



Village of Glencoe

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of the Sustainable Working Group

FROM: Nathan J. Parch, Community Development Analyst

DATE: July 20, 2011

SUBJECT: June 29, 2011 Meeting Summary

The first meeting of the Sustainability Working Group (SWG) was called to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Conference Room at Village Hall. The following members were present: Chairman Walt Eckenhoff, Beth Dunn, Hall Healy, Laurie Morse, Dudley Onderdonk, Mark Piltingsrud, Larry Smith, and Community Development Analyst Nathan Parch. Andre Lerman arrived at 7:30 p.m. and Jean Hahn arrived at 7:46 p.m.

Village President Scott Feldman briefly attended the meeting to welcome the members and thank them for their help in assisting the Village.

Chairman Eckenhoff reviewed the structure of the SWG as an informal group, not a formal Commission. He explained that the role of the SWG was to assist the Village Manager in: (i) developing policies and procedures for the Village to follow, (ii) providing information to the Plan Commission in connection with its review of sustainability measures, and (iii) making recommendations to the Village Board for any ordinances or programs that might be adopted in the Village. The timeframe was stated to be 12 to 18 months.

Members of the SWG provided detailed introductions of themselves as follows:

Dudley Onderdonk – 8 year resident, 40 year career in public administration & community development/planning, semi-retired/currently adjunct professor in sustainability at Roosevelt University, LEED professional

Hall Healy – Marketing/business development for environmental engineering company, Chair of Board for International Crane Foundation, facilitator of environmental issues locally (Chicago, Waukegan Harbor, rural Illinois,) and abroad (North Korea, Yucatán Peninsula, Russia)

Mark Piltingsrud – 18 year resident (19 years in Winnetka), architect – urban rail/airport projects, member of Contextual Design Review Commission since 2005, key author of Glencoe's Sustainability Study

Andre Lerman – 23 year resident, newly elected to Park Board, Park Board Representative to SWG and Plan Commission, sailing is a hobby, concerned about runoff/drainage after major storms and impacts to water quality/beach closures

Laurie Morse – Former agricultural and financial issues journalist, involved with League of Woman Voters – water quality study & solid waste management study, involved with local buckthorn removal initiative along Green Bay Trail, interested in sustainability as a tool for community development

Beth Dunn – Employed for 3 years as Director of Governmental Affairs for Chicago Botanic Garden, Wilmette resident, background in political campaign work, involved in sustainable-focused projects at Botanic Garden, liaison to newly formed Council for North Suburban Environment Commissions (CNSEC)

Jean Hahn – newly elected to School Board, School Board Representative to SWG, born and raised in Southern California, spoke of import role schools play as a social driver in the community

Larry Smith – 31 year resident, background in large scale mall development across U.S., incorporated geothermal into one mall development to reduce energy usage, experience in working with many governments/geographical areas

Walt Eckenhoff – 29 year resident, architect and owner of firm in Chicago with healthcare focus, former Chair of Board for Chicago Architecture Foundation, current Chair of Contextual Design Review Commission and member of Plan Commission

It was agreed future meetings would be held the last Monday of each month. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

cc: Paul Harlow, Village Manager
Scott Feldman, Village President
Caren Thomas, Plan Commission Chairman