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Timestamp: 4/10/2026 2:18:12 PM

Name: Jon Frier

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: You let staff run this public art program and they recommend a consultant? What a waste of an opportunity. And, you pick an out-of-state consultant to boot? Page 34 of your report states that "Sculpture Milwaukee's #1 priority is TO ENRICH MILWAUKEE." Read it for yourself. ENRICH MILWAUKEE. With our taxpayer money. How shameful.

Not to mention you have missed the massive opportunity with the Macho Man statue. Is anybody going to come to see the 'bought' art that this out-of-state consultant is going to recommend? No. They won't.

You listed criteria. And, you let staff go rogue and outsource the whole thing to an organization that is SOLELY FOCUSED on another community. Can we get some of that Milwaukee Taxpayer money to come to Downers Grove? Would be nice, wouldn't it?

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Name: Lisa Everett

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Village Council - You need to ask yourself this question: What would Linda do?

The answer: She'd want the Macho Man Statue. Not some generic consultancy-selected art for our downtown.

Why? Because Macho Man would deliver on the one thing Linda dedicated her life and career to: making Downtown Downers Grove world-class and a destination.

#WWLD?

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Name: Downers Taxpayer

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Enrich Milwaukee???? Are you kidding me? You can't be serious. In a public bidding document, you are sending our taxpayer money out of state to an organization that was bold enough to list in their proposal that their #1 goal is to enrich another town? Stop the madness. They couldn't be bothered to lie to you about what they really want to do.

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Name: Kyle Papanikolas

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Randy Savage is a DG icon a deserves a statue. Make it happen!!!

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Name: Tara Cox

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Please reconsider the Macho Monument.

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Name: Matt Dusza

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: A total bad faith move, that shows that the village and it's board does not respect its citizens, lacks passion in its ideas, and isn't even financially savvy. A very very bad look for a group that can't bring people together at tough times. Local pride is on the line and it's sad to think that this can be ignored by those in charge or to think it's a joke

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Name: Bill Gilbert

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Not sure exactly what the issue is. Kenosha is about to install a bronze statue of Al from Hapoy Days. The Fonz statue adorns the river walk in Milwaukee. There are other

statues throughout our nations towns paying homage to local heroes. There are more reasons to have the statue than the only reason not to put this art piece in place (money). I stand with the Macho Monument movement to place this statue in Downers Grove.

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Name: Sean Hynes

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

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Comment: I grew up in Downers Grove, Lived there for 20yrs, still live in DuPage County. Very disappointing to see a Milwaukee company being considered for this, but even more disappointing is this seems to be a rejection of the proposal for the Macho Man statue honoring one of Downers Grove's most famous residents.this proposal should and must be reconsidered, there has been so much work and effort and love put into this project and would be a major tourist attraction to the downtown area with commitments from The Randy Savage/Poffo estate for a special exhibition at the Library. Please do NOT pass on this wonderful opportunity. Milwaukee has there Fonzi statue, please give Downers Grove a Macho Man statue!

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Name: Patrick Van De Walle

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: I am wondering why the committee is choosing to contract with a company from Milwaukee to create “public art” versus a well researched and thought through project for a sculpture of DG legend and former resident Randy Poffo, aka Macho Man Randy Savage. It appears that the Milwaukee project will cost significantly more to taxpayers than the Macho Man statue, while choosing to ignore a unique member of DG who had a

positive impact on hundreds of thousands of people nation-wide. It's disappointing because I know the research and effort the Macho Monument group put forth and they have worked tirelessly to garner support. To outsource a more expensive and less creative project for public art makes little sense to me, and I am opposed to this plan.

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Name: Mason kivler

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

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Comment: This is way better then what your trying to put instead of a glorious statue of your local icon

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Name: Kevin Moses

Address: 5436 Fairmount Avenue

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: I am writing this note to ask the Downers Grove Village Board to strongly reconsider the decision on the public art project. I am a loyal Downers Grove resident and a dedicated Board member of Local Legends DG, aka the Macho Monument Movement.

I was born and raised in the south suburbs of Chicago. My wife and I moved to Downers Grove in 2012 and have since raised our 10 year old twins here. We truly believe this is one of the greatest towns in America that is only getting better and we are proud to call Downers Grove our home.

We live in Randall Park and our family frequently walks to the downtown area. We feel blessed to have this great neighborhood and have been proud of all the growth the downtown area has seen.

I have been honored to be a part of the Macho Monument Movement. We believe building this statue will be the perfect addition to the downtown area. It will perfectly represent all that is great about Downers Grove and attract new visitors to our wonderful community. It will honor a true local legend who helped make this town a better place. Additionally, it will be the centerpiece of an even greater mission. Our organization plans to build continued momentum around this movement with events and fundraising to draw attention to our town and support future local legends.

We ask that you truly reconsider the decision to use Sculpture Milwaukee for the public art project. Not only does this choice cost our taxpayers additional money, it supports art that will just fade into the background in our community. In contrast, our statue will add a beautiful touch to make our downtown area even better. Better yet, it is being driven by 4 dedicated Downers Grove residents and is supported by an overwhelming amount of supporters from our town and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Jonathan Nicholson

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: I think it's a shame that the village is so shortsighted that they cannot see the benefit of creating a statue to celebrate a local legend. Creating a Randy statue offers significant benefits to our village, including increased tourism, stronger community identity, and enhanced social engagement.

Strengthening Community identity and pride for Randy honors a shared history and a sense of belonging among residents. It keeps local legends alive, acting as a "living" history book and creates a gathering spot that connects people across generations.

Unique monuments such as this attract visitors, who then spend money at local businesses. It's disappointing that this village is willing to spend taxpayer dollars to a group

in Milwaukee rather than doing something local. This Community and Macho Man fans worldwide deserve better.

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Name: Elizabeth Stimes

Address: 5214 Cumnor Rd Downers Grove IL 60515

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: Comments of a General Nature

Comment: It's very upsetting the village is considering not only an out of town/out of state sculpture artist but is considering no Randy sculpture at all.

This movement has been nothing but positive and united local democrats and republicans in our community. Kevin has worked diligently on this for the outcome to be something positive and special to Downers Grove.

Please reconsider this. Picking an out of town/state artist to make a completely different sculpture is dismissive and tone deaf.

Thank you!

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Name: Sam

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Why allocate additional funding for a project from Milwaukee when we have an opportunity to celebrate a local icon here in our own community? Erecting a statue of Randy Savage, widely known as "Macho Man," would serve as a significant cultural and economic asset. As a world champion with a global fan base, his legacy has the potential to attract visitors from across the country and around the world, benefiting our local restaurants, businesses, and tourism industry.

Moreover, Randy Savage is a distinguished graduate of Downers Grove North High School (DGN), making him one of the most notable alumni in the school's history. Honoring his achievements with a statue would not only recognize his contributions to professional wrestling but also instill a sense of pride within the community..

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Name: Andrea Micko

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: As a lifelong resident of Downers Grove, I implore you to reconsider your rejection of the Macho Man Monument. Not only would it be a source of pride for residents like myself, it could become a destination for wrestling and art enthusiasts alike. Everyone who lives in Downers Grove knows that it is special here. We deserve special art that honors our heritage, is unique to our history, and brings more people to our beautiful town so they may experience all we have to offer. With the added offer from the Poffo estate to display historic collectibles at the library, we have an opportunity as a village to really showcase our legacy and town pride. It feels like the Macho Man Monument is a no-brainer, not to mention the fact that it would save the taxpayers significant cost compared to the other leading proposals. Please do not curse our unparalleled home town with art that could be found anywhere. Downers Grove is more important than that and deserves better.

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Name: Michelle Lytle

Address: 4709 Middaugh Ave

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: We should be considering a local option and putting up the macho man statue

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Name: Allen Dougherty

Address: 4616 Oakwood Ave

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: As a resident of the Village I am appalled by the decision to deny the residents of Downers the ability to honor one of our home town heroes his place of honor. Shame on this council for overspending on an out of state group.

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Name: A K

Address: Woodridge

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

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Comment: Keep it local and bring Randy home!

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Name: Aaron Jakes

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

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Comment: I'm writing to ask the Board to reconsider the contract for MOT 2026-11205. As the creator of TheMachoverse, the top Macho Man tribute on social media, I see the massive demand for a proper Randy Savage memorial every day. Randy is one of the most

famous residents in the history of Downers Grove, having even played baseball there in his youth. His legacy is legendary, and a statue in his hometown would be a major point of pride for locals and a huge draw for tourism.

It is surprising to see the Village choose a general art exhibit from an out-of-state organization in Milwaukee over a local proposal that is specifically designed to honor a hometown hero. The local plan saves the community a significant amount of money and meets every requirement the Village set. Even my own hometown in Dutchess County, New York, has an official Macho Man Day to celebrate him[for his debut in the area], so it would be even more amazing to see his actual home village lead the way with a permanent statue.

With a world-class sculptor and a memorabilia exhibit at the library ready to go, the local team offers a plan with deep roots and more heart. I hope you'll take a second look and choose the local path that best serves the residents and honors Randy's incredible legacy.

Thank you for your consideration!

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Name: John

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: This town deserves this statue & should not be of peoples taxes.

