

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the October 7, 2014 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Peter Hugh, Hanna Kwiecinska, Bill Burns, Alex Frank and Michael O'Rourke

ABSENT: Townsend Bailey

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The September 2 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: EEC Chair Bridge reported that he attended the PlanItGreen core committee meeting. He also reported that PlanItGreen will host a meeting with stakeholders to review progress on plan initiatives.

Staff Reports: Staff report from Karen Rozmus was accepted.

Public Comment: None.

Guests: Peggy McGrath and Commissioner Cullen led the discussion on the creation of an informational brochure about pesticides. Chair Bridge distributed a draft flyer that he created. Commissioner Cullen will work with Ms. McGrath to finalize the information and Karen will forward to Patrick Rollens for formatting. Karen reported that lawn signs will be purchased for EEC to distribute next year.

Discussion Items

A. Develop 2015 Work Plan

Chair Bridge led the discussion and members agreed on initiatives to include in the 2015 work plan. Karen will send out a final draft for review and then submit the plan to the Village Manager to forward to the Board.

B. Plastic Bag Ordinance

Commissioner Cullen and Karen are working on a draft recommendation that will be reviewed at the November meeting. There was consensus to include a fee-based ordinance.

C. Pesticide Awareness

This item was discussed earlier with guest Peggy McGrath.

D. Green Awards

Commissioner Peterson led the discussion of the nine nominations. Commission members voted to bestow six Green Awards and two Honorable Mention awards. Commissioner Peterson reported that the invitations will go out before the end of the month.

E. Harrison Street Project

Chair Bridge and Commissioner Hugh met with Jill Juliano to discuss the LED fixtures being planned for Harrison Street. The fixtures are designed with full cut-off to avoid night sky pollution and residential home intrusion. There is a demonstration fixture installed at Harrison and Lombard. The energy level is decreased from 175 watts to 68 watts.

New Business

None.

Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus