



rRemarks Data for May 5, 2026 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section & Item: Comments of a General Nature

Commenter: concerned DG citizen

Comment: I'm hoping the council can give an update on the 2 overdue library trustee appointments ; one for a vacant seat since 7/2025 when Trustee Sladek left and the other to replace trustee Humphreys whose term ended in August 2025 after serving as a library trustee since 1993.

First the library board wanted to defer appointments until new director was selected in January, then it was wait until director started April 13th, and in March the "library liaison" Commissioner Roe mentioned the library board requesting council wait to appoint until May. Now it is May and still no agenda item appointing the two new trustees.

In March Commissioner Roe also mentioned the library board directing the council to extend Trustee Khuntia another year (or 4 years?) before her term ends in August 2026. This is after she was extended 1 year in 2025 making her current tenure ending in 2026 eight years/ equivalent of 2 of the new 4 year terms.

How is an unassigned trustee of benefit to the library? Please comment on the appointment process and the role of the village library liaison; is it communication or allowing the library board to direct the show on appointments?

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Commenter: David Rose

Comment: Comment on Earth Week proclamation, Rich Kulovany week, VC's relations with boards and commissions, and the pledge of allegiance 'tradition'

When did CC proclamations become a reason to give staff members awards for doing their job?

I refer to CC's Earth Week proclamation and Arbor Day proclamation resulting in pictures of CC with each of two VC staff members.

The award to the Sustainability Coordinator affirms for me that his job is in fact to give an imprimatur of 'expertise' to VC's ongoing desire to misrepresent its efforts on environmental sustainability as something other than token gestures and conscience laundering.

I found the Earth Week proclamation particularly revealing in its encouragement that residents follow VC's example and develop a sustainability plan.

That VC deems the VC and resident efforts as separable in fact exposes the complete failure of DG to take the objective of ecological sustainability seriously.

As I have noted repeatedly, nothing is more important to DG residents AND VC than maintaining rising property prices. VC's "plan" ignores the fundamental question of whether increasing property prices, increasing population, increasing economic growth, and increasing resource consumption are in fact compatible with ecological sustainability.

The coincident proclamation applauding resident Kulovany provides a tragic example of the shortcoming.

For Kulovany's contribution to DG will be forever tarnished by his role as one of the seven VC members who participated in the Longfellow (Lngf) fiasco. Specifically, K joined the other members of VC to vote 7-0 after the Plan Comn voted 0-7 against the proposed ordinance change that allowed the developer to build more houses on the Lngf property than the extant language allowed. Other bidders understood the ordinance as written and bid appropriately but therefore less than the winning bidder. (VC's conduct in the matter is what VC calls being 'business friendly.' Not surprisingly, the Lngf fiasco extended into VC's similar acquiescence accepting the developer of Prop 2's 'revised' lower bid.)

The Lngf fiasco in toto exposed the financial incompetence of DG 58's staff and board and their imperious attitudes toward Lngf's neighbors and the neighbors' desire to retain the Lngf building and its 100 year old oak trees and preferably — if DG 58 didn't want it — to repurpose the property while keeping it in public hands. I put forward the idea the property should be repurposed to a facility serving as headquarters for the village's ecological sustainability effort, to be shared as such by its taxing bodies. Given residents and VC's ignorance of and lack of interest in the issue, that proposal was of course stillborn.

Likewise the fiasco exposed the lack of integrity of both VC and staff in pushing through the ordinance change, claiming it was simply a language clarification rather than a substantive change needed to avoid VC being sued.

The fiasco also exposed VC's willful but 'convenient' disregard of its own Comp Plan. Residents nevertheless affirmed their support of the fiasco's outcome by failing to elect the leader of the Lngf resistance, Marshall Schmitt, to the office of CC aka 'mayor' in the muni election that followed.

Also worth noting is that to this day VC has never provided evidence that building a new facility AND developing Prop 2 does not negate the benefits VC claims result from its decision to tear down its previous administration facilities and occupy a spiffy new more "environmentally friendly" building.

VC's effort to improve its relationship to its boards and commissions will ring hollow for me IF it fails to address how improved relations will avoid a repeat of VC's imperious attitude toward boards and commissions that the Lngf fiasco exposed.

Why would anyone serving on a board imagine their role mattered IF VC, when push comes to shove, ignores their efforts. The Lngf fiasco exposed that the fundamental purpose of a board is to give the impression VC is NOT acting imperiously. Of course, this reality need never become apparent, because VC can chose to serve as board members individuals who are inclined to act as rubber stampers and/or 'dabblers' more than happy to defer to staff recommendations and VC preferences.

Thus, and to reiterate the assertion above, neither the ECC nor the Plan Comm is prepared to examine the question of whether increasing property prices, increasing population, increasing economic growth, and increasing resource consumption are compatible with ecological sustainability. Nor has VC shown any interest or desire to populate either board with individuals who are so inclined.

For anyone genuinely interested in this question, I would recommend as a place to start the debate between Tom Murphy and Dave Murphy here

<https://www.resilience.org/stories/2026-04-27/in-conversation-dave-murphy-and-tom-murphy-if-modernity-cant-last-forever-what-comes-next/>

It's as succinct a depiction of the issue as one will find.

I would add further that for those sanguine about the impact of the Iran War on the way of living in the US given the nation's purported 'energy independence' , check out Art Berman's piece here

<https://www.artberman.com/blog/america-has-plenty-of-oil-just-not-the-right-kind/>

He explains that the claim of energy independence is in fact a lie misleading from the crucial, unavoidable economic necessity of having the right mix of oil-feed product relative to one's oil-need product.

Sidenote: Both the Ukraine conflict and the Iran War have now demonstrated concerns about ecological impact have little to no restraining effect on military decisions. Just as nuke plants are seen by one's enemy as pre-positioned nuke bombs, energy facilities such as chemical plants, refineries, oil and nat gas tankers and wells are seen by one's enemy as pre-positioned potentially catastrophic environmental polluters. A 'bonus' beyond their destruction's obvious retardation of economic activity, and thereby the targeted nation's capacity to defend itself.

In that regard, it is also worth noting a primary reason for the US imperious attitude more generally stems from precisely this source — the belief our nation's energy infrastructure is superior to every other nation in its imperviousness to attack.

And then the Iranians closed the Strait of Hormuz.

I have observed repeatedly that history indicates VC and DG (and Americans more generally) will not take the objective of ecological sustainability seriously until things get

much worse and it has/we have no other choice. According to analysts such as David Stockman, that moment is in process of hitting us this year

https://original.antiwar.com/david_stockman/2026/05/03/trumps-iran-war-caused-a-massive-oil-crisis/

Speaking of political lying, RT has a fine piece explaining how the Iran War is just more of same, as far as the American ruling class elites are concerned when it comes to 'guiding' American public opinion:

<https://www.rt.com/africa/639262-baghdad-to-tehran-interventions-western-media-role/>

Finally, on the subject of guiding perceptions, I will repeat that I find it disappointing VC continues its 'tradition' of reciting the pledge of allegiance without acknowledging we live in a time when our democracy (the 'republic for which it stands') is being destroyed and the constitution on which it was founded is being rendered meaningless. Reciting the pledge as a 'tradition' without noting the peril acts as if the peril does not exist. I find particularly disturbing that the tradition continues on occasion to use children to lead the recitation, encouraging their innocent ignorance of the political dangers we face.

Ironically, the last Apr meeting offered a glimpse of a small portion of the problem when residents during public comment noted that VC's failure to enforce its own ordinances regarding visibility at street intersections and rampant driver disregard for speed limits likely contributed to a second death at an intersection difficult for local residents to navigate. As politicians typically do, CC deftly deflected further scrutiny of VC's culpability by thanking the residents for 'shining a light' on the matter.