

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

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Brian Chang, Hanna Kwiecinska, Townsend Bailey, Bill Burns and Ray Johnson

ABSENT: Peter Hugh, Caitlin Jeffries and Townsend Bailey

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The January 7 minutes were amended and approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: EEC Chair Bridge had nothing to report at this time.

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

Public Comment: None.

Guest: Skylar Larrimore from Elevate Energy (formerly CNT Energy) gave a presentation on an ongoing energy conservation initiative. Elevate Energy is connecting Oak Park homeowners to resources that will lower energy costs and boost the comfort and value of their home. Elevate Energy is a nonprofit that designs and implements energy efficiency programs that lower cost, protect the environment, and ensure the benefits of energy efficiency reach those who need them most. Elevate Energy is completing \$99 home energy efficiency assessments and connecting homeowners to Building Performance Institute trained and certified contractors. Made possible through Energy Impact Illinois, Elevate offers one year interest-free loans for all work completed, and Elevate can connect residents to rebates for air sealing and insulation improvements. To date, Impact Illinois has conducted 59 house parties, performed 240 assessments and completed 146 retrofits in Oak Park.

K. C. Doyle was unable to attend and requested that her update on the Village's energy aggregation program be rescheduled to the March meeting.

Discussion Items

A. Work Plan Tasks

Chair Bridge asked Karen to forward the work plan with previously discussed task assignments to members for review at the March meeting.

B. Earth Fest Table

Members discussed what the focus of their educational efforts should be for 2014 events. Chair Bridge asked Karen to bring examples of materials used at events in the last few years

to the March meeting. Karen will also create a sign-in schedule for Earth Fest to be held on Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 2 pm.

C. Street Lighting Update

Commissioner Hugh was unable to attend the meeting and Chair Bridge requested that this item be rescheduled to the March meeting.

New Business

Chair Bridge reported that he will be out of town the first week in March and asked members to reschedule the meeting from March 4 to March 11. Members agreed to the new date and asked staff to reserve a room for the new date.

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus