



rRemarks Data for August 5, 2025 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section & Item: Manager's Report - REP 2025-10870 B. Report: Long Range Planning Discussion

Commenter: Randall Edwards

Comment: The proposal to cut off access to Ogden at Woodward and Wilson avenues is short-sighted and unsafe. This will funnel a significant amount of traffic down other streets, decreasing general safety for our children where vehicles already do not observe traffic signs and drive unregulated.

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Commenter: Becky Felber

Comment: This would be extremely awful for our neighborhood and allow too many people to cut through our neighborhood and cause traffic, congestion, noise, accidents, and and harm for our children. We do not want this to happen! We already have issues with cars that drive through the neighborhood speeding that don't belong!!!

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Commenter: Amanda Sabor

Comment: We're concerned that the proposed changes will have a significant impact on the Stonewall neighborhood. Our area already experiences high traffic volume and frequent speeding. Adding more traffic will only make matters worse. Stonewall is home to many families and children who regularly use the path to access the park. These changes could increase the risk of accidents and raise serious safety concerns for our community.

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Commenter: Monica Nickel

Comment: We strongly oppose this plan which will funnel a significant increase in traffic to stonewall. Stonewall already experienced cars speeding down the street that are

coming from Belmont to Prairie to Stonewall to Ogden so they can avoid the congestion at the Belmont/Ogden intersection. People also turn down Grant from Belmont to get to Stonewall to again avoid that intersection at Belmont/Ogden.

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Commenter: Heather Paulis

Comment:

My family, the residents of stonewall and surrounding streets are strongly opposed to the changes being proposed on our streets, including opening up Grant between Cornell and Lee, as well as blocking off Wilson and Woodridge access to Ogden. We already see a lot of thru traffic on our street and this proposal will only increase that amount of traffic.

This is a neighborhood with many small kids that use Grant to get to and from school as well as the park. The street being blocked off is an increased safety measure for all of those kids. Parents are comforted knowing that their kids can ride their bikes or walk through the walking path without extra traffic from cars trying to skip the light at Belmont or use our neighborhood as a cut through.

Blocking off Wilson and Woodridge will only increase traffic cutting through on Stonewall, or going through Grant if that is opened up. There are already many mornings where I have been trying to get my kids to school and there is a steady stream of cars coming east on Grant from Belmont and turning left onto stonewall to get to Ogden. It is not uncommon for there to be a line of cars waiting to turn that are not all from our street. This is already a huge problem for residents in our neighborhood without making the proposed street changes.

We already had an incident several years ago where a car flew thru our ditch and across our driveway (this was caught on our neighbors ring camera), knocking over a street sign and leaving a lot of debris. Thankfully, our young children who are normally out playing in the driveway, weren't out that day, or this would have ended a lot differently than it did. At that time, we had contacted the village about speed bumps or safety measures, and none were ever taken. Now you are looking to make changes that would further increase traffic in our streets, which we find very alarming.

Please consider the children's safety in these neighborhoods and leave our streets as is

Heather Paulis

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Commenter: Annemarie Reiser

Comment: The proposal to make Grant a thru street and only have Stonewall have access to Ogden (close off Woodward and Wilson) will have numerous negative effects for many ranging from safety for the numerous children on bikes, Humane Society walkers with dogs, Bus drivers dropping off picking up students on the corner of Stonewall/Grant, children walking to school, stonewall residents pulling out of driveways and parking on the already narrow street as people will use Stonewall as a “main” road to cut thru to Ogden. This doesn’t even take into account what it will do to our road with increase use and property value as many bought on Stonewall for the quietness of the street. I adamantly oppose this proposal.

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Commenter: Melissa Odenbach

Comment: I have (safety, traffic, emergency vehicle access or other) concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan.

