

VILLAGE OF DOWNS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 18th, 2016

Village Hall
211 S. Seminary St,
PO Box 18
Downs, IL 61736

1. Call to Order at 7:02 pm
2. Roll Call (Fred Myers, Dave Mouser, Paul Messamore, Marla Brotherton, Paul Myszka – present ; Pete Manhart and Barb Gilhaus – absent)
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda order (Dave/Fred 6-0)
5. Discussion
 - a. What commercial business do you want to see and not see
 1. Don't want to see
 1. Hazardous Waste, Junk Yards
 2. Like to See
 1. Prompt care and tele-pharm would be good at DC
 2. Casey's or Hucks
 3. With in residential it brings in smaller public services
 4. Grocery
 5. Car dealer would work
 6. Car Wash
 7. Trucking
 8. Warehousing
 9. Farm Implement
 - b. What residential development do you want to see and not see
 1. Schools can handle growth – 350 was doable
 2. HS does need to be remodeled
 3. School sees that we can handle residential growth
 1. Townhomes and apt are not something we are interested
 2. Zero lot line homes are probably acceptable and encourage young and smaller families
 4. Renters that tend to come here just for school a lot of times end of upgrading (building/buying) and staying
 - c. Should we do a downtown revitalization – sidewalks, lighting, etc.
 1. Feel it is needed
 2. Legion was brought up – handicap access to the building
 3. Negative is the cost
 4. Do need more and better parking
 5. Brought up Monticello
 6. Should talk and discuss with business owners
 - d. Old Kickapoo School
 1. Committee would like to see this be used as residential with commercial
 2. Don't want to see it tore down and definitely no TIF money
 - e. What does a small town mean to you?
 1. People who invest in the community
 2. 30 years – Can't really define it, but still thinks it is there, but can't leave cars, homes and other things unlocked. Community that cares enough

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3. 20 years – knowing the people, understanding the neighborhood, size doesn't matter, local school where everyone goes to school together in the community
 4. – enjoys seeing the former students coming back and raising families here, sense of pride belonging to a community
 5. Knowing the mailman, events, values and what you expect keeps
 6. Can we grow services with the rate of expansion? Need to keep a good/close eye on this.
6. New Business
 - a. Motion to Approve August 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes (Marla / Dave 6-0)
 - b. Motion to Approve Current Committee Members (Dave /Paul 6-0)
 1. Everyone is willing to stay on as members
 - c. Motion to Approve Paul Messamore as Committee Chairperson (Dave / Marla 6-0)
 - d. Motion to Approve Marla Brotherton as Committee Clerk (Fred / Paul Myszka 6-0)
 7. Old Business - None
 8. Adjournment at 8:40 pm (Marla / Dave 6-0)