



rRemarks Data for February 18, 2025 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section & Item: Mayor's Report - RES 2025-10708 A. Resolution: Establishing a Joint Ad Hoc Committee of the Downers Grove Village Council and the Downers Grove Library Board of Trustees

Commenter: Jessica Nastal

Comment: I wish to commend the Village for collaborating with the Library Board of Trustees and hope this is an indication of a respectful partnership moving forward. I appreciate that the Village Council listened to feedback from the library and from the community and decided not to pursue a referendum for public opinion on whether the board should be elected or appointed. I confess, however, to still being puzzled as to why an ad hoc committee is necessary and what the aims of the committee are, particularly since it seems clear that it will not be feasible to fundamentally change the structure of the LBOT. I fear this may detract from the work of the Village and the work of the Library.

Furthermore, I am concerned that Commissioner Martin Tully has been appointed as chair of the committee. I am frankly surprised a hierarchy needs to be in place at all for a four-person committee. Mr. Tully has extensive leadership experience in the Village of Downers Grove, as mayor and as commissioner; however, his support of two Library Trustees who have been removed for their bigotry and push toward censorship is chilling. Mr. Tully's support of Art Jaros's controversial appointment and his actions related to Mr. Jaros's subsequent removal (2015–2017) cost the Village tens of thousands of dollars, which makes me concerned about the fiscal ramifications of Mr. Tully's leadership role on this committee. I would expect the Village and Library Board of Trustees to choose members for this ad-hoc committee who have demonstrated their willingness to be open-minded, determination to use evidence to understand how we arrived in this position, explore possibilities and anticipated consequences of future choices, and believe in the mission of the DG library.

Agenda Section & Item: Comments of a General Nature

Commenter: Karen Schmidt

Comment: Please record/livestream Planning and Zoning meetings. These nearby villages currently do so: Hinsdale, Lisle, Naperville and Westmont. It would be especially beneficial to do so for the 3/3/25 meeting which I believe will be about the proposed Fairview zoning changes. Video recording meetings will allow residents to get the information in a more timely manner than waiting for minutes to be published. Thank you for considering.

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Commenter: Laura Temple

Comment: I'll be watching the meeting online again tonight. I'm curious about the process that has Commissioners Tully and Sadowski-Fugitt as the VC members of the joint committee with the library. I would have thought that Commissioner Davenport would be a logical choice given that his referendum proposal launched this whole path of inquiry. And that Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt as the more senior council member would be the logical choice to chair. So I hope you will address the thought process of assigning Commissioner Tully and making him chair. If I were on the library side of this committee, I would find it curious.