



rRemarks Data for March 3, 2026 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section & Item: First Reading - ORD 2026-11149 H. Ordinance: Authorizing a Special Use for 5112-5120 Forest Avenue and a Portion of 1108-1114 Curtiss Street to Permit Construction of a Mixed-Use, 6-Unit Apartment and Commercial Building

Commenter: Whitney Bruni 1105 Curtiss St

Comment: This project has been a long time coming and will enhance the appearance of that block on Forest. Most of those houses were not being kept at the level Downers Grove should expect. I have worked with the builder in the past and he does beautiful work in a professional and timely manner. I fully support this project.

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Commenter: Matt Hanssel 1129 Curtiss St

Comment: We are in support of the Forest Point project, and the necessary zoning changes, and easements required.

Agenda Section & Item: Comments of a General Nature

Commenter: David Rose

Comment: Comment on 'tradition' of pledging allegiance to start VC meeting and the US attack on Iran

Given the flouting of the US Constitution by the current federal administration, what is the assembly pledging allegiance to these days?

If it is pledging allegiance to something that used to be, what is it doing to bring that something back?

In that regard, I would note for anyone wondering why the US has now attacked Iran (again) flouting the Constitution (again), Michael Hudson has a very concise explanation here:

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2026/03/02/the-us-israeli-attack-was-to-prevent-peace-not-advance-it/>

As I have pointed out to VC repeatedly, "it's about the US imperialism, stupid." (See many of my previous e-remarks and public comments.)
Iran is a/the pivotal nation in the rise of BRICS and the effort by the poor nations of the world to resist being exploited by the rich nations of the world, led by the US.
The world to which DG has grown accustomed ended last weekend.
Life in DG is about to change bigly.
Which means you should pray the fighting does not include dropping of nukes.
Because absolutely no one is ready for the impact of that kind of and rapid a change.
Delusions of members of the Epstein class to survive nuke war notwithstanding.

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Commenter: David Rose

Comment: Comment on the library news.

Good to hear a new director is coming soon.

Not so good to hear the library is sponsoring an exhibit on "Americans and the Holocaust".

Why not?

Besides the obvious dubious timing, in light of the duplicitous, unprovoked attack by Israel and the US on Iran (see my comment above). I wonder if the exhibit is part of the known Zionist effort in the US to negate the falling support among young people in the US for Israel's genocide of the Palestinians and its other flouting of international law.

That is, is the exhibit simply an effort (to adulterate Jesse Jackson's famous charge to "keep hope alive") to keep guilt alive?

Guilt having proven to be a useful foundation for rationalizing/turning a blind eye to/aiding and abetting Israel's holocaust of Palestinians.

Apparently, being the object of depraved behavior does not preclude one from being the subject engaging in depraved behavior.

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Commenter: Chris West

Comment: RE: Forest Pointe development

To Village Council:

I am a nearby resident of the proposed Forest Pointe development currently residing on Curtiss St less than a half block west of the proposed development.

I am in support of the project as I believe it will help create an attractive endcap to the street/sidewalk frontage on Forest Ave spanning between Curtiss St and Gilbert Ave opposite the Library and facing other downtown businesses which I believe will help better frame the downtown district while also upgrading and unifying the current overall appearance versus the existing noncohesive unoccupied former homes and businesses that have been in a very serious state of disrepair for an extended time period.

I believe the overall height, scale and density of the proposed 3-story mixed-use building is appropriate for the space based upon the proposed plans and renderings which is both shorter and less dense than both of the adjacent 4 to 5 story multifamily buildings located immediately west and north of the site.

The proposed renderings and sample materials that were presented at a neighborhood open house that the Developer conducted to address any possible concerns as well as the subsequent zoning meeting portray high quality finishes that are used in many current buildings in the downtown district and nearby high-end residences (i.e., the vintage red brick and limestone).

My only additional comments for the Developer and City to consider when approving project include:

- Consider adding some crosswalk signage/controls (i.e., with blinking lights) at the intersection of Gilbert St and Forest Ave to warn drivers of pedestrians crossing Forest Ave.
- Request that the Village and/or Developer place some operating hour restrictions on the future restaurant user operating the "outdoor patio" endcap relative to curtailing any late evening noise for nearby residents (i.e., 10 pm)
- Request that Developer consider incorporating some additional glass on the 2nd and 3rd stories of the southernmost bay on the southwest elevation which faces the adjacent multifamily building and also serves as the view for pedestrians walking east toward the downtown district which will help soften the expanse of the full height brick wall at the upper levels.
- Request that the approvals require an expedited clearing of the site to eliminate the unsafe and unsightly former homes/businesses.

Appreciate your consideration of the above in approving the project.

Sincerely,

Chris West

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Commenter: Concerned Citizen

Comment: This comment is regarding the discussion of boards and commissions and the role of liaison as it relates to Library Trustee appointments. When Commissioner Roe, the library liaison, gave the library update during his comments at the 2/17 meeting it came across as the library board making requests of the village council (VC) regarding appointments. Roe indicated they want VC to defer filling the open spot and replacement of Trustee Humphreys until May AFTER the new director starts. He also said they want the VC to expedite the extension of Trustee Khuntia's term; which was already extended last year by +1; having been appointed under the old 6 year term limit she will have 7 years in August 2026, and adding just 1 more year will equate to her serving 2 terms of the new 4 year length. All of these scenarios happening at the same time is the result the village 'kicking the can' on making appointments. The previous rumor was appointments would be made after the director selection; now they want to push appointments to coincide with the May LBOT meeting. I thought I heard Commissioner Gilmartin mention being careful that the boards aren't giving council 'marching orders' via the liaison during discussion of this topic on 2/17. I also recall that Commissioner Hose mentioned making sure the village council stays in control of the appointment process at the second joint meeting last February. Seems like this needs to be evaluated.

Agenda Section & Item: Active - RES 2026-11142 C. Resolution: Approving a Master License Agreement with Ripple Fiber Illinois, LLC for Use of Village Rights-of-Way for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of an Underground Fiber Optics Telecommunications System

Commenter: Karen Schmidt

Comment: Can the village council clarify whether each fiber vendor will be doing the same process as Ezee Fiber just did on our block; meaning will there be another access hole in our parkway? After seeing the process to push the fiber path underground I would think it's likely there will be trouble starting another fiber path. I have been fine with the Ezee Fiber work and am an early subscriber for the service however I was surprised to hear another company Ripple looking for approval. Please get clarification how these will overlap and what problems have they had installing as a second option if they go into an area that's up on another fiber network (like Ezee Fiber).