

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
PLAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
