

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

PRESENT: Commissioners: Laura Hausmann, Mac Robinet, Bob Peterson, Nick Bridge, Peter Hugh and Hanna Kwiecinska. Carolyn Cullen attended on the phone.

ABSENT: Brian Chang

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The March 12 minutes were amended and approved.

Chairperson's Report: Laura Hausmann reported that there was not a chairperson's meeting but that one would be scheduled soon.

Staff Reports: Monthly reports were submitted by Karen Rozmus and K.C. Poulos. Karen stated that the lists of Organics cart deliveries had been submitted to Waste Management. Karen reported that all arrangements for the April collection events were completed: April 6 Paint Exchange; April 20 Earth Fest; and April 27 Shredding and clothing.

Guest: Frank Heitzman from the Historic Preservation Commission gave a brief overview of the HPC and stated that all Oak Park historic districts are national historic districts. As the HPC guidelines are being updated, the HPC has revised their interpretation of ordinances and now require that any window replacements viewed from the street obtain a "certificate of appropriateness". Frank distributed some documents and asked EEC to support the HPC in the new interpretation regarding window replacements. Laura asked EEC members to review the documents for the next meeting.

#### Discussion Items

- A. Tabling: Laura proposed dates for special events displays: Earth Fest, April 20; Farmers Market on May 25; and Day In Our Village on June 2. EEC participation was approved by unanimous vote.
- B. CMAP Water Conservation Plan: The plan was adopted at the April 1 Board meeting and Laura asked that this item be removed from the agenda.
- C. Pesticide Survey: Laura asked that this item be renamed to IPM Update and asked Karen to send her a copy of the document.
- D. Burn Ordinance: Nothing to report at this time.
- E. PlanItGreen: KC's report contained an update stating that the core committee is creating a scorecard of accomplishments for year 1 of the implementation phase.

- F. Green Community Connections Update: Laura asked that the title of this item be amended to changing Network to Connections and that a new item will be added for the Interfaith Green Network.
- G. White Roofs: Karen forwarded Mac's brochure to the HPC for their April 11 meeting.
- H. EEC Environmental Plan Update: Nothing to report at this time.
- I. Geothermal Projects - Village Hall: Nothing to report at this time.
- J. HPC Guidelines: Laura stated that Betsy and Michele are no longer on the EEC and asked Hanna to serve as the liaison when new guidelines are developed.
- K. Review Comprehensive Plan Workshop: Laura reported information she had received from Craig Failor regarding the Envision Oak Park focus groups. Laura asked for three members who could commit to all three meeting sessions to volunteer for various topic groups. Laura will submit the names and Craig will send out the final list. Laura asked that members submit comments to Karen to update notes from the EEC workshop.

New Business: Laura will Google time slots for volunteers for the EEC display at upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Rozmus