

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the November 5, 2013 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 102

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

ABSENT: Townsend Bailey

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The October 1 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: Nick asked the guests to introduce themselves: residents Christine Gould and Adam Gill and Julio Reyes, a DePaul student, attended as observers. Nick reported that the next Envision (Comprehensive Plan) workshop is scheduled for December 5 and the focus will be on metrics. He asked if members would like to attend for representation on different groups. Hanna volunteered to attend the Land Use group, Caitlin volunteered to attend the Open Space group, Bill and or Carolyn may attend the Sustainability group.

Nick reported that he attended the PlanItGreen meeting held on October 23 to review the scorecard. There were many institutions and Village representatives from both Oak Park and River Forest in attendance. They discussed some highlights and shared success stories. Nick suggested that Concordia should be invited to the next meeting as they were not represented.

Staff Reports: Staff reports from Karen and KC were accepted. Karen also reported that the village of River Forest will sponsor a drop off for cooking oil used to deep-fry turkeys. The event will be Saturday November 30 at RF Village Hall from 9 am to 12 pm.

Public Comment: None.

Guest: Rick Kuner, Citizens for Appropriate Transportation, gave a presentation on IDOT's proposed plans for the Eisenhower Expressway expansion. He explained the four options proposed by IDOT, the impacts to Oak Park residents and the methodology concerns raised by his group. He has given the presentation to decision makers in our area and asked EEC to make a recommendation to the Village Board. Nick asked EEC members to send him their comments to include in a memo and this issue will be brought up for action at a future meeting.

Discussion Items

A. Work Plan

Postponed to December meeting.

B. Green Awards

The Awards committee reported that the ceremony plans are nearly complete. Karn asked Caitlin if she would make the punch that evening. Bob reported that Village funds could not be used to purchase wine and asked members to donate \$10 if they wished for this purpose. Bob gave Karen the notes for the program and she reported that the award plaques has been ordered. The ceremony will be held at the Nineteenth Century Club on November 21. Dorrs open at 6:30 pm and the ceremonies will begin at 7:00 pm.

New Business

None.

Adjourn: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus