

Observer Report

Observer(s):	Lisa Reed	Date:5/14/19
Government Body:		
Members Present	Members Absent	
Mayor Bob Barnett	None	
Commissioner Greg Hose		
Commissioner Marge Earl		
Commissioner Nicole Walus		
Commissioner Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt		
Commissioner Rick Kulovany		

Remember:

- Always be polite and respectful
- Record the meeting if possible
- Your attendance is about observation not participation. You are there to learn not judge
- Strive for clarity while avoiding bias and partisanship

General Observations	Yes	No	Comments
Did meeting start on time?	Χ		
Were the facilities large enough?	Χ		
Could the audience readily hear the			
proceedings? Handicapped Access?			
Was there media coverage?			Not Known
Illinois Open Meeting Act requ	irem	ents	
Was the agenda posted 48 hours	Χ		
before the meeting? If so, where?			
Did the agenda items clearly describe	Χ		
what was to be discussed			
Was background information	Χ		Streamed live on YouTube
available to the public?			
Were issues adequately discussed?	Χ		
Was public comment encouraged?	Χ		
Was the public treated respectfully?	Χ		

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Public participation: (estimate of attendance excluding staff and elected officials) 16 + 9 Village employees

Public Participation Remarks:

- DG resident spoke to his concerns regarding railroad safety. Previous experience in
 investigating a death at Fairview tracks some years ago. The resident feels there is not
 enough awareness of pedestrians, specifically the commuters who use "herd mentality" &
 automatically cross after trains pull away from station. The concern is there are often other
 trains coming on inside tracks are not recognized by pedestrians. He is asking for increased
 awareness for railroad safety.
- 2. DG resident of 44 years also spoke regarding railroad safety & conducted his own study of the Main Street station & the high number of commuters who cross tracks before crossing guard gates are up.

Presentations and discussion by elected officials, staff and/or administrators: Stan Popovich, Community Development Director presented a special use request for 62 Ogden Avenue requesting a drive through access. This location is a Starbucks store.

Another presentation related to 2300 Wisconsin was also presented. The specific special use request is for a vehicle repair & detailing business

Informational Items presented by elected officials, staff and/or administrators:

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWV state or local positions or programs? Meeting was adjourned for Executive Session to discuss filling the two vacant Council positions.

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? If "yes" what action do you recommend?

No



Additional Comments/Concerns -

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