



## Village of Glencoe

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Sustainable Working Group

**FROM:** Nathan J. Parch, Community Development Analyst

**DATE:** June 22, 2012

**SUBJECT:** April 30, 2012 Meeting Summary

The tenth meeting of the Sustainability Working Group (SWG) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Conference Room at Village Hall. The following members were present: Chairman Walt Eckenhoff, Beth Dunn, Jean Hahn, Andre Lerman, Laurie Morse, Dudley Onderdonk, Mark Piltingsrud, Larry Smith, and Community Development Analyst Nathan Parch. Hall Healy was absent.

### REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

- A. Community Outreach – Chairman Eckenhoff thanked everyone for their participation in planning, facilitating, and attending the March 10<sup>th</sup> event. Summaries prepared by the facilitators of each of the five small groups were distributed. Recognizing that the format and content of each was different, Laurie Morse agreed to work with Hall Healy to summarize, edit, and format the summaries into one cohesive document. Once completed, it will be uploaded to the website. Nathan Parch agreed to contact Pioneer Press about obtaining copies of photos of the event.
- B. Website – Mark Piltingsrud reported that work on the website was progressing. He encouraged members to forward him relevant information for posting on the website.
- C. Code Audit – Dudley Onderdonk distributed and reviewed a memorandum (attached) summarizing several optional or voluntary programs focused on sustainability that go beyond the already adopted policies, codes, and standards of the Village.
- D. Pilot Project – Members reviewed the list of possible pilot projects prepared by Jean Hahn and Larry Smith, previously distributed at the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nathan Parch suggested the possibility of preparing an informational brochure focused on rain gardens or natural lawn care. Mr. Parch noted that the Village Engineer assisted several homeowners with the development of rain gardens on their properties as part of their individual storm water management

plans. Mr. Parch suggested that a natural lawn care brochure could be used by homeowners or given to landscapers as a resource. Laurie Morse suggested the possibility of attaching a handout/brochure with information about deconstruction to demolition applications.

Members discussed the idea of assisting the Friends of the Green Bay Trail restoration Project (Betsy Liebson) in one or more of the following ways:

- Fundraising;
- Publicity/Awareness (website);
- Organizing a work day;
- Interpretive signage (similar to the bluff restoration at Lakefront Park) and/or
- Organizing a bike tour through the Green Bay Trail area and to McDonald Woods where focused efforts are underway to remove buckthorn.

#### REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

Laurie Morse provided an update on the result of the March 20<sup>th</sup> referendum question regarding municipal electrical aggregation.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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