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Commenter: Greg Reiser

Comment: I have serious reservations about making Grant an open east-west street and Stonewall a singular access to Ogden. Neither street is well-equipped to handle increased traffic loads and have considerable dog-walking traffic already from the humane society that would be at risk from significantly more cars driving at higher speeds. This is in addition to the risk from several children in the area, basketballs rolling in the streets, kids on bikes, etc

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Commenter: Erin Zerth

Comment: Oppose proposal to block access to Ogden from Belmont until Stonewall. Stonewall has a steep blind hill with a curve and a long block from Prairie to Grant and already receives high amounts of traffic at high speed since it's an easy thoroughfare from Belmont to Ogden with minimal stoppage. We have witnessed accidents in front of our home on camera during day hours that could have killed pedestrians if present. Many young families live on this street. We previously petitioned the city for a speed

bump which was declined. We oppose any traffic changes that risk further increasing traffic on Stonewall.

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Commenter: Julie Regimand

Comment: Re: Potential redevelopment and community plan for Stonewall. We continue to see near accidents with traffic (as it is) with the walking paths to park that are in constant use for adults and children. This is simply not acceptable, unnecessary and dangerous for the community. Stonewall is a constant for kids riding bikes to Pierce and Herrick - the humane society volunteers walking dogs - making this not only dangerous but deteriorates the essence of our street, neighbors new and old, and our sense of pride and commitment to our neighborhood.

We do not need street blockage to create a community. Redevelopment comes in many forms, but it should not be about big business actioning plans that punish the tax payers who fund and largely contribute to this Downers Grove. Have you looked at the homes being built on Stonewall- and the tax bracket those homes are in that feed into DG revenue? IF you decrease our home value - will you also decrease our taxes? How will you account for the increase in air pollution for the increase in traffic. For someone that has lung issues - there is a real reason we chose our street. DO NOT DO THIS - respect the people who make DG a place we want to live and raise your families safely.

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Commenter: Ilene Briner

Comment: August is David Humphrey's last month on the library board and Marti Sladek has resigned. We have ask for more transparency in the appointment process for the library board. Will we get any or will we just wait to see who shows up at the library board meeting in September?

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Commenter: Jennifer Elster

Comment: I oppose the proposal to block access to Ogden from Belmont until Stonewall. Stonewall has a steep blind hill with a curve right before a heavily trafficked pedestrian path. It is a long block from Prairie to Grant and already receives high amounts of traffic at high speed since it's an easy thoroughfare from Belmont to Ogden with minimal stoppage. The city was previously petitioned for a speed bump which was declined. I live on the 4700 block of Woodward and while selfishly I would appreciate the decreased traffic on my own street, I think this would be very dangerous for the

neighborhood between Lee and Belmont and Ogden and Prairie. I oppose any traffic changes that risk further increasing traffic on Stonewall.

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Commenter: Melissa Mueller

Comment: As a resident on stonewall currently I am asking you please do NOT move forward with this plan to close off Woodward and Wilson and leave stonewall as the through street. I've been living here 5 years now and the amount of through traffic we have during rush hour on grant and stonewall is NOT safe. People don't want to wait at the light on Ogden and Belmont so they use stonewall/grant to avoid it. We have children waiting for buses and getting dropped off on buses on these streets. Patrons who don't live in the area zoom through this part and it's a serious safety concern. It also brings unwanted people through our neighborhood.

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Commenter: Bomie Leonard

Comment: I have have safety, traffic, emergency vehicle access concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan. I oppose the proposal to block access to Ogden from Belmont until Stonewall. Stonewall has a steep blind hill with a curve and a long block from Prairie to Grant and already receives high amounts of traffic at high speed since it's an easy thoroughfare from Belmont to Ogden with minimal stoppage. There are many pedestrians on this street, including volunteers walking dogs at West Suburban Humane Society. We have previously petitioned the city for a speed bump which was declined and oppose any traffic changes that risk further increasing traffic on Stonewall.

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Commenter: Ben Nickel

Comment: As a concerned resident and Dad of two little kids on Stonewall Ave, I am strongly opposed to this ordinance. This will increase the traffic on residential streets causing increased risk for accidents with kids playing outside. Additionally, it will negatively impact the value of the homes on Stonewall Ave, which we all paid a premium to be on.

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Commenter: Andy Arnold

Comment: I am STRONGLY against the closing of access to Ogden from Wilson and Woodward. We are parents of young children. This is a HUGE safety concern! All residents of Wilson and Woodward will be funneled to Stonewall. This will also significantly increase the traffic from cars that “cheat” the light at Belmont and Ogden, cutting through using Grant. We already have a speeding issue (40+ MPH). Please don’t compound this with a big increase in traffic. We left the city of Chicago to provide a safe neighborhood for our children. Please don’t turn my front yard into a main drag.

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Commenter: Jeffrey OBrien

Comment: My house is listed in a proposed Ogden rezoning corridor to create 300 feet of commercial setback from Ogden road. What is the village going to do for homeowners that have properties within that boundary. I am very concerned about my homes value if that long range plan becomes official. Is the village going to pursue eminent domain to acquire the properties. How will homeowners be made right in this process, there has been no information provided to us up until this point that our house is in a potential rezoning area.

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Commenter: Tom Powers

Comment: Hi Village Counsel, My name is Tom Powers. I was just made aware of the Village plan to block off Wilson and Woodward avenues at Ogden. This is going to cause a major traffic issue for the people on Stonewall avenue. I live at 4701 Stonewall, at the bottom of the hill right on the Hoopers Hollow path. Every single day, we see cars speeding down that hill, going 40 mph+. We have had numerous people go off the road, one hitting a street sign recently, because they are going to fast. If this ordinance is passed, we will have twice as many cars coming down our street and I am very concerned for the safety of all of the children on the block as well as the dozens of people who cross the street on the path daily. Was this considered in the decision making process? Also, there must be a 4 way stop at Stonewall and Grant and the consideration for speed bumps or even a stop sign on Stonewall at the Hoopers Hollow path crossing. I appreciate you all listening to my concerns and hope the right decisions are made to keep the people of our great town safe.

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Commenter: John R Clark

Comment: As the comprehensive plan requests residents to help "inform decision making" as key function, the following are 2 concerns I have for vacating Wilson & Woodward rights of way in West Ogden focus:

Increasingly observed is that Belmont Ave going North for right turn on Ogden has been noticeably backed up (even in non-rush hours). Vacating Wilson and Woodward would exasperate the thoroughfare type nature of Stonewall Ave as is today.

Secondly, the repercussion of the proposed changes impacts both crosswalks at Grant & Chicago Ave (Hoopers Hollow Park right of way). Stonewall Ave at latter crosswalk is in middle of a marked "blind hill", a problematic issue today. Past resident concepts included suggestions for speed bumps without active results ... the weight of this proposal impacts safety and protection even further.

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Commenter: Cynthia Tanner

Comment: Please do not make Grant St west of Lee Avenue a through street. This street is home to multiple children and is used regularly by runners, parents with strollers, dog walkers, and children for walks and bike rides to schools and parks. I see several of such individuals pass by every day. Creating a through street would increase the speeds people drive through there and make for dangerous conditions for all the people who use it as a pedestrian pathway.

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Commenter: Kerry Hackworth

Comment: We agree with making Wilson a safer street and hammerheading it to make it a safer street. We also agree with improving the businesses on Ogden and modernizing the road and to add cross walks at Belmont & Ogden. But we DO NOT agree with displacing our wonderful, hardworking, kind neighbors at the end of Wilson Ave so that you can gain tax revenue from new businesses. That is just not right. Please also do not make it another vape shop or car dealer.

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Commenter: Emily Glaze

Comment: I have traffic related safety concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan.

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Commenter: Cameron Glaze

Comment: I have traffic related safety concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan. There is a significant number of families with children and people walking pets on Stonewall Avenue.

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Commenter: Jolie Fredette

Comment: This is a bad idea, I live on Stonewall and find it very difficult to turn right on Ogden much less left at Stonewall. If I want to go to Wannemakers I go to Wilson and turn right. Second the amount of high speed traffic down Stonewall to get to Warren is already high on make it the pinch point is crazy. It is already hard to cross at Prairie Ave now make it the main drive not safe because people are picking up speed after the stop sign a Lee to get to Belmont or wanting to cross to get to Warren to miss the light at Belmont. Lastly Stonewall is a narrow street with ditches on both sides and now your adding more traffic. I oppose this change in closing Wilson and Woodward.

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Commenter: Karen Baltrus

Comment: I live on Stonewall Avenue and if this ordinance is approved Stonewall Avenue will be so unsafe. It literally is somewhat unsafe now as the street is very narrow and when there are a lot of cars parked it is hard to even navigate and get down the street. And with all the home construction that has been going on Stonewall and continues there are so many trucks and construction equipment on the street that is very hazardous to all of us who live on this street and have to navigate through all of this to get to our homes. Please consider the safety of all of us who live on Stonewall if you pass this ordinance and more traffic will occur here with Stonewall being the only entrance into our neighborhood between Belmont and Lee. Thank you.

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Commenter: Nancy Clark

Comment: I have lived on Stonewall for almost 27 years. We moved here from a busier section of the Village for the quiet and the family neighborhood. Stonewall has always been a conduit from Ogden to the tracks since I've lived here. Drivers fly down the hill that begins south of Grant; it is more traffic during rush hours. We've asked for signs or speed bumps but that has never happened. There is a park mid-hill at the intersection where Chicago Ave. would have gone across but was never completed. Hoopers

Hollow is a VERY popular park. Children of all ages play there through the day, and dog walkers are frequent users. Woodward and Wilson also take this kind of traffic. To leave Stonewall as the only pass-through street will aggravate an already dangerous situation. This is a family oriented area with its own culture which will be greatly impacted by the changes proposed. Commercial real estate of the kind proposed will add many more people coming and going to the area. That will present its own issues. There is value to the Village and its residents in NOT developing everything to the full extent that it can be developed. Natural green spaces-and the plants and animals they house-are important to the area and its residents. We do NOT need to place another car dealership or medical building in this area. It would change why many of us have selected this area over the years, for reasons mentioned above. Thank you for your time in considering these comments. Nancy Clark

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Commenter: Kenneth L. Fredette

Comment: Why haven't we been told about this plan sooner. I am hearing this for the first time and I object to this ruling. The street (Stonewall) is too narrow as it is and cars park on both sides making it hard to get down some times. They should have parking signs on one side only. Cutting off Wilson and Woodward would be aggregating when we have to drive out and they're the only streets that give us access to the shops across the street.

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Commenter: Cheryl Hawker

Comment: I have safety and traffic concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan, and would like the Village to reconsider and update this plan.

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Commenter: Lisa Henrickson

Comment: I have significant safety, traffic, and emergency vehicle access concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan. We already have too many cars speeding down Stonewall and Grant Streets, especially during rush hours and I have significant concerns for the safety of our children and our pets if the proposal passes. I walk our dogs every morning and am witness to vehicles speeding and not fully stopping for stop signs. We would never have bought a lot and built on Stonewall if it was the only

residential access from Ogden because of the high amount of traffic that would cause. We based our investment on Stonewall on the relative quiet nature of the street and surrounding areas and do not want to see the value of our investment decreased.

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Commenter: Sandra Schafbuch

Comment: I have safety, traffic, and zoning concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward right-of-way on Wilson and Woodward in the West Ogden Focus Area.

We currently reside at 4324 Stonewall Ave and the Proposed Configuration for Commercial Lot Expansion includes our lot. This, obviously, concerns us in regards to the future of our home. We are also concerned with the increase in traffic on an already fairly busy road if Woodward and Wilson do not have access to Ogden.

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Commenter: Melinda Pieniazek

Comment: As a nearby resident, I respectfully ask the Village Board to consider the direct impact on neighborhood safety and quality of life if the rights-of-way on Wilson and Woodward are vacated. Stonewall Avenue is already hazardous. I'm especially concerned about how this change could impact an already risky stretch of road due to the blind hill. Traffic is already a safety issue in this area, and removing two rights-of-way may funnel even more volume through the one remaining residential street. Currently, stop signs and crosswalks on Stonewall are often ignored—what would be the impact of increased traffic and nearby commercial use? Adding more traffic to this single access point without clear infrastructure improvements raises significant safety concerns.

Moreover, I would appreciate more clarity on what types of commercial zoning are being planned and how those uses would be separated from nearby homes. It's important that we fully understand the long-term implications for property values and neighborhood character.

What traffic studies or pedestrian safety analyses have been conducted to assess the impact of vacating these rights-of-way?

How will the Village ensure adequate emergency vehicle access and response times with the proposed changes?

Respectfully, the neighborhood is opposed to this as evidenced by representation and petition. I support a vote to stop this from happening in our neighborhood.

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Commenter: Mackenzie Lancor

Comment: The comprehensive plan needs mending before it should be even considered to pass further in the system. Tearing down perfectly good small family homes to build MORE commercial spaces on Ogden Ave is beyond ridiculous. There is already too many car dealerships along Ogden, which cause massive traffic jams and safety issues when they unload new cars in the center turn lane of Ogden.

As a young adult, who is actively looking for a place to live that is AFFORDABLE, it's nearly impossible combined with today's economic climate and company's buying single family homes to built massive cookie cutter houses for \$800,000+.

Wilson Ave's access Ogden serves as a direct route to emergency vehicles, diversion route from the Belmont intersection for accidents and allows accessibility for commuters who live in the neighborhood. If the concern is safety turning left, then them into right turn only lanes or put in a light at Stonewall Ave.

Additionally, as someone who will be directly impacted by closing off Wilson Ave, this is the first I'm hearing about this and it is disturbing to think that this town would pass this without consulting the residents WHO IT IMPACTS THE MOST.

Please do not pass this ordinance further. Thank you.

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Commenter: Clay Leonard

Comment: I'm strongly opposed to developments in ORD 2025-10830 that will even further impact the traffic situations near Ogden and Belmont Ave. There is already a problem where commuters attempt to bypass the congestion of Ogden and Belmont by cutting through the neighborhood by heading east on either Prairie or Grant streets, often times speeding or in a commuting rush. The development plan would negatively impact an already dangerous situation. As such, I'm strongly opposed development with ORD 2025-10830

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Commenter: Lisa Brooks

Comment: I have safety concerns with the Village vacating the Woodward and Wilson rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic on Stonewall Avenue that will be put at risk if this plan goes through. Increasing the amount of cars driving down our street will increase the risk of an accident happening. Many people cross the road to go to and from Hoopers Hollow

with their children and walking their dogs. It is a beautiful street with a winding hill, but that hill can be very dangerous for both cars and pedestrians if people are not careful.

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Commenter: Kathryn OBrien

Comment: I significantly urge you to turn down the long range plan proposal. As a homeowner whose property is in the consolidation proposal on Wilson Avenue, I have a major concern with this. We just significantly invested in our home to be here with our children for the long term so to see that it is slotted for commercial property is very alarming.

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Commenter: Bonnie Grimm and Dennis Grimm

Comment: Important SAFETY concerns! If Wilson and Woodward are closed, and Grant opened through to Lee Street, this will cause access problems for emergency vehicles. It will cause increased traffic on Stonewall Ave. This will multiply the safety hazards due to the steep hill on Stonewall Ave. which is already a safety issue with just current resident traffic!

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Commenter: Leona Skerrett

Comment: I have traffic, safety and emergency vehicle concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus area of the Comprehensive Village Plan. What is included in the Comprehensive Village plan to manage neighborhood traffic overflow and pedestrian safety? There is a blind hill on Stonewall that makes it difficult and obstructs the view of traffic. I have also had the recent experience where I could not turn on Stonewall from Prairie due to all the cars parked on both sides of the street, thru traffic was choked between Prairie and Chicago. I had to wait several minutes for traffic to clear and in the mean time I had to pull over on Prairie so traffic could get through on that street before I can turn on to Stonewall. Closing off Woodward and Wilson will contribute to additional traffic on Stonewall and compound these issues. My concern is with emergency vehicle traffic being able to get through when needed.

