



Village of Glencoe

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of the Sustainability Working Group

FROM: Nathan J. Parch, Community Development Analyst

DATE: September 17, 2012

SUBJECT: August 27, 2012 Meeting Summary

The thirteenth meeting of the Sustainability Working Group (SWG) was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Hagenah Room at Village Hall. The following members were present: Chairman Walt Eckenhoff, Jean Hahn, Mark Piltingsrud, Dudley Onderdonk, and Community Development Analyst Nathan Parch. Members Beth Dunn, Hall Healy, Andre Lerman, Laurie Morse, and Larry Smith were absent.

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

A. PILOT PROJECT - Jean Hahn reviewed the possibility of hosting a dinner event in early to mid-October intended to both raise funds and awareness for local volunteer organization Friends of the Green Bay Trail led by Glencoe resident Betsy Leibsen. Funds raised would help pay for small native trees and shrubs to be planted in targeted areas along the trail where additional screening is needed. Possible guest speakers for the event were identified as Wilmette author Charlotte Adelman and resident/architect John Eifler. It was agreed that Jean would prepare a write-up summarizing the event. It was also agreed that contact with the appropriate staff at the Village and Chicago Botanic Garden would be made in order to confirm support of this project.

B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

- *Review results of ranking exercise from July 18th meeting –*

Nathan Parch summarized last month's exercise, led by Hall Healy, wherein suggestions and comments received from the 30+ attendees at the March 10th "Green" forum held at the Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center were prioritized. The suggestions for each of the five small group topics - Renewable Energy; Green Building Design and Construction; Transportation and Land Use; Solid Waste Management; and Open Space - were listed on large posters that Hall placed around the room. Each member was then given ten (10) green dots to stick next to those suggestions they felt were a priority. The results of the exercise were detailed in the July 18th meeting

minutes and briefly discussed by those in attendance. Several SWG members not in attendance for the original exercise at the July 18th meeting added their votes and the “Rank” column of the below table was adjusted accordingly. The table reflects the votes of seven SWG members and staff liaison Nathan Parch.

SWG RANKING OF ATTENDEE SUGGESTIONS BY TOPIC <i>dated 7/18/12</i> <i>updated 8/27/12</i> <i>updated 9/17/12</i> 		
TOPIC	SUGGESTION/COMMENT	RANK (green dots)
LAND USE		
	Hybrid Parking Spaces	
	Restart/Revisit Downtown Planning	6
	Pocket Parks – e.g. Green Bay	1
	Allow 3-4 Story Mixed-Use	
RENEWABLE ENERGY		
	Windmills/Turbines	
	Wave Action	
	Solar Panels	4
	Passive Solar/Skylights	1
	Fuel Cells	
	Geothermal	2
GREEN DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION		
	Tours/Publicity-Model Homes/Buildings	1
	Education/Promotion/Awareness Building/Owners/Builders, Etc	2
	Incentives – Village, Other - New, Exist Const LEED Certify – Bldrs, Architects	1
	Code Changes (<i>steep slope ord.</i>)	7
	Recycle, Reuse Materials/Components	5
	Spring Cleanup Sale	
	Design Review	
	Adjust FAR	
	Waive LEED Permit Fees	1
	Material Selection	
	Pervious/Permeable Paving	
	Pilot Project: Home Deconstruction/Rehab	2
ENERGY		
	Education - Classes @ Schools, Other - Energy Saving Tips	4

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TOPIC	SUGGESTION/COMMENT	RANK (green dots)
	Code Changes/Model Code	
	Electric Carts – Garbage	3
	Green Roofs	
	Car Charging Stations	
	Biodiesel Fuel – Vge Vehicles	
	Collect Food, Dog Waste – Fuel, Fertilizer Generation	
	Explore Cogeneration	
	Village Offer Energy	7
	Wave Action Energy	
	Energy Audits	3
	Energy Efficient HVAC	
TRANSPORTATION		
	School Buses – Vge Transit	
	Local Shuttle	1
	Encourage Mass Transit	
	Signage/Lanes – Bikes, Pedestrians	2
	Weekend Beach Shuttle	
	Alternate Vehicles – Encourage, Accommodate, Incentivize	
	Encourage Walking – School, Etc	4
	Charging Stations	
	Create Bike/Pedestrian Plan	
	More Safe Crossings – GB, RR	1
	Reduce Idling – Schools, Etc	2
	Expand CBG Shuttle	
	Allow Golf Carts	
	Improve Facilities, Connectivity – Biking, Walking	2
OPEN SPACE		
	Improve Bluffs – Street End Beaches	
	Each Park – Own Identity, Purpose	
	Park Tours – Individual or Annual	
	Playground Redesign – More Transparent, More Local Input	
	Village, Park District – Joint, Integrated Greenways Plan – Green Bay, Etc	

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	Integrated Open Space Plan – Vge, Park Dist, Schools, Etc	7
	Plan – Increased Winter Use – Parks, Open Spaces	
	Village Plan to Eradicate Buckthorn, Invasives	6
	Use of Turnbull Woods as a Dog Park – Joint Approach to FPD	1
	Village Revisit Open Space Plan	
	Plan to Address Ravine Runoff	1
SOLID WASTE		
	Reduce Plastic Bottle Use	4
	Ordinance – Construction, Demolition Debris	1
	Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Containers Downtown; For Events - Bigger Containers than Garbage 	
	Different Handling of Spring Cleanup for More Effective Reuse, Recycling	1
	More, More Effectively Organized Composting	1

C. WEBSITE - Mark Piltingsrud reported that no additional content was received for posting on the website. Members discussed the importance of keeping the website content relevant. Social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter were briefly discussed as possible options for disseminating information and linking residents with new information as it is posted on the website. Nathan Parch mentioned that staff was reviewing the possibility of adding a Community Calendar feature to the Village’s website, which was a component of the former Village website. This feature would provide a central place for public bodies and community groups to post meetings and events.

D. CODE AUDIT - Dudley Onderdonk reported that he and Walt Eckenhoff are completing their review of the relevant chapters of the Glencoe Village Code and flagging “low-hanging fruit” items. Additionally, research is ongoing regarding what other communities/counties (e.g. Lake) are doing. They plan to meet with Building & Zoning Administrator John Houde to review their recommendations.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

None

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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