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Name: Bdillon

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Yes please we need to have a randy macho man statue

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Name: Joseph

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: So instead of listening to people who live in downers, and paying tribute to someone (Randy Savage) who grew up in downers, you are outsourcing an art project to a group from Milwaukee? Shame on you all, you wouldn't even be considering this if you weren't trying to stop a statue of an actual DG citizen from being erected. Get a life and enjoy it a little.

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Name: James Mullins

Address: Don't miss this incredible opportunity to celebrate your community and stand out

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: Comments of a General Nature

Comment:

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Name: Drew Hansen

Address: 210 8th St Downers Grove

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: I have been a resident of Downers Grove for 37 years, and I care deeply about the character and identity of our community. This decision represents a rare opportunity for

our village to do something truly distinctive, and I respectfully believe we are missing the mark.

Across the suburbs, nearly every downtown has pursued similar “beautification” efforts by installing generic art pieces. While well-intentioned, many of these installations blend together and fail to create a meaningful or memorable identity. Downers Grove has an opportunity to stand apart, not blend in.

The proposed Sculpture Milwaukee piece may check traditional boxes, but it does not create a reason for people to visit, engage, or take pride in something uniquely ours. In contrast, a statue of Randy “Macho Man” Savage offers something different. It is recognizable, fun, and rooted in a story that connects to our community. It would draw attention, create conversation, and bring people to our downtown. People would take photos with it, share it, and travel to see it. That is something most suburban art installations simply do not achieve.

This is not just about a statue. It is about choosing whether Downers Grove wants to follow a trend or set itself apart. We have an opportunity to create something memorable, something that reflects personality, pride, and a willingness to be bold.

I respectfully ask the Village to reconsider this decision and take a second look at a proposal that offers not only cost savings, but also a stronger sense of identity and community engagement.

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Name: Stephen Rauch

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: To the Downers Grove Village Council,

I am submitting this public comment to formally object to the decision to reject the Randy Savage statue proposal and instead fund an unrelated public art installation at greater expense to taxpayers.

I raise three specific concerns I hope the Council will address:

1. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY The approved project costs more than the rejected proposal. When two options are under consideration and one carries a higher price tag, the burden of justification should be high. Residents deserve to understand what additional value is being delivered in exchange for the additional expenditure.

2. COMMUNITY RELEVANCE Randy Savage has a documented connection to the Downers Grove area. Public art funded by local taxpayers should, as a matter of policy, prioritize subjects and themes that reflect our community's unique history and identity. The approved installation, by contrast, has no apparent connection to Downers Grove. This sets a troubling precedent for how public art decisions are made in our village.

3. PUBLIC INPUT I would ask whether residents had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on this decision before it was finalized, and whether the criteria used to evaluate the two proposals have been made publicly available.

I respectfully request that the Council revisit this decision and establish clear, transparent criteria for future public art selections, criteria that center community identity and fiscal responsibility equally.

Respectfully submitted,

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Name: Ellyn Connelly

Address: Saratoga

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Honor our most famous citizen..and contract it locally!!

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Name: Rebecca adelman

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Please reconsider. Randy Savage is a DG legend who has earned his spot

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Name: Scott Hollmeyer

Address: 6235 Springside Avenue

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: To the Mayor and Village Board:

In the past few months and years, a movement by local citizens to honor Randy Podfo, aka "Macho Man" Randy Savage with a statue in the village has been met with some sideways smiles, a few chuckles, but mostly support from the community as we look to honor arguably the most famous person to reside and be educated in this community.

With the discussion of public art displays of the governing body of this village must consider local efforts and local tax dollars on this for this "Macho Man" statue to be decided before putting money into outside hands.

In pro wrestling the outcome was predetermined as the result of the match. PLEASE let this one play out fairly. Let the cream of local interests rise to the top.

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Name: Elizabeth Majerczyk

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: To the Village of Downers Grove Officials,

I'm writing to share a unique idea for our downtown—one that blends local pride, community identity, and a bit of fun: the installation of a “Macho Man” statue.

At first glance, this might sound unconventional, but public art has long been a way for communities to express personality, attract visitors, and create memorable landmarks. A bold, larger-than-life “Macho Man” statue could become exactly that for Downers Grove—a recognizable, conversation-starting centerpiece that draws people in, encourages photos, and supports local businesses through increased foot traffic.

However, just as important as the idea itself is how it's brought to life. I strongly believe that if this project moves forward, it should be designed and built by a local or Illinois-based artist or company—not an outside firm from Milwaukee. Keeping the project local ensures that:

- The design reflects the character and values of Downers Grove, not an outsider's interpretation
- Local artists and businesses benefit economically from the project
- Community members can feel a sense of ownership and pride in the final result
- Collaboration and input from residents is more accessible and meaningful

Downers Grove has a strong sense of community, and projects like this should reinforce that—not outsource it. Supporting local talent also sends a message that we invest in our own people and creativity.

This idea has the potential to be both lighthearted and impactful—a symbol that sets our downtown apart while strengthening local engagement. I hope you'll consider not only the concept, but also the importance of keeping its creation rooted in our own community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Majerczyk

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Name: Mike Gelsinon

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: I'm disappointed that a group from Milwaukee, a state home to anti-Bears sentiment & overrated dairy, would win this bid over a statue to Macho Man Randy Savage. Macho Man was not only a talented wrestler but was an incredibly kind human being. While he was all antics in the ring, he was humble & accepting outside of the ring. I would like the Village to reconsider to support a local artist for this project and to given Mr. Savage his long overdue and awaited statue.

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Name: Jacob Garland

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

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Name: Brian Mavraganes

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Why pick an out of state company and not do something fun that people can relate to? Macho man statue would be a far better option than some random piece of art. And for people of all ages

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Name: Amy Anderson

Address: 439 Davis Street

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: As a lifelong resident of Downers Grove I know that our history is one of the things that makes our community a community. You don't have to look far to see the people who built this town on street signs and parks all around the village.

I oppose going outside of our community to provide art. If we are going to have art installments they should also reflect local people. I also would love to see the Randy Savage statue brought to life. I know in meetings you discussed how the art would need to be fluid and changeable with the times but the Macho Man statue could be something that is permanent. My family has traveled all over and in our travels we have sought out things like this, just to say we've seen them. Even going to Switzerland, a highlight of my teen daughters was seeing the Frankenstein statue in Geneva. Randy Savage is a memorable person from Downers Grove and people may come here just to see his statue. We've had leaders who previously named things for founders and more recent leaders naming buildings and plazas after more recent honored residents. Let's give them something to talk

about and honor a DG icon. Something recognizable to everyone, something no one can really oppose, something to show our community pride. Thank you.

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Name: Matthew Cummings

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Why are we commissioning a boring sculpture form out of state. Downers Grove has a rich history and the Randy Savage statue would represent our great residents as well as bring in visitors from outside the village. The council is wasting an opportunity to put Downers Grove in the spotlight regionally and nationally.

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Name: Joseph Kortenkamp

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

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Comment: I think denying the Randy Savage monument proposal is extremely short sighted. Overlooking that in favor of a much more expensive art installation from an out of state company is denying the towns obvious interest in celebrating the most famous and celebrated person of this town and a high school alumni.

I am not a resident of Downers Grove, but I visit the area on a regular basis.

I think it's a huge missed opportunity to bring in outside money from people who would inevitably travel to visit this statue. I know I would. Please reconsider and listen to your community.

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Name: Robbie

Address: Woodridge

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: I disagree with the Village to approve an out of town contractors to be the ones who gets this contract. It should go to a local artist! And approve the Macho Man Statue in front of the High School.

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Name: Matt Martino

Address: 4816 Middaugh Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: Active - MOT 2026-11078 G. Motion: Approving an Agreement with Landmark Contractors, Inc. for the Downtown Business District Flexible Amenity Areas Project

Comment:

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Name: Brandon Sizelove

Address: 6144 west 59th St Chicago IL 60638

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

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Comment: Why install random art? When you can champion a home grown Downers Grover! Inspire the next generations that someone who grows up in Downers Grove can grow up to do anything!!

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Name: Melissa Rose

Address: 2160 Midhurst Rd

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Please reconsider the statue of Macho Man Randy Savage. The proposal for this statue aligned with all requirements of the DG Board and would actually save residents almost \$90,000. Additionally, given that Randy's estate has offered to lend a 6 month exhibit of memorabilia to be displayed at the DG Public Library, this could bring people and income from outside DG to the downtown area. There are so many people in DG who want to see one of their own honored.

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Name: Denise Wawrzyniak

Address: 6121 Leonard Ave.

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Thank you for NOT approving the Randy Savage statue. Please don't listen to the vocal few that are pushing for it. Not everyone wants a statue of toxic masculinity in our town. Besides, in a few years, nobody will know who he is.

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Name: Daniel Hintz

Address: 4600 wilson ave

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Please reconsider the Randy Savage, a DGN grad, as the correct proposal for an art exhibit. It will bring in tourism and will be great for the village

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Name: bob hroma

Address: 7021 plymouth rd

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Why Milwaukee and why so much extra money? You folks spend other people's money like you dont care. I have lived in DG for over 25 years and it drives me crazy how much we spend on this type of thing. Why not Macho Man? Why do we need a statue at all there?

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 5:42:21 PM

Name: Jennifer Sitton

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I want to give a message of support for the Milwaukee art sculpture and against Macho Man.

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Name: chris

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: no

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 5:50:24 PM

Name: Karyn Bossenga

Address: 2118 Oxnard Dr

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I do NOT want a statue of a WWE Wrestler to be built in Downers Grove. He was recorded slapping a woman across the face (not in the WWE script). He was very controlling with his wife/manager. In addition, the organization he represented (WWE) was very controversial including sexual assault and sex trafficking. I fully support a community art installation rather than anything to do with a man who spent a his high school career in DG then left. He didn't contribute to DG in any meaningful way.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 5:53:00 PM

Name: Tom Nybo

Address: 6001 Pershing Ave Downers Grove

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I have been in Downers Grove all of my entire life. We need to recognize our history and most recognized person. If council cannot agree, this should be available for the people to vote on in November. A statue of Randy would be something special for our community. I know by little boys love knowing Randy grew up here. We have something special and we should make this happen either by the train station or

Doerhoefer Park were he started his legendary life.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 6:00:43 PM

Name: Cadence Micko

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: As someone who lived in Downers Grove all her life and who also works on Main street, I would like to ask that you reconsider your decision about the public art you are set to approve on Tuesday. Downers Grove is a beautiful, vibrant, unique town full of wonderful people and history. We have an opportunity to showcase our lovely town with the proposed Macho Monument. Randy Poffo was a member of our community, and is beloved around the world by many, many people. Working in the downtown area, I have the opportunity to talk with so many members of our community. I have talked to many of them about the Macho Monument, and the general reaction I see is that people are happy and supportive of it. I believe that the Macho Monument would attract visitors to our beautiful downtown area from all over. I also believe that you are doing the members of your community a

disservice by approving random artwork by a random Milwaukee artist. Downers Grove deserves better.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 6:00:59 PM

Name: Jami Caldwell

Address: 4901 Chase Ave

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I don't think a statue of Randy Savage is a good fit for our community. While he was undeniably a memorable figure in entertainment, his public persona—and even accounts from those who worked with him—paint a picture of someone intense, volatile, and at times controlling. Those aren't the kinds of qualities I'd want reflected in a permanent monument, especially in a family-centered town that values positive role models. Beyond that, the larger-than-life, over-the-top aesthetic associated with his character just doesn't align with the tone or identity of our community, and it's not something I'd want as a lasting visual centerpiece.

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Name: Liz Bethell

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: No to spending money on this, so many other needs that his money can go to. Like a statue for one of the greatest residents of all time

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 6:38:40 PM

Name: Daniel Huemmer

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment:

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 6:43:10 PM

Name: Megan

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: Comments of a General Nature

Comment: Please build a macho man status

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 6:56:17 PM

Name: Meredith Van Syckle

Address: 4600 Linscott Ave, Downers Grove

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Our community has shown tremendous passion and support for the Randy monument. Given the strong public enthusiasm surrounding this project, it would be wise to allocate taxpayer dollars toward an initiative that the community clearly values—especially one that is also more cost-effective.

Hiring an out-of-state company from Milwaukee for this work does not appear to be the most fiscally responsible use of tax dollars. The Randy monument has generated significant excitement and community backing, making it a project that better reflects the interests and priorities of our residents.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 7:10:57 PM

Name: Diane Ander

Address: 228 5th Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Downers Grove has a rare opportunity here... not just to install public art, but to honor a true hometown legend. Randy “Macho Man” Savage is not just a former entertainer and wrestler. He is one of the most recognizable cultural figures to ever come out of Downers Grove. A DGN graduate and elite local athlete, his story represents excellence, discipline, and the kind of success that inspires future generations. The proposal for this statue is unique because it already has what most public art struggles to achieve: relevance, recognition, and community engagement. People care about this. That matters.

It’s authentic, rooted in local history, and has the potential to become a true landmark: something that draws people in, creates pride, and gives downtown Downers Grove a

distinct and recognizable identity. Very few communities can claim someone with this level of cultural impact. This isn't just about wrestling: it's about pride, identity, and showing our kids that someone from Downers Grove can go on to do something extraordinary.

Opportunities like this don't come around often. Passing on a chance to celebrate a genuine hometown icon in favor of something less connected to our community would be a missed opportunity. A Randy Savage statue wouldn't just be a piece of art. It would be a destination, a conversation starter, and something people actively seek out. It would bring in fresh energy, foot traffic, and a shared sense of pride to our downtown.

Communities that thrive are the ones that embrace what makes them unique. We have a chance to celebrate a genuine hometown legend in a way that is visible, meaningful, and rooted in the impact one person from our hometown can make. The idea that someone from Downers Grove has gone on to have a global impact through hard work, discipline and excellence is something worth honoring. I respectfully urge the Village to reconsider this proposal as an investment in community identity, hometown pride, and long-term cultural value.

If we aren't going to honor our own hometown legends, who exactly are we saving that space for?

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 7:11:21 PM

Name: Marc Larson

Address: 925 Chicago Ave

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Please allow Randy to be sculpted and built for our town! The people want a statue of Macho Man for all to enjoy!

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 7:19:14 PM

Name: Miranda

Address: 4601 Roslyn rd

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: Active - MOT 2026-11078 G. Motion: Approving an Agreement with Landmark Contractors, Inc. for the Downtown Business District Flexible Amenity Areas Project

Comment:

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 7:52:03 PM

Name: Tom Chlystek

Address: 418 Buckingham pl

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Let's see if we can get a local artist to do the work.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 7:55:26 PM

Name: Dorothy Elsworth

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: While currently not a DG resident. My child will be attending DGN. We are very involved as a family in Downers Grove and have considered moving into town proper. I think it is very short sighted to not see how impactful a statue of Randy Poffo could be to the town. I had shared this story with some friends who would have planned a whole trip

from all of the country to see this. Please reconsider what biases you may have against something you clearly are not familiar with. At the very least, reconsider your usage of what seems to be after a quick financial search, a very unstable company from not even our state. Why send our money outside? There are so many positives to the original plan and not a one I can see about the one going forward.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 9:37:19 PM

Name: Michael Ander

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I support the Randy Paffo movement. Please reconsider the original proposal by the Larke group. The artist should not be from Milwaukee, and it should not cost additional tax payer money other than what was originally outlined for the monument.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 9:53:25 PM

Name: Dan McGoldrick

Address: 718 59th St

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I don't think this is being a good steward with the funds. A Randy savage statue proposal is 45% cheaper and saves the village 90k. It's via a local company and brings a renowned sculptor to the area. Randy's estate has even offered a memorabilia exhibit at the DG library for 6 months. Keep things local and commemorate the amazing career and work of a local DG native and graduate from Downers North.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 10:14:38 PM

Name: Mary Kennedy

Address: 2242 Westfield Drive

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Would rather see a local hero Macho Man Randy Savage statue for less tax dollars.

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Timestamp: 4/12/2026 10:51:57 PM

Name: Shamra Fallon

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I'd like DG to reconsider the Macho Man statue. The proposal is less expensive and is a tribute to a local legend.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 5:11:33 AM

Name: Becky Carrol

Address: Linscott Ave

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Every one of you who vote against the Macho Man Statue will be making a terrible mistake. The competitive landscape that exists amongst Western Suburban downtowns is one that we here in Downers Grove can win if we have the right leadership.

That leadership would choose to make DG a destination by having a Macho Man Statue. Every restaurant owner in town wants it. Why? Because it will draw people here.

If you vote for Milwaukee Sculpture, that's exactly what you are doing: voting AGAINST Macho Man.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 5:32:22 AM

Name: Becky Carrol

Address: Linscott Ave

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 5:43:53 AM

Name: Debbie

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: No

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 5:48:30 AM

Name: Maxine Hora

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Why are you using an out of state group that will cost more money to tax payer?

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 8:29:17 AM

Name: Alan And April Ollinski

Address: 4947 Middaugh

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: We respectfully request that the Mayor and Village Council reconsider this Staff Recommendation for public art. Giving this away to Milwaukee when we could have a very unique (to DG) statue in Randy Macho Man is a mistake. The positive vibes around this Macho Man statue are something that doesn't come along very often in a community and letting that momentum dissipate by either going with the Milwaukee people or saying: "Wait until Next Year" is a huge miss for economic development and the vitality of our downtown.

The people in Columbus Ohio are watching this closely. And, if you say "no" to Macho Man, they will jump at it and build the statue there.

This is like the Bears with their stadium. If you drag your feet and make this decision, the family will go with Columbus, Ohio. They want this built before they die. And, our downtown will miss out.

Just look around at how restaurants are structuring their food items and menus. They're designed not just to be eaten, but to be photographed and shared. The generic public art that the Milwaukee people will bring won't be shared online. Nobody will care.

Please over-ride the staff recommendation. And, make the statue a reality.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 8:37:40 AM

Name: Bill Rocca

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Your RFP talked about getting art installed by Spring 2027. Looking at the Milwaukee Proposal, there's NO WAY THEY HIT THAT. Their own proposal states that they won't start fabrication until February 2027. Ask any artist and they'll tell you: this doesn't take 30 or 60 days to do. Sculptures take more than six months.

Also, your RFP requested proposals to discuss community visioning sessions. Their proposal is SILENT on it. They talk about engaging the community AFTER the art is installed. Why? Because they want on-going contracts from the taxpayers of Downers Grove that they can take back to their hometown in Wisconsin.

Lastly, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEIR ARTISTS in their reference section are from Wisconsin. Every.Single.One. Why? Because they know nothing about Downers Grove.

Your RFP said that one of the criteria is to be UNIQUELY DOWNERS GROVE. They're going to bring in a bunch of Wisconsin artists. How big of a miss was this in the staff review?

Let some sunshine in on this process and the public will see that the Staff took the easy way out; hire a consultant. That costs more, is focused on Wisconsin, not Downers Grove, doesn't address the community and is FROM out-of-town, FOR out-of-town people.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 8:54:02 AM

Name: Brad Tallynn

Address: 4340 Highland, DG 60515

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: The fancy art "consultants" that you are choosing can't even do math right. Look at their proposal. Add up the totals in their table and you will see that the math isn't...well...math'ing. Maybe math in Wisconsin is different than here in District 99?

The Budget in your RFP is \$200K for Kunze. \$200K for everything else.

Their response shows \$196K total for Kunze. But, they didn't add up the totals correctly.

Add up their numbers and you get \$201K. Not \$196K. Their proposal is OVER BUDGET. And, they don't even know it. (Don't take my word for it, look at their table yourself.)

They want to be our art consultants?

If they can't get this small thing right, what else is going to go wrong?

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 9:46:18 AM

Name: Terry Fletcher

Address: 508 Bunning dr , downers grove

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Yuck! We don't need a statue!!!! We need a new city park that will enhance the lives of many. Walking past a statue is very ho hum.

Scrap the project. For the taxes we pay, our parks offer little.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 11:14:02 AM

Name: Stephen Homner

Address: 724 Warren

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Downers Grove North graduate Randy Pofffo aka Macho Man Randy Savage deserves a statue as Downers Grove's most famous citizen of all time. His success began here and he can be acknowledged through a statue at a lesser cost to taxpayers with a generous donation from the foundation supporting this cause.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 11:26:50 AM

Name: Carol McMahan

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Need more information on subject of sculpture and details of installation. Only certainty is NO MACHO MAN. What an absurd proposal!

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Name: Doug Kafer

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I respectfully urge the Village Council to reconsider its decision regarding the proposed statue honoring Randy Savage.

Moving forward with this public art bid rather than the proposed Randy Savage statue is a missed opportunity to deliver a project that is more cost-effective, locally grounded, and culturally impactful for Downers Grove residents.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 2:19:07 PM

Name: Nick Balazs

Address: 648 S Peace Rd Sycamore IL 60148

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: As an artist, a former resident and employee of Downers Grove, as well as a lifelong fan of the Macho Man I cannot understand why the village would go out of their way to overspend with an out of state artist.

Mr. Poffo's family seems to be totally on board with this installation moving forward and Downers Grove has been presented a unique opportunity to honor and display it's greatest hometown hero.

I implore the good members of the village board to reconsider their decision. If this is a question of money, which it doesn't appear to be as you seem to be spending more money with an artist from outside of the community.

But if for some reason it is an issue of money, I am a man who is independently wealthy. I have friends who would also like to see this vision come to life.

Please I beg the board to re-consider their decision and go with Downers Grove's biggest influence in pop culture history, the man, the myth the legend, Mr. Macho Man Randy Savage, or how you many know him Mr. Randy Poffo.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 4:44:59 PM

Name: Jeanette Laughlin Clark

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I really love to see a statue to a HomeTown hero Macho Man Randy Savage

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Name: Ray Aleksionas

Address: 748 Randall

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Downers Grove does not have a riverwalk, or a lake, or an outdoor venue with nationally known music acts, or other obvious or unique draws. People will go to a restaurant or bar in any town. An assortment of artwork will be nice, but hardly something bringing in many visitors. A prominently-placed Macho Man Randy Poffo statue would be a unique feature to bring people in for photos and subsequent patronizing of downtown Downers Grove businesses.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 7:33:16 PM

Name: Chris Truby

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I would like to ask the Village council to reconsider using this funding to create a tourist attraction that will drive revenue to local businesses. The tourist attraction would be a statue of global pop culture icon and Downers Grove resident, Macho Man Randy Savage (aka Randy Poffo. Similar statues around the world both help draw tourism and help residents show appreciation for one of their favorite sons. Downers Grove is my hometown and I am a proud DGN alumni who was always proud of the hard work, accomplishments, and lore (he held the record at Herrick Jr HS for doing over 1,000 pushups) of Randy Savage.

A proposal for a MachoMonument was presented to the council that I hope you will reconsider. The Macho monument will be more cost effective and could even help drive revenue. Plus it will help put the village on the map as a must see destination.

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Name: Randall Savage

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

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Comment: Bring in Macho Man

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Name: Jennifer

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: No

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Name: David Rose

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: Comments of a General Nature

Comment: Comment on living in perilous times

What should one expect in terms of the demeanor and/or content of VC meetings when we live in perilous times?

I ask because at the 07 Apr meeting one would never guess from the tenor and content of the meeting that that very day was the supposed deadline our nation's esteemed dear leader had set for ending the world as we know it if Iran didn't respond appropriately to his demands.

Although dear leader decided not to end the world as we know it that day, the prospect of his doing so (supported fully by Bibi N and his fellow Zionist zealots) has not gone away.

If we are lucky enough to avoid killing off our species out of spite and anger using bombs, we still face the equally frightening prospect our species-wide hubris (mimicking dear leader) will kill us anyway for refusing to acknowledge our way of living is not ecologically sustainable and doing something about it.

Robert Hunziker reports further on the latest disturbing evidence of climate chaos ahead:

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2026/04/13/severe-climate-system-eruption/>

Wars of course do more than their share to amplify factors contributing to climate chaos.

Nor should anyone entertain as credible the notion humans will save (some subset of) our species by colonizing elsewhere in the universe

<https://www.resilience.org/stories/2026-04-01/dream-presentation/>
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Much in the same way commentators talk about dear leader not having an exit out of the war with Iran he started, those of us living in rich nations are likewise unable to imagine living in any other than our resource-rapacious way.

If pattern prevails, none of these matters will distract and impede VC moving forward with VC's various Comp Plan components. At least until such time (as happened with Covid) that VC has no choice but to deal with the end of life as we know it in DG.

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 9:01:59 PM

Name: Rachel Hoselton

Address: 6113 Dunham Rd, 60516

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: NO. Support local! We want Macho Man Randy Savage!

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Timestamp: 4/13/2026 9:12:17 PM

Name: Mary Lawson

Address: 4636 Forest Ave

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I do not support an expensive statue from out of state. We should have Randy "Macho Man" Savage and/or Emo Phillips represented instead.

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Timestamp: 4/14/2026 7:19:18 AM

Name: Clayton Johanson

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Downers Grove has always been a special place to me, defined by a groundedness that sets it apart. While some of our neighbors to the east and west seem preoccupied with self-importance and a certain air of exclusivity, Downers has always felt different. We don't need to prove our worth by being exhausting or exclusionary.

I strongly urge the council to reject the current proposed public art award and instead reconsider the Randy "Macho Man" Savage Monument.

By turning away from a tribute that celebrates local history with a sense of fun and character, we risk becoming exactly what we aren't: a snobby town that takes itself far too seriously. Let's keep Downers Grove authentic and embrace the "Macho Man" as a testament to our unique spirit.

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Timestamp: 4/14/2026 7:22:02 AM

Name: Gemma R.

Address: 5329 Main Street. Downtown Downers Grove.

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: The stated public art criteria #1 is: "Is Relative to Downers Grove, Unique to Downers Grove".

And you pick a Wisconsin consultant? Who wants to 'enrich Milwaukee'?

You can't be serious.

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Timestamp: 4/14/2026 7:43:40 AM

Name: Lizzie Braymeier

Address:

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: Village Board, please read this post from Matt Yglesais: "America Needs More Statues". It was posted today. On YOUR DECISION DAY for Macho Man. Don't make public art "weird". Nobody wants that. We want Randy Savage. In a traditional statue.

<https://www.slowboring.com/p/america-needs-more-statues>

He says: "America has the capacity to make our towns and cities more statue-adorned, and we should do it."

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Timestamp: 4/14/2026 7:50:25 AM

Name: William and Beth McTell

Address: 215 7th street, Downers Grove, 60515

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: America needs more statues. Please read this post before your vote today.

<https://www.slowboring.com/p/america-needs-more-statues>

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Name: Mary Ann Badke

Address: 5408 Carpenter

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: Yes

Agenda Item or Comment: Active - MOT 2026-11078 G. Motion: Approving an Agreement with Landmark Contractors, Inc. for the Downtown Business District Flexible Amenity Areas Project

Comment: I love the idea for seating areas around downtown DG. They will provide some shaded spots for people to chat, sit while waiting for a friend or just rest for a few minutes.

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Name: Carrie Cervenka

Address: Woodridge

Are you a resident of Downers Grove?: No

Agenda Item or Comment: First Reading - MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approve a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art

Comment: I'm a lifetime wrestling fan thanks to my Daddio. It was a bond I especially treasure now that he's passed. I then shared the love of WWF with my son and now he's sharing that passion with his boys. To have a monument of someone in our own community who was so well known AROUND THE WORLD the world not only for his athleticism but his generosity, compassion and kindness, says a lot about HIS upbringing and values of Downers Grove. Downers Grove owes this to him and his family. He deserves that respect. Carrie C.

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Name:

Address:

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