

MARCH 21ST, 2023 – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SPEAKER SIGNUP, WRITTEN COMMENTS & POSITION STATEMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

SPEAKERS

1. Dick Furstenau (Naperville) - Parking Deck
2. Basim Esmail (Naperville) - \$168 ticket by NPD for a burned head light
3. Greg Hubert (Naperville)
4. Albert Karvelis (Naperville) – Municipal Utility
5. Catherine M Kauffman (Naperville) - Closure of Edward Health & Fitness
6. Chris Jacks (Naperville)
7. Barbara Benson (Naperville) – Nest - "3 Minutes with NEST" talk
8. Paula Vollmer (Naperville) – Edward Fitness Center Closure
9. Sheila Sarovich (Naperville) - Closure of Edward Health and Fitness Center
10. Nancy Rice (Naperville) - Closure of Edward Health and Fitness Center
11. Don Baskin (Naperville) - Closure of Edward Fitness Center
12. Steven Shamrock (Naperville) - Closure of Edward Health and Fitness Center
13. Calvin Roesner (Naperville) - Closing of fitness center
14. Jeff Jablonski – Police
15. Ron Amato (Naperville)
16. Tiffany Stephans
17. Nag Jaiswal

COMMENT ONLY

1. **Stephen Wilkins** (Naperville) - Closure of Edwards Fitness Center on Blum Ct - The proposed change of land use pertaining to the closure of Edwards Fitness Center without the opportunity for "public input" contravenes the recommendation on Page 43 of the 2008 Master Plan for the Martin-Mitchell Tract of land, that Edwards Hospital, now Edwards-Elmhurst Hospital (part of Northshore University Healthcare System) provide the opportunity for public input on any proposed land use changes. There were no opportunities for public input (only 30-day notice was given to the members and employees of the Fitness Center) which directly contravenes the written recommendations and spirit of the 2008 Martin=Mitchell Master Plan. In the spirit of this Master Plan, it would be in the interest of the public in Naperville that open public hearings on the proposed closure be held in a timely manner with reasonable public

notification of such meetings. Respectfully submitted 3/19/2023 by Stephen Wilkins
Naperville Resident

2. **Angela** (Naperville) - Closing of Edward Healthplex -I began swimming at the Edward Healthplex following a hip replacement. I learned about the courses through Edward's Take a Hike Challenge / Healthy Driven program. I've continued swimming there for the last 1 1/2 years & now swim with Waves. The facility there provides an environment where the community supports each other to be better, & healthier! I've witnessed women motivating & encouraging each other to show up & keep moving, especially when life has presented someone with the loss of a family member or serious health problem. This has been a place of healing and recovery for so many people in the community for decades. The need for aquatics programming in Naperville is evident, for all ages. This pool location is critical for the continued involvement of local Seniors. The closing of the Healthplex, & it's pool, will be a blow to the health & longevity of the community that Edward claims to serve.

Closing of Edward Health & Fitness

OPPOSE

1. Karen Gallagher (Naperville)
2. Dr. Gary Gallagher (Naperville)

115. ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DUPAGE MONARCH PROJECT

SUPPORT

1. Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville)

L1. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS

SPEAKERS

1. Beth Goncher (Naperville) - Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce
2. Josh Weger (Countryside) - Indiana-Illinois-Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting
3. Daniel Hebreard (Woodridge)
4. Joe Riley (Lombard) - Dupage County Building Trades

5. Marilyn L. Schweitzer (Naperville)
6. Ashley South (Naperville)

COMMENT ONLY

1. Deborah A. Conroy

Mayor Steve Chirico
Members of the Naperville City Council
400 S. Eagle St.
Naperville, IL 60540

Dear Mayor Chirico and Members of the City Council,

DuPage County has embarked on our most aggressive public works construction program ever. Through revenues from Rebuild Illinois and the American Rescue Plan Act in addition to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, DuPage County seeks to make needed investments in our roads, bridges, buildings, water and wastewater facilities and stormwater management. These investments will not only address our aging infrastructure but will ensure we meet the needs of our residents and businesses and continue to promote economic growth and opportunity in DuPage County. The success of our infrastructure investment program will rely upon a well-trained, robust, and motivated workforce, competent contractors, timely project delivery and a competitive market.

In March 2019, DuPage County passed its Responsible Bidder Ordinance (RBO) for public works construction projects. RBO was advanced out of a recognition of the importance of qualifications considerations when awarding contracts based on low bid. DuPage County's RBO emphasizes the need to ensure quality workmanship, efficient operations, safety, and timely completion of projects when awarding public works construction projects.

As Chair of the DuPage County Board, I have prioritized the stewardship, protection and strategic investment of taxpayer funds. Through the County's RBO, objective criteria have been established so that only those contractors meeting these requirements are awarded contracts. County public works departments have seen a marked increase in the quality and competence of contractors contracted by DuPage County under RBO. Gone is the award of public works construction contracts to unqualified but lowest bid contractors. To ensure that is no longer the case, proof of participation in a registered apprenticeship training program is the hallmark of our RBO program. Having such a requirement in place is not only essential to ensuring a qualified, competent, and well-trained workforce, but also ensures that those performing the work are safe and reliable. The evidence is clear that the quality, workmanship, and overall project delivery of projects under RBO is superior as compared to many projects prior to adoption of the RBO. This has especially been the experience of our public works departments for smaller value contracts which seemed to attract less qualified contractors. Competition has not been diluted with the passage of our RBO. Just the opposite. RBO ensures a level playing field among all bidders, encouraging greater interest and participation in county contracting opportunities.

With strong DuPage County ties, the DuPage County Building Trades Council (BTC) is a tireless industry advocate. You have actively supported revenue increases and legislation necessary to address our infrastructure needs. BTC is committed to ensuring a quality and highly skilled workforce and continues to invest in apprentice training programs to ensure the next generation of laborers, carpenters, operators,

iron workers, etc. At no other time has workforce availability in the building trades been so important and with so much opportunity. BTC is commended for their educational workshops and active outreach promoting building trades career opportunities. These trades offer good paying jobs and benefits that contribute back into our local economy fostering continued growth.

Given the apparent shortage of a competent, qualified workforce to complete the current public works projects in the Chicagoland region, the need to train new workers in these critical trades is more important than ever. The apprenticeship requirements contained within the RBO is essential in ensuring that we have a well-trained workforce for the projects that will be completed in the next 5, 10 or even 30 years. The successful training of younger workers today in all building trades will ensure that the Chicagoland region continues to be vibrant and thriving area of the country for years to come.

The DuPage County Building Trades Council has been a trusted partner with DuPage County in the success of our RBO. As DuPage County embarks on this transformational infrastructure investment program, I look forward to the continued collaboration with the many contractor members of the BTC and the skilled men and women so essential to our success, many of whom choose DuPage County to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Conroy
Chair, DuPage County Board

L2 – L9. HERITAGE SQUARE PUD & BLOCK 59 BUSINESS DISTRICT

PRESENTING

1. Andrew Scott (Chicago) - Brixmor Property Group – PETITIONER

SPEAKERS

1. Andrew Balzer (Plainfield) – Brixmor Property Group
2. Dick Furstenau (Naperville)
3. Basim Esmail (Naperville)
4. Marilyn L. Schweitzer (Naperville)