

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the January 8, 2013 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Laura Hausmann, Mac Robinet, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Brian Chang, Nick Bridge, Paul May and Peter Hugh

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The December 4 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Chairperson's Report: Laura Hausmann welcomed Hanna Kwiecinska as a new member that should be appointed by the Village board soon. Laura reported that she sent a letter to Bill McKenna in support of green alley construction projects to attach to a grant proposal. Laura will ask KC to add details on the CMAP Water Conservation Plan scheduled to be approved by the Village board. Laura also reminded members of a meeting to gather input on the Comprehensive Plan scheduled to January 14 and that a neighborhood "kit" is available from Craig Failor to share with neighbors. Finally, the next Chairperson's meeting is scheduled for January 30.

Staff Reports: Monthly reports were submitted by Karen Rozmus and K.C. Poulos. Karen reported that there will be a pilot a carpet recycling collection program that will work like the current sticker program. Karen also reported that Illinois will be appointing a Recycling Task force. Karen is working on the annual refuse and recycling report.

Discussion Items

- A. 2013 Work Plan: Laura asked Karen to forward the final work plan to members. Laura asked that this item be removed and to put "Tabling" on the next agenda.
- B. CMAP Water Conservation Plan: Karen will ask KC to forward the final draft of the plan.
- C. Pesticide Survey: Laura had nothing to report at this time. Karen reported that staff will be updated the Integrated Pest Management Plan adopted in 1990.
- D. Burn Ordinance: Nothing to report at this time.
- E. PlanItGreen: Laura talked to KC and found that the PlanItGreen steering committee meets monthly and is working on a "scorecard" report. KC attends the meetings and will include pertinent information in her reports. An EEC member is welcome to attend but it is not necessary. Their report is due in March and will be forwarded to EEC members to review for education and outreach opportunities.
- F. Green Community Network Update: Mac reported that he plans to attend a meeting of the Interfaith Green network at the Library on January 9. The group will host a workshop on how to save energy and money.

- G. White Roofs: Mac distributed a draft brochure on white or reflective roofs. He stated that these projects will actually offset CO2 emissions. Laura asked members to review the document to discuss at the February meeting. During the discussion, members questioned whether the Village could provide carbon offset credits or perhaps include white roofs in Housing grant programs.
- H. EEC Environmental Plan Update: Laura talked to Michele to clarify the need for this report. Michele stated that the report was created under Ed Malone's leadership before the Village had created a position for a sustainability manager. Michele suggested annual updates to review achievements in more detail than is contained in the annual work plan. It is also helpful historical information for new members.
- I. Geothermal Projects: Nothing to report at this time.
- J. HPC Guidelines: Brian is unable to attend the next meeting on January 17. Mac and Hanna will both attend. Brian will send the agenda and information to Karen to forward to Mac and Hanna.

New Business: Laura asked members if they had looked at the Village website to review information on the environmental page. Karen reported that the new Village website should be launched in February. Laura stated that she hoped that the new search engine would be improved.

Brian reported that is trying to schedule Ron Burke to speak on the Madison Street plan at a future EEC meeting.

Peter reported that GCC is in the process of obtaining sponsors and reviewing films for the One Earth Film Festival scheduled for March 1-3. Karen reported that the Council Chambers have been reserved for the afternoon of Saturday, March 2.

Mac reported that he is working with a few people to start the "Repair Café" for residents to bring in small household items to be repaired rather than replace. The first session will be held at the Oak Park Arms on Saturday, January 12 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus