



Village of Glencoe

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of the Sustainable Working Group

FROM: Nathan J. Parch, Community Development Analyst

DATE: January 26, 2012

SUBJECT: January 9, 2012 Meeting Summary

The seventh meeting of the Sustainability Working Group (SWG) was called to order at 7:10 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. Jean Hahn and Andre Lerman were absent.

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Chairman Eckenhoff stated that the Sustainability Working Group status report presented to the Plan Commission on December 7, 2011 was well received. Along with Chairman Eckenhoff, members Mark Piltingsrud and Dudley Onderdonk were in attendance to review the progress of the website, community outreach event, pilot projects, and code audit.

- A. Website – It was reported that work on the website progressed and information was added to the sections of Sustainability, News/Events, Community Partners, and Getting Involved. Mark Piltingsrud explained that the next step was to add information to the nine remaining website sections, which would be the text from each of the strategies listed in Chapter I of the Sustainability Study. It was agreed that members would review the text from Chapter I of the Sustainability Study and forward any comments to Mark in the coming weeks. Members were in agreement that information listed under the Featured Village News section of the Village website homepage should be duplicated on the Sustainability section when relevant. Several event dates were provided to staff to add to the Events section.
- B. Community Outreach – Members continued planning for the Community Outreach event to be held at the Takiff Center on Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 9:00 AM to noon. Volunteers will need to arrive at 8:30 AM. Laurie Morse and Hall Healy agreed to develop a marketing plan for the event. Members were asked to assist with the following:

- Hall will circulate a contact list of local organizations/individuals to invite to the event. Members should review the list and sign up to contact an organization(s) they have a relationship with – the focus is to get a commitment to send a representative or two from each organization; and
- By Friday, January 13th, submit ideas for an event name. (Following the meeting, the below ideas were submitted via email:

*Be a part of Glencoe's future!
Please join us in a community discussion about our sustainability goals*

*Glencoe's Future
Involves/Needs your input
Join us for a community discussion of sustainability*

*Water, Energy, Transportation!
What does it mean to Glencoe*

*Help grow Glencoe's Sustainable Future
Be part of the discussion on March 10*

Goals for a Green Glencoe: help set the vision on March 10th

Sustainable visioning for Glencoe: join the discussion on March 10th

Sustainable Glencoe: help set the vision on March 10th

Sustainable Saturday in Glencoe: join in the strategic discussion on March 10th).

It was agreed that the focus groups for the event and respective facilitators would be as follows:

- Design & Construction (Walt & Mark)
- Water (Laurie)
- Energy (Village Trustee Larry Levin)
- Land use/green space (Andre)
- Transportation (Dudley).

C. Code Audit – Dudley Onderdonk stated that he recently met with the organizers of Wilmette's annual Going Green Matters event and shared the history of that event along with the grass roots effort to form the citizen group Go Green Wilmette. Dudley reported that the code audit was progressing. He reminded members that a memorandum was distributed at the November meeting summarizing a broad range of options to consider as part of the audit. He stated that the memo highlighted regulatory measures that the Village does not currently have in place versus impediments to existing regulations, which Walt was working on.

D. Pilot Project – Members reviewed the summary list of potential pilot projects distributed at the November meeting. Members discussed the option of conducting a Village-wide survey of private property trees and those not included in the Village's parkway tree inventory. Varying opinions were voiced, but no decisions were made. (Following the meeting, Larry Smith emailed the below listing of pilot projects in order of priority:

1. Native Landscape Plantings (Joint effort between the Village and AT&T Universe);
2. Natural Lawn Care & Sustainable Landscapes (A program at the Glencoe Golf Club);
3. Solar Panels;
4. Tree Inventory (Grant from ComEd for GPS units);
5. Construction Waste Segregation and Recycling; and
6. Writer's Theater/Women's Library Club - Future consideration as project comes to fruition.)

The next two meetings were scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd and Monday, February 27th both at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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