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Commenter: Vikki Palshmitas

Comment: I strongly oppose the proposed changes to Stonewall Avenue under Ordinance 2025-10830 B. Vacating the rights-of-way on Wilson and Woodward and funneling all traffic onto Stonewall will create significant safety and quality-of-life issues for our neighborhood.

This plan will:

Dramatically increase traffic congestion on Stonewall Avenue.

Create safety hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and children.

Limit emergency access if Wilson and Woodward are blocked.

Reduce connectivity to Ogden Avenue, effectively trapping local traffic on fewer streets.

I urge the Village Council to reject this ordinance.

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Commenter: David Rose

Comment: The relative insignificance and timidity action items vis-a-vis environmental sustainability in the Plan's implementation matrix speaks volumes about the village council's and village residents' ongoing lack of understanding of the issue and what needs to be done to deal with it.

Which begs the obvious question: what did Guiding DG process really accomplish in that regard?

As I predicted and for which I was censored even before the process got very far along, the consultants were going to do little to move DG forward on the matter of ecological sustainability. And they didn't. Which is precisely what VC wanted.

Because nothing can question or interfere with VC's push for ever more population and economic growth.

Of course, when VC's and DG's preference is to stay decades behind the leaders, what else should one expect?

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Commenter: Michael Skerrett

Comment: As a Downers Grove resident residing on Stonewall Ave. I have safety concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan. Stonewall avenue has a blind curve hill adjacent to Hoopers Hollow park along with 2 pedestrian crossings in the middle of the street. Why were the residents of the streets to be affected in this proposed plan not notified directly? This plan to increase tax coffers jeopardizes public safety directly in my neighborhood. Increased vehicle traffic on Stonewall is not acceptable. Residents going to the park, dog walkers from the Humane Society, and kids walking to school and playing on Stonewall would all be adversely impacted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Commenter: David Rose

Comment: Regarding VC's discussion of public input:

Where is the discussion of VC's abuse of power ...

when it punishes the public by moving public comment to the end of the meeting as happened during the Longfellow fiasco?

when it prevents an individual from speaking at the length required to explain a topic fully, as the now departed little Napoleon did while CC pro tem when Marshall Schmitt had to appear at multiple meetings in order to explain the fallacious logic of VC's claim for changing ordinance language during the Longfellow fiasco?

Where is the discussion of VC's willingness to allow the minutes of VC meetings to whitewash comments critical of VC rather than relating the essence of such comments?

Where is discussion of what grounds an e remark may be censored and by whom, as happened to a remark I submitted?

Where is the discussion of why meeting minutes do NOT included even a listing of names and topics of people who submit e-remarks? Without that inclusion, searching

for e-remarks is all but impossible because the search mechanism does not search remarks.

Where is the discussion of the procedures of Coffee with the Council, including public record of the meeting? The one I attended during the Longfellow fiasco suggested to me VC members have little political courage to face constituents in such a setting and offer little in the way of useful dialogue.

Congrats on recognizing the sterility of 'no response' to those people asking questions at meetings. Given they asked the question in public, where is the discussion of how to respond to the question in public?

If VC doesn't want to respond immediately, consider including a response as an appendix to the minutes of the meeting. Thereby making it available both to the questioner and others interesting in hearing the answer.

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Commenter: David Rose

Comment: Comment on partner organizations

Nothing exposes the emptiness of the word 'partner' than VC's failure to identify the nature of the partnership in every single case.

VC's discussion at the last meeting affirms the meaninglessness of the word as VC uses it in this context.

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Commenter: David Rose

Comment: ECC minutes

As of 04 August 2025, the agenda for ECC's Jul meeting failed to show minutes of its previous meeting.

What gives?

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Commenter: Brent Rhodes

Comment: Against the rezoning of residential and closing off Wilson street

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Commenter: Megan Rhodes

Comment: Against the comprehensive plan for Wilson and Ogden

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Commenter: Deanna Loperena

Comment: I have safety concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan. Stonewall is already very heavy trafficked especially because of the humane society and car dealership, there have been multiple instances of speeding cars blowing past Grant. Between Grant and Stonewall there is only one side sidewalk and constant speeding cars with children at play. Increasing traffic is reckless in an already pressed area.

In addition, we have had an increase of random traffic on the street and at our home front doors, I worry that blocking off the other streets would increase vulnerability to this street.

As a new mom and watching the other kids at play between Grant and Ogden on Stonewall and having seen some close calls with traffic I cannot support this, it would be extremely detrimental to our families, our homes and our peace of mind.

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Commenter: Carolyn Murphy

Comment: It's come to my attention the village's comprehensive plan entails expanding the commercial corridor along Ogden Avenue east of Belmont. This would significantly and detrimentally effect the neighborhood just south of Ogden by funneling traffic along only Grant and Stonewall Avenues. I live at the corner of Grant and Wilson. Currently Grant, Wilson, Woodward and Stonewall see a significant amount of neighborhood, delivery and commuter traffic in this area all throughout the day. Limiting entrance and exits to only Belmont and Ogden will increase traffic, increase noise, increase accidents and increase dangers. Driver turning left at these spots both have limited visibility especially at rush hours. I'm concerned about emergency services Will have less access to this neighborhood. I'm utterly frustrated the village has not made any attempts to contact any homeowners in this area who will be impacted by these changes. Why are commercial interests being put ahead of residents who have lived here 25, 30, 40

years? Why has a traffic study not been completed to show the impacts of these changes? It sure seems the village has not done due diligence in contacting all effected residents. I'd like the Village Council to pause voting on this comprehensive plan. Think it through more thoroughly. Hear from your residents before moving forward.

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Commenter: Jaime Symowicz

Comment: I would like to voice my concern about the following components of ORD 2025-10830 B. Ordinance (Updating the Village's Comprehensive Plan): the redevelopment plans and opportunities proposed for the West Ogden Avenue and Belmont Road Focus Areas. While I support keeping Downers Grove livable and economically and environmentally sustainable, I do not support displacing existing homes, businesses, and industries to accomplish this plan. The proposed plans for West Ogden Ave and Belmont Rd imply this will happen for some opportunities while also increasing traffic and congestion in the area and threatening both driver and pedestrian safety.

I am also very disappointed that the outreach and engagement efforts described in the comprehensive plan document to inform residents failed to reach me, either in-person or via social media. More needs to be done to ensure all residents of Downers Grove are adequately informed about these plans going forward.

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Commenter: Mary Kedzior

Comment: I've lived at 4938 Stonewall for 40 years. I feel that blocking Ogden access from both Woodward and Wilson will increase traffic on Stonewall since it will then be the first option east of Belmont that goes from Ogden to Warren. Stonewall Ave has the smallest width of any street I've seen in DG. An Amazon truck on one side and a landscaper on the other will block anyone from getting through. Not to mention trying to get down the street during construction on all the new homes or if someone is having a party. Garbage day is also dicey. But we're all used to that. Not sure we can get used to that plus all the additional traffic up and down our street due to this plan. Plus this plan looks like it will even block access to my dentist from Wilson (I'd have to use Ogden).

Thanks,

Mary Kedzior

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Commenter: Jaclyn Lytle

Comment: "How do you plan to manage traffic on Stonewall? It is a street with a blind hill that poses severe safety concerns for pedestrians. Additionally, there are multiple houses under construction, which causes traffic blocks as it is given the limited width of the street."

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Commenter: Laura Musgraves

Comment: I've been a resident of Downers Grove for 24 years and a resident of Stonewall Avenue for the past 8 years. Please reconsider the development plan that would funnel traffic from Ogden to Belmont through Stonewall Avenue as the only access to these busy streets. I strongly oppose this aspect of the plan. It would turn our quiet neighborhood into a busy thoroughfare. Additionally, there are 3 traffic elements that would make Stonewall a poor choice as the main access street. One, the stop sign at Grant and Stonewall that may create traffic bottlenecks with a large volume of cars (lest the Village consider making it a stoplight, which would be even worse!) Two, there are TWO pedestrian walkways on Stonewall; one at Hoopers Hollow and another north of it. Drivers must be very careful to watch for pedestrian traffic across these walkways and people who do not live in the neighborhood are not likely to be as alert to pedestrians. Many pedestrians are families with children and strollers going to the park, and people walking their dogs. This is not a good scenario with drivers rushing to the Belmont train station, or for whatever reason. Why not consider Woodward Avenue which is already striped for two lanes? Please scrap this redevelopment plan or choose another access street. I strongly oppose this part of Ord. 2025-10830B and I support my fellow residents on Tuesday evening who will be at the Village Hall to oppose it in person!!

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Commenter: Kristin Kerstens

Comment: I've been a resident at my current location for almost two years and am just hearing about the significant changes proposed to my street and neighborhood last night. With the proposal to block off Wilson Street at Ogden, I have concerns related to emergency vehicle access as well as delivery truck access/turn-around. I did not have enough time to review all 165 pages of the proposed document thoroughly; however, I'm curious why an attempt to contact the impacted residences directly was not made so we could be treated as stakeholders and weigh in on this process. I appreciate the

Village's efforts to update and modernize the community. Still, I wish we had been contacted through the mail or by a flyer placed on our door, allowing us time to review, weigh in, and gain a better understanding of the opportunities and impacts.

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Commenter: K. Promenschenkel

Comment: I have safety and traffic concerns with the village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan.

What is included in the Comprehensive Village plan to manage neighborhood traffic overflow or pedestrian safety concerns on the 1 remaining residential street (Stonewall Avenue) if the Village vacates the rights-of-way on Wilson and Woodward in the West Ogden Focus Area?

One reason I purchased my home on Stonewall Avenue is because of the quiet, low traffic street and safe neighborhood. By vacating the rights-of-way on Wilson and Woodward, I'm very concerned about funneling all residential and thru traffic on my street. Please reconsider these plans.

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Commenter: Nicole Mattson

Comment: We have (safety, traffic, emergency vehicle access or other) concerns with the Village vacating Wilson and Woodward rights-of-way in the West Ogden Focus Area of the Comprehensive Village Plan.

Keep in mind Wilson & Woodward are used often by those who try & avoid the Belmont/Ogden light. The concern is great for the traffic flow on Stonewall by cutting the other streets off.

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Commenter: Whitney Hiserodt

Comment: Adding medians to Ogden Avenue will negatively impact the residents of Downers Grove. First, it will inhibit Downers Grove residents from turning left from side streets onto Ogden Ave. Traffic will significantly increase at the already congested intersections of Belmont road and Ogden Ave, Main Street and Ogden Ave, and Fairview Ave and Ogden Ave. Second, it will reduce access to businesses on both sides Ogden Avenue because cars will no longer be able to use a middle lane to access

those businesses. Lower business revenue will result in a loss of tax dollars to Downers Grove.

Additionally, removing the intersections along Ogden Ave between Belmont Rd and Stonewall Ave for development will not only add to the congestion at Belmont Rd and Ogden Ave, but it will also significantly increase traffic on Stonewall Ave, which borders the Hoopers Hollow park. This will increase the risk to children's safety who cross Stonewall Ave to access Hoopers Hollow park.

How do you plan to address the significant increases in traffic at the three main intersections on Ogden Ave (Belmont Ave, Main St, and Fairview Ave) and on Stonewall Ave that will be created by adding medians along Ogden Ave and developing the intersections between Belmont Ave and Stonewall Ave?