

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the December 2, 2014 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Peter Hugh, Townsend Bailey, Alex Frank and Michael O'Rourke

ABSENT: Commissioners: Hanna Kwiecinska, Bill Burns

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The November 4 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: EEC Chair Bridge reported that at the December 1 Board meeting, Trustee Ott reported on discussions about possible sustainability partnerships with River Forest and Forest Park.

Chair Bridge is continuing discussion with the Board of Health Chair on co-hosting a forum on mosquito spraying.

Staff Reports: Staff report from Karen Rozmus was accepted.

Public Comment: None.

Guests: Residents Jim Dickert and Dawn Mueller attended the meeting as observers.

Discussion Items

A. Plastic Bag Ordinance

Commissioner Cullen and Karen distributed a survey for obtaining public input from residents. Commission members reviewed the survey and submitted their comments. Karen will ask Loretta Daly for input to develop a survey for business owners and will work with Patrick Rollens to create both online surveys.

B. Pesticide Awareness

Karen reported that she will have grant funding for the lawn signs. Commissioner Cullen will finalize the information for educational materials. Commissioner Hugh will ask Green Community Connections if "A Chemical Reaction" could be shown again at the 2015 One Earth Film Festival (March 6 – 8).

C. Green Awards

Commissioners Peterson and Bailey reported that there were about 140 attendees at the awards ceremony. Trustee Ott presented the awards as Chair Bridge narrated the slide show.

D. Review 2015 Work Plan

Chair Bridge reported that the Board was scheduled to approve work plans on December 8.

New Business

Chair Bridge led a lengthy discussion on what the sustainability organization might look like and whether the EEC should formalize a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Bailey stated that he had some experience with forming an organization such as this and the recommendation should include a Mission Statement. He also stated that the conversation should continue asking “what the problem is” and “how to address the problem.”

Commissioner Frank offered to format member’s comments for discussion at the next meeting.

Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus