

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**The newly created Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been elected to serve as members of the Board of Directors:**

Michael Parilla – Chairman of the Board of Directors, President of Parilla Financial Services, previous member of the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission and a Downers Grove Resident.

Donald Jankowski, PhD – Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Partner with the accounting firm of PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLC. and a Downers Grove resident.

John Luka – Secretary of the Board of Directors, Executive Vice-President and managing director with Column Financial Services, previous member of the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission and a Downers Grove Resident

Michael Riordan –Treasurer of the Board of Directors, Senior Director of US Reporting for McDonald's Corporation, previous member of the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission and a Downers Grove resident.

Michael Kelch – Executive Committee member, Owner of Heartland Business Systems, previous member of the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission and a Downers Grove resident.

John Randall – Executive committee member, General Manager of the Marriott Hickory Ridge Hotel and Conference Center, current President of the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce and a previous member of the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission.

Edward Green – Executive committee member, Partner with the law firm of Foley Lardner and a Downers Grove resident.

Cara Pavlicek - Village Manager for the Village of Downers Grove.

David Fieldman - Deputy Village Manager for the Village of Downers Grove.

Dr. Dale Martin - Superintendent of Downers Grove School District 58.

Dr. David Eblen - Superintendent of Community High School District 99.

Daniel Cermak - Administrator of the Downers Grove Park District.

Brien Sheahan - Member of the DuPage County Board and owner of Sheahan Law.

Senator Kirk Dillard - Illinois State Senator representing the 24<sup>th</sup> district.

David Fox - President of Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL.

Dr. Kathleen Goepfinger - President of Midwestern University in Downers Grove and the current Chairman of the Greater Phoenix Economic Development Corporation.

Christopher Burke - President of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD., an engineering firm with a strong presence in Downers Grove.

Michael O'Malley - President of O'Malley and Associates, a full-service financial services organization headquartered in Downers Grove.

Gary Mori - Partner with Hamilton Partners, Inc., a major real estate development company with a strong presence in Downers Grove.

Pehti Velu – Owner of Creative Automation and Arun Enterprises and other businesses located in Downers Grove.

Pam Stefik - Vice-President, Mid-America Bank, located in Downers Grove.

Al Duran - Senior Vice-President of Operations with Dominick’s Finer Foods.

Mark Cosenza –Inland Realty, a major real estate development company with a strong presence in Downers Grove.

Matt Fiascone - Senior Vice-President with Inland Realty, a major real estate development company with a strong presence in Downers Grove.

Charles “Chris” Cooney - Retired executive and founder of Tellabs, Inc. and a resident of Downers Grove.

Mark Zabloudil - Vice-President of Operations for Edward Don and Company and a resident of Downers Grove.

Matt Ward - Senior Vice-President with the Alter Group, a major real estate development company with a strong presence in Downers Grove.

Gary Vlk - Principal with One Smooth Stone, located in Downers Grove and a previous member of the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission.

Scott Grove - Vice-President of Max Madsen Auto Group, located in Downers Grove.

Rod Mourad - President of Bentley Downers Grove and Luxury Motors, located in Downers Grove.

Jeffrey Bilek - Partner with Ernst and Young, previous member of the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission and a resident of Downers Grove.

The Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation is committed to retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses to The Village of Downers Grove. By utilizing the core competencies of the individuals within the EDC as well as the resources of the Village, its staff, and other affiliates, the Economic Development Corporation shall work to provide commercial concerns with clearly defined benefits unique to the Village of Downers Grove. We will shepherd potential businesses through the development process and work to assure measurable return on investment for the business community while maintaining support of public land use policies and the overall betterment of the Citizens of Downers Grove.

Our Vision is to communicate and leverage the distinct economic benefits within the Village of Downers Grove specifically related to business and commercial entities making the Village of Downers Grove the preferred choice for businesses consistent with the Village’s existing and future planning.

Please join me in welcoming our new board members and thanking them for their commitment to the Village of Downers Grove.

*Greg Bedalov*

President  
Downer Grove Economic Development Corporation

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