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**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
PERFORMING ARTS STUDY COMMISSION  
Village Hall, Ante Room  
801 Burlington Ave.**

**July 22, 2004  
8:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Tully, Ms. Eichmann, Ms. Gottlieb, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Humphreys, Ms. Hamernik, Mr. Ball, Ms. Schroeder, Mr. Jaros, Mr. Wilkey, Ms. Weiher.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Johnson

**STAFF:** Douglas Kozlowski, Staff Liaison to the Performing Arts Study Commission, Janene Cerulli, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS:** None.

Mr. Tully called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Tully asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2004 meeting.

Minutes were approved.

**II. Discussion of Facilities Survey**

Mr. Tully gave the floor to Mr. Kozlowski. Mr. Kozlowski asked for the results of the facilities survey. Mr. Humphreys, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Eichmann discussed their findings. In brief, Mr. Humphreys called several churches, but was unable to reach many of them. None of them have elaborate performing spaces. Ms. Murphy said she talked to the Westmont Library and in the summer, kids use a room and put on a show. She also found that Westmont is considering a performing arts center.

Mr. Tully asked Mr. Kozlowski to call Westmont to find out what their plans are.

Ms. Gottlieb described the features of the Masonic Temple as a performing space. She said the Masons have been very supportive of the New World Repertory Theater and could be willing to make more improvements for the theatre. With that kind of enthusiasm, perhaps the Masonic Temple could also be a good location for a performing arts center.

The discussion turned to possible locations. The genesis of the Curtiss Block was discussed and it was said the PASC Commission needs to know if a performing arts center is needed before the Curtiss Block development is completed.

The possible locations were discussed and priority was assigned to some of them. Masonic Temple was good because of its proximity to the parking deck, as was the Hart's Garage property. The Curtiss Block was the top location with the parking deck close by. It was also suggested to add the lot at Main and Maple as a possible location. Mr. Tully said he would talk to the Space Needs Committee about their plans for this parcel.

It was proposed that perhaps a good way to meet the needs of the performing arts community would be to build a new space with a 500-seat theatre and also renovate an existing location such as the Masonic Temple or Lincoln Center.

The facilities survey data needs to be compiled. Ms. Hamernik and Mr. Kozlowski agreed to meet to discuss how best to format the data.

Mr. Tully suggested that we are at a place where we could begin to draft some recommendations in the form of: A. We believe there is a need for a performing arts center. B. It should be in close proximity to downtown. C. The potential locations that have been discussed.

At closing, it was decided that Mr. Kozlowski and Ms. Weiher would meet at Lincoln Center and inventory the facility, and Ms. Gottlieb would further discuss possible renovations with the Masons.

### **III. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.