

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the December 3, 2013 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Peter Hugh, Hanna Kwiecinska, Caitlin Jeffries, Townsend Bailey, Bill Burns and Ray Johnson

ABSENT: Brian Chang

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The November 5 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: Nick reported that the Green Awards ceremony went well except that another certificate was needed for the Edible Garden Tour. Bob supplied Jill Niewoehner's name and Karen will print this up for her.

Staff Reports: Staff reports from Karen and KC were accepted.

Public Comment: None.

Guest: Josh Ellis and Jamie Makatche from the Metropolitan Planning Council spoke to members about the water conservation plan and storm water management. The long-term plan is to have storm water from Oak Park be diverted to the McCook quarry reservoir in 2029. MPC is working to support the construction of the McCook Reservoir Main Tunnel by encouraging the purchase of McCook quarry limestone aggregate from Vulcan Materials for Chicagoland area projects. MPC is requesting that Chicago and suburbs require the use of Vulcan Materials aggregate for contractors and community projects. Karen will conduct some research on Village projects, contractors and vendors and report back in January for the February meeting.

Discussion Items

A. Work Plan Assignments

Members discussed the projects contained in the 2014 work plan and each member volunteered for taking the lead on a topic of interest to them.

B. Green Awards

Included in the Chairperson report.

C. Recommendation regarding the proposed Eisenhower expansion

Members reviewed a document prepared by Nick. After a brief discussion, Nick asked members to forward any comments to him. Ray Johnson suggested that Karen ask Rob Cole to provide the Executive Summary and the outlined strategy for making a recommendation to the Board.

New Business

None.

Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus