to recognize the retirees for their service to the Village.

**Mayor Barnett called for a five (5) minute recess. He said that the meeting would reconvene in the Committee Room for the Manager's Report and invited all in attendance to join.**

## 10. Manager's Report

**INF 2024-10272** — A. Information: 2024 Comprehensive Plan and Related Projects - Review of Preliminary Public Engagement Plan.

The meeting reconvened in the Committee Room at 7:29 p.m.

Josh Koonce with Houseal Lavigne presented via PowerPoint and provided details about the agenda for the evening. He explained that Houseal Lavigne is the lead consulting firm on the Comprehensive Plan and Marisa Schulz, with All Together, would be presenting that evening on the topic of public engagement. He stated that there would be many teams, including All Together, involved in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan and the sub plans over the next 18 months.

Ms. Schultz with All Together introduced herself. She explained that All Together partners with other organizations to provide the community engagement piece to projects. She said she already started working with staff on a draft engagement plan. She reviewed the three (3) main engagement goals, saying they are all about getting people involved and keeping them involved. She explained that the goal is to be creative with ways to engage the community. Ms. Schulz stated she will work toward making public engagement fun and convenient and that it will take place where the people are - motivating them to participate. She explained it is important to understand what motivates people and she reviewed the process that will be used to measure the community's engagement.

Mr. Koonce displayed a slide with the project timeline. He outlined the three things that needed to be established: 1) Where the Village is today – including the baseline of the existing conditions; and 2) What the Village's goals include looking ahead 20 years from now; and 3) How the goals will be achieved – including policies, recommendations, and implementations. He explained what the community engagement process during the project would be and that it would run from January to May/June. Mr. Koonce stated that within the next couple of weeks, stakeholder interviews would begin. He shared that these would be small scale but beneficial to get introductory information from the people that know the Village best.

Ms. Schulz spoke about public surveys, sharing that they would go out to residents and stakeholder between April and August. She explained the two objectives of the survey is 1) That all team members are getting the input needed to help drive the process and create their plans; and 2) To make sure the survey is approachable and designed in a way that promotes people to actually take the survey. Ms. Schulz explained the kick off event is scheduled to take place in April, followed by pop-up events from May through August 2024. She explained that "swag" would be available for participants and that the pop-ups are going to be located at Downers Grove events. Ms. Schulz stated that the project brand would be called "Guiding DG". She shared a visual that included the brand image of *Guiding DG* in the center of the page with the following plans listed below:

- *Guiding DG – Comprehensive Plan*
- *Guiding DG – Mobility*
- *Guiding DG – Sustainability*
- *Guiding DG – Streetscape*

Ms. Schulz continued by stating that there would be a project website to follow (it was currently being worked on) with an interactive mapping tool called map.social.

Mr. Koonce explained that map.social is a very successful tool for public posting, as it is mobile friendly and has filters to show different layers on a GIS map.

Ms. Schulz then spoke about the communications component, explaining that she would be working with staff and communication partners to help spread the word by using a marketing packet. She then opened the conversation to questions and discussion. She asked the Council what their thoughts were on the Village's engagement goals.

Commissioner José said the Village wants to engage to as diverse of a cross-section of the community as possible. He shared that he liked the idea of digital marketing and having as many pop-up events as possible, even outside of downtown. He said this would be in an attempt to reach people where they are gathering throughout the Village.

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Ms. Schulz asked what events outside of downtown the team should look into.

Commissioners José, Davenport, and Gilmartin suggested church events, EQDG, car shows, restaurants and school district events.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said meeting people where they are is incredibly important. She suggested the library, schools, YMCA, and housing for seniors. She shared that she does not want to miss people that cannot get out and attend. She said she would like to make sure the events take place outside of downtown, ensuring that people have the opportunity to participate even with busy lifestyles. She said she wants to include people that are part of a diverse community. The Commissioner stated that part of the engagement goal should be to ensure equity throughout the Village.

Ms. Schulz said she is excited that the Council and staff see value in the pop-ups and the team will be sure they occur in and outside of the downtown. She said the team will also be sure to drop off surveys and promotional materials to all places that were mentioned and she will be sure to engage partners to assist with this.

Commissioner Tully said communication is a two-way exercise. He asked if the surveys are comprehensive and if they contain guided questions. He asked how this data would get synthesized in a way that the Village can utilize it and how it would get recorded. He shared that he would like to use modern tools to query the data and use it to answer other questions – as a resource two years from now. The Commissioner stated that the ultimate goal was for the Council and staff to get sufficient information back that they could understand in order to make appropriate decisions.

Mr. Koonce said that the survey is not a statistically valid survey. He said creating a statistically valid survey would be a whole project in and of itself.

Commissioner Davenport asked what would be considered statistical versus not.

Commissioner Tully shared that it is important to understand the limits of the information received, giving the example of five people giving one particular answer – that would not represent the whole community.

Mr. Koonce said that a statistically valid survey would involve a targeted percentage of the community, this would include insuring that a certain number of people take the survey.

Mayor Barnett explained that it was important that the survey is not target to a particular group – i.e. only going to the schools.

Commissioner Tully said that he is not suggesting they perform a statistically valid survey, he just thinks it is important to understand what the product will be and how the Council should treat it.

Mr. Koonce explained that the team uses a well-tested survey that contains multiple choice, open-ended questions and if enough people answer the questions, a distribution map can be used to show where the survey was taken throughout the community. He said the survey, map.social, and the online aspect of the process should be viewed as ingredients to the overall process. Mr. Koonce further explained the survey data collected can be downloaded and the database can be made searchable and available.

Ms. Schulz said the team would report back the data from all of the data points.

Mayor Barnett asked if it was safe to assume the scope of questions being asked were effectively constrained to the Comprehensive Plan. He said he does not want the questions to be too broad. The Mayor asked if there will be an explanation as to what is being asked in the surveys.

Mr. Koonce said it should be pretty clear. He said during outreach, things like the schools and crime come up and they let people speak their minds. He said all issues are valid during these exercises.

Ms. Schulz said there is usually some sort of context when the surveys are passed out, like posters, the website, etc. She said short video clips can be sent out as part of the marketing and communications. She said helping to create a two-way exercise is effective.

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Commissioner Davenport said he thinks success should be measured by gathering enough information and that there is an art to the science. He said he thinks it should be up to the Council to know when they have enough information. He asked what happens in places where they do not think they have enough information.

Ms. Schulz said from her experience in other communities, this needs to be a flexible plan. She gave the example of not getting enough information from the Latin X community, so the team conducted more pop-up events at church functions or where they knew they could engage with that community. She said they would enhance efforts in those cases.

Commissioner Davenport said if not as many Downers Grove residents are as engaged as would be anticipated, it does not mean the survey was unsuccessful. He said in fact, there is a very good chance that the number of surveys taken will be less than the majority. He said there will still be people that say they did not hear anything about this and he thinks that is something that the Council, staff, and the rest of the team need to be prepared for. The Commissioner concluded by stating that he knows this can be a successful process, but it is important to understand what success means.

Ms. Schulz said they will provide the Council with all the data and a synopsis. She said they will do as comprehensive of a job as they can.

Commissioner Davenport stated that this is a long process and to consider engagement opportunities even after the summer engagement portion of the process, at events such as high school football games in the fall.

Ms. Schulz said right now the team is focused on the first phase of engagement.

Mayor Barnett said he did not want to get too hung up on defining success. He said the Village cannot control what the outcome is. He said the Council has taken the time and effort to say this is important enough to get professional help with the process. The Mayor stated that if the right steps are taken, it will be successful, regardless of how many responses are received and what particular subjects they pertain to.

Commissioner Tully explained there is no actual number of people to reach out to, the goal is to engage.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she does not want to hear that people were left behind at the end of this and that she will be concerned if there is a pattern of the same demographic/population that was engaged. She said she would feel better if the responses are received from a diverse population.

Mayor Barnett said they have hired All Together to perform this outreach to all demographics. He said even if the same 150 people that usually complain decide to complain again, it would still be considered a success.

Commissioner Gilmartin said regarding the survey, he does not agree with letting what happens happen. He said he expects that All Together will list out the plan that was most useful. He said he wants to be sure a diversified group of people are reached and represented. He continued by stating that he thinks the strategies currently being discussed are for people who are typical respondents – he would like a better understanding of how other people will be reached. The Commissioner shared that he does not think the Council can measure this success if there is no number to point to. He said he knows there will be stakeholder interviews and community events, but because the Village is investing in this, he is interested in seeing surveying being pushed out even after this is completed – to take advantage of this platform and continue to move it forward. He thinks the same thing about map.social. He shared that he would like administrative access to it after this project is over, to use it moving forward with other projects. He said he is in line with the Mayor, with being sure this survey stays focused with the purpose of it being the Comprehensive Plan and sub-plans. The Commissioner said he thinks there should be benchmarking in a couple of months to decide if the Village needs to pivot.

Ms. Schulz said the team needs to create metrics for target numbers and ranges. She said the team also needs to decide how many touch points they need to have - this may include the survey via a postcard or through activities and interactions with the community, as survey will be the guiding document for this part of the process.

Commissioner Gilmartin shared that as a digital marketer himself, he thinks this idea is very digital and part of the

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community is not engaged digitally. He said if this survey is shared through email or social media only, he does not think it will reach enough people. The Commissioner shared his thoughts about sending the survey through direct mail despite the extra cost.

Mayor Barnett said this is the beginning of an evolving plan and there may be pivot points. He explained that All Together will have all of the metrics that will be put in place through the plan. He said if at some point the Council feels they are not getting the necessary data needed, they can pivot.

Commissioner Tully said that he does not want to get caught up on the aspect of the survey – the project being discussed is the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he wants the Council to bring ideas to the table to put together a plan to get the information out to the public.

Ms. Schulz said she understands there may need to be different approaches for different populations – i.e. the elderly population may need the survey to be physically added to their water bill or the surveys may need to be available at a certain location for pick up. She explained the team will try to make it as easy as possible for people to either access the digital survey or have key defined locations where they can pick up the survey and drop it off.

Commissioner Tully said he thinks communications with the Village's partner organizations, such as the Park District, schools, etc. could possibly happen if needed, but he thinks the Council needs to see what feedback they get back before worrying about other ideas for getting this out to the public.

Commissioner Davenport highlighted that he is excited about having this as a tool that can be used in the future. He suggested looking at past Comprehensive Plans to help guide the questions that will be asked in the survey.

Commissioner Gilmartin shared that he likes the two-way exercise brought up by Commissioner Tully and would like to use past Comprehensive Plans in an attempt to see show people what was brought to life. He continued by stating that this would be a way to have a tie back to what was done in the past, in order to shape the town for the future.

Commissioner Tully agreed that this would be a good way to motivate people.

Ms. Schulz said the past Comprehensive Plans will be part of the resources that are created and part of the messaging.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he wants to be sure the "Guiding DG" campaign is outward facing.

Ms. Schulz said it is the brand for all of the initiatives.

Commissioner Gilmartin shared that he loves the idea of having all the components and tying them together. He shared that he does not think that "Guiding DG" is enough and that the Village is more than just guiding with this initiative. He asked who would be a part of the stakeholder interviews because he does not want over representation.

Mr. Koonce said this is the point in the process when the team wants to speak to the most vocal people (who are those doing the most work with the Village) because they can provide more conversation and information than what can be reached through just the survey – i.e. the heads of the school districts will discuss their plans for their districts.

Ms. Schulz circled back to the brand "Guiding DG". She said through conversations and workshopping with staff, the team felt that the word "guiding" felt proactive and somewhat inspirational, but not taking it too far. She said this brand will have messaging on the website, flyers, and promotional materials. She shared that she thinks it expands the ability to talk about what the project is and inspire participation.

Commissioner Gilmartin said in terms of engagement, he thinks the messaging is broad enough for the plans, but he also thinks there should be messaging that is more defined to neighborhoods or regions of the Village. For example, residents at 75<sup>th</sup> and Lemont may only be interested in what is happening in their area. He said he wants to be sure that messaging reaches specific areas. The Commissioner said that the Council members have experience with this and would be able to provide input.

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Ms. Schulz said that this is the struggle with Comprehensive Plans. She shared that she thinks map.social is a good tool because it ties to geographic locations. She said she thinks this is going to be a balance of the big visionary plan and the smaller plans.

Commissioner Davenport said he finds "Guiding DG" compelling and he likes the idea of using it because the Council and team is trying to find their way through this project. He also shared that he enjoys the accompanying graphics. He mentioned the image on the top of the main "Guiding DG" looks like trees and togetherness.

Ms. Schulz gave kudos to the Village staff and shared that they came up with that.

Commissioner Davenport asked the rest of the Council for their opinion.

Mayor Barnett said he thinks "Guiding DG" is adequate in describing what this is. He said that yes, it is less inspirational than he would like, but the Comprehensive Plan is a long-reaching, slow-moving thing. He said he likes the idea of using past Comprehensive Plans to show what has and has not been used, and he thinks it reflects what the process is.

Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt and Tully concurred.

Ms. Schulz said that this has been a helpful discussion. She said that she and her team will go back and put some of the thresholds of success, metrics, and guiding principles for engagement in the plan and will share it with the Council to get their thoughts.

Mr. Koonce reviewed the slides sharing the next steps to be taken. He said the team is currently working on the website, map.social, and the survey - with it expected to be returned to staff for review by the end of the month and a go live date in March. He said this will lead to the kickoff event, which the team is looking to hold in early April. He said after that, they will be looking at what the first few pop-up events will look like and they will be scheduled to coincide with events happening around the Village. Mr. Koonce shared that the team is already starting initiation meetings with Village Boards and Commissions this week. He shared that on March 28<sup>th</sup> the team will be doing a day of outreach, with a workshop in the business community. He said the team will also be doing some key stakeholder interviews and a staff tour. He concluded by stating that information has already started to be gathered, as has an outline of the existing conditions report.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked if there was any reason not to lean on Village Boards and Commissions members to do the same thing as the Council and to lean on staff to roll out community engagement.

Ms. Schulz told Commissioner Gilmartin that the more people that are engaged in the process, the better.

Commissioner José said they need the Village Board and Commissions to be more plugged in and he would like to see more engagement from them.

Mr. Koonce said the exercise the Council did a couple of weeks ago is very useful and he thinks that the same exercise should be done with other groups. He said that this will be passed onto the Boards and Commissions and they will be provided with a DIY kit.

Mayor Barnett reminded the public in attendance that this is a process that has just started and is still underway. He asked for resident input.

A resident in attendance asked how survey bias will be dealt with.

Mr. Koonce said a series of questions will be used that are tailored to Downers Grove. He shared that the same questions had been used for 250 other Comprehensive Plan updates completed throughout the United States.

Jennifer Galvin, a resident, said she would like to highlight the education piece. She shared that neither she, nor her neighbors, know what the Comprehensive Plan is. She said she thinks that with 50,000 residents, the Village could get at least 1,000 responses. She expressed interest in being part of running a focus group about these topics. She said from what she heard the current marketing seems to want people to "go along" with the Comprehensive Plan, which

she appreciates but thinks that people will have opinions they want to share. She stressed the importance of educating the public on the Comprehensive Plan and said that it is the Village's job to keep residents informed.

Ms. Schulz clarified that what she meant earlier was that the team will explain to people what the Comprehensive Plan is and why it matters.

Scott Richards, a resident, said he thinks that apathy is the biggest stumbling block with this. He shared that what he hears in town is that residents think that the Village will not listen to their opinions. He said he thinks it is important to inform, educate and discuss this with the people. Mr. Richards said reaching out to people without digital means is important and worthwhile. He referenced the Fairview discussions and shared his thoughts of having discussions where people live rather than at Village Hall. He also added that though people need to take accountability and get themselves involved, the Village needs to make sure they are informed and provide opportunities for them to be involved. Mr. Richards suggested setting up a booth at the Farmer's Market and moving that booth around town.

Ms. Schulz said the team will lean into sending flyers around town.

Janet Whittingham said she thinks it is a great investment in resources to do this. She shared that she does not think that resident's opinions will be guiding the process and that the Council will make their own decisions. She questioned how many stakeholders were selected and what the selection process was. She said she thinks that people that have show up to meetings have not been selected to express their opinions. Ms. Whittingham shared that she thinks the Village could do more in terms of direct mail. She said she hopes things that did not turn out in previous plans are guiding this process and that this exercise, and the energy put into it, will attract more residents to participate. Ms. Whittingham once again stated that she appreciates this process and believes it to be a well-conceived idea.

Ms. Schulz explained that a "pop-up" is a booth that will be used to get in front of people and engage them in activities and make them feel invested.

Mayor Barnett said having pop-up events will provide a consistent, systemic way of meeting people where they are.

Commissioner Tully said he would like to have a Council information booth at the Rotary Grove Festival for people to express their opinions.

Mayor Barnett shared what he heard at this meeting (and since 2009) is that people do not know about things going on in the Village. He said there has never been a scam to avoid residents. He said the Village encourages residents to provide input. In the past, that input has been considered when decisions needed to be made and resident input will be used moving forward. The Mayor concluded by stating that though opinions would be considered, there also needs to be expectations on what opinions are being considered.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he thinks that historically there has been communication, but this effort is a reflection of the time. He said the Village needs to be sure they are communicating with everyone.

Commissioner Hose said it is not necessarily about the volume, but it is about the type of feedback they receive. He spoke of past experiences where many people could express opinions at the podium and it may not have affected the Council's vote - but then there had also been times when one person could share something powerful that may change some of the Council's votes. He said he hopes the feedback is voluminous, not just in numbers, but that it is also thought provoking.

Mayor Barnett said the Council is committed to being a part of this process.

## **11. Adjournment**

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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***MOTION:** To adjourn the February 20, 2024, Village Council Meeting.*

***RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

***MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José*

***SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

***AYES:** Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

***NAYES:** None*

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosa Berardi  
Village Clerk