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Focus to be on Green Aspects

Continued Citizen Input Sought on Public Works Facility Improvements

A public meeting and participatory workshop to gather citizen input on the *green* design features of the proposed new Public Works facility is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wed., May 11, in the Council Chamber of Village Hall, 123 Madison St.

A background presentation about the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – or LEED – standards process of the U.S. Green Building Council (GBC) is planned. Attendees then will be asked to help develop a consensus about what sustainable design features should be investigated and made a part of the facility if possible.

Workshop participants will go through the actual GBC checklist of possible methods to achieve certification and be asked to help identify items most applicable to the project.

The Village has received a \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation with a goal of achieving a silver level LEED rating for the building. A LEED rating indicates a high level of environmental responsibility in building design, construction and operation that promotes a healthy living and working environment.

Attendees also will hear a project status update and have an opportunity to meet with representatives of the construction management company that will oversee the actual work on the building.

The upcoming meeting is the fourth in a series of neighborhood gatherings intended to keep neighbors informed about the project and provide an opportunity to engage in a collaborative process with the Village in developing a design that is sensitive to the neighborhood.

For more information on the meeting or project, call 358.5700 or email publicworks@oak-park.us.

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