

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Human Services Commission**  
**Meeting**  
**May 4, 2005**

**Commission Members Present:** Joyce Tumea, Sharon Dunne, Geoff Neustadt, Theresa Carlquist

**Members Absent:** Cynthia Dempsey, John Page and Trisha Svehla

**Staff Liaison:** Andrew J. Matejcak

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. A quorum was obtained.

New Commission members: Sharon Dunne, Geoff Neustadt and Theresa Carlquist attended their first Human Services Commission meeting. They joined Commission member, Joyce Tumea and staff liaison, Andrew Matejcak with introductions and bio's.

The commission was updated on the Park District's progress in developing "Grovestock". While the Park Districts reps were not able to attend the meeting, their information was forwarded and shared with the members.

Joyce Tumea shared several ideas for showcasing local talent at the Heritage Festival. Joyce noted that the talent could be both visual and performing. While there are several performances and displays showing youth talent throughout the year, many are run by the event sponsors. The Heritage Festival venue would be a community wide event that would give exposure to the general public, not just those attending a program specific event.

Joyce also brought up several suggestions that such as regularly providing community recognition at council meetings, as well as Youth involvement in discussions on committees such as the Human Services Commission. Andy Matejcak updated the new members on the recent 40 assets community survey and the direction of that initiative. The desire to create opportunities for youth involvement in local government was also discussed, highlighting the desire to have youth participate in the various boards and commissions that assist the Village in providing services to the residents.

New members, Sharon Dunne, Geoff Neustadt, and Theresa Carlquist shared ideas regarding various avenues for the Human Services Commission to pursue. They suggested meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, during the typical time off, to meet the other members of the commission who could not be present and begin working together on projects.

Andy Matejcak will forward members contact information and past meeting minutes and discussed with new members the Village policy regarding open meetings and policy forwarding e-mail.

Submitted by: Andrew Matejcak, Staff Liaison.