

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the March 11, 2014 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Brian Chang, Peter Hugh and Hanna Kwiecinska

ABSENT: Caitlin Jeffries, Townsend Bailey and Bill Burns

STAFF: Karen Rozmus and K.C. Doyle

The February 11 minutes were amended and approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: EEC Chair Bridge reported that he attended the PlanItGreen meeting on February 18. The goals and indicators were reviewed and some small changes were made but nothing significant. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18 where the core committee members will look at the continuance plan. He also reported that he met with President Abu-Taleb, Trustee Brewer, Cara Pavlicek, Rick Kuner and Dr. Kessey to discuss forming an advisory committee for the Eisenhower proposed expansion project.

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

Public Comment: None.

Guest: K. C. Doyle reported that the Smart City guidelines are nearly completed and presented an update on the Village's energy aggregation program. She stated that a new contract needs to be awarded in June and there would likely be a reverse auction held in April or May. K.C. asked EEC members for comments on the plan.

Environmental & Energy Commission members agreed that the aggregation program should continue to purchase a 100% renewable energy portfolio; agreed with indicative pricing structure to obtain rates for (1) wind RECs, (2) solar RECs and (3) locally sourced RECs if affordable and available; and commended the Board for taking a leadership role in municipal aggregation.

Discussion Items

A. Work Plan Tasks

Members were sent the 2014 work plan with names assigned to tasks as requested.

B. Earth Fest Table

Karen brought examples of materials used at events in the last few years and members discussed what their focus will be this year. Members agreed that energy efficiency and anti-idling will be the topics. Commissioner Cullen reported that she will give native plant info and pesticide information to the Wild Ones. Karen plan to have their tables together.

Karen will also see if Skyler Larrimore would like a table for the Impact IL program. Mindy Agnew will set up the zero waste stations and promote composting and the new Green Block Party program at Karen's table.

C. Street Lighting Update

Commissioner Hugh gave a presentation on LED street lights and discussed new technologies available as well as reducing night sky light pollution and light trespass across property lines. He will try to set up a meeting with Public Works to demonstrate the lighting he showed to EEC.

New Business

None.

Adjourn: 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus