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Submitted at 02/02/25 6:53 PM

Meeting Date: 02/04/25

Meeting: Public Works Committee

Name: Nancy Chen

Organization: Chinese American Women in Action

Address:



**Daytime
Phone:**



Subject: Redesign of the Heritage Galery by Taylor Studio

Comment:

Dear Public Works Committee Members,

I am Nancy Chen, resident of DuPage County since 1971. I have seen the growth and progress of the county over the past 50 some years. Asian Americans are now 13% of the county's population contributing to economic and cultural vitality of the place we call home. I urge you to consider putting the history of people, from Native Americans to the new comers such as Asian Americans, as your focus rather than on nature and habitat dating back to the

pre-historic times. Asian American community itself is very diverse with different languages, cultural ,religious practices and immigration history with the Chinese settled in the Chicago area as early 1870s. We are all proud to be a part of the history of DuPage and would like to share our stories in the Heritage Gallery.

Nancy Chen

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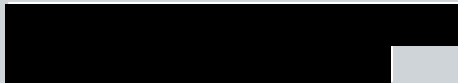
Meeting Date: 02/04/25

Meeting: Public Works Committee

Name: Philip Buchanan

Organization: Heritage Gallery Committee

Address:



**Daytime
Phone:**



Subject: Heritage Gallery

Comment:

Public Works Committee Meeting – February 4 2025

Good morning, Chairman, Vice Chair, Board members, Nick, Tim, staff, and residents.

My name is Philip Buchanan, and I am here on behalf of the Heritage Gallery Committee to share some key ideas for the new Heritage Gallery.

We envision a space that is:

- Family-friendly – engaging visitors of all ages.
- Historically comprehensive – featuring a timeline that begins with Native American history and continues forward.
- Experiential and interactive – designed to immerse visitors through hands-on learning.
- Technology-driven – incorporating touch screens, social media integration, QR codes, and other crowdsourcing platforms to enhance engagement.
- Flexible for evolving exhibits – allowing space for temporary displays and collaborations with other county museums.

We believe these elements will create a dynamic and educational experience for the community.

Thank you for your support of this important project.

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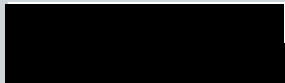
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Meeting: Public Works Committee

Name: Mary Hobein

Organization:

Address:



**Daytime
Phone:**



Subject: heritage gallery

Comment:

As to the renovation of the Heritage Gallery, of twelve portraits, eleven are of white, male Christians. I don't think that this is an accurate representation of the county's many people who have made significant contributions. There are at least five outstanding women who deserve recognition:

- 1) Ava Dodge Blodgett (1796-1882) who ran an Underground Railroad Station in Downers Grove.
- 2) Glennette Tilly Turner (1933-) of Glen Ellyn, historian and author. She documented the underground railroad stations throughout Illinois and wrote

books about them for both adults and children.

3) Ellen Martin (1847-1916) attorney and suffragist who was the first woman in Illinois to cast a ballot. She voted in a local election in Lombard in 1891.

4) Lotte Holman O'Neil (1878-1967) of Downers Grove was the first woman to be elected to the Illinois State Assembly and a founding member of the League of Women Voters of Downers Grove.

5) Betty Cheever (1928-2021) was the first woman to become mayor of Downers Grove and served in that capacity from 1983-1999.

These are just a few of the outstanding Dupage County residents who were not white males.

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Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Susan Craighead

Organization: Self

Address:



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Phone:**



Subject: DuPage Heritage Gallery

Comment:

Dear Public Works Committee,

I am very pleased to learn that concrete steps are being taken to revamp the DuPage Heritage Gallery. It has become very dated and no longer reflects the richness of the County. As the design work continues and planning for exhibits take place I strongly feel that the mission and goals - as witnessed by the design and exhibit choices - of the Gallery should be to focus on the stories and the people who make the community what it is. It should be inclusive with

important information about the people who were key in the county's history and ongoing development. The focus should be on the people/groups and not on natural resources - a topic that other museums already cover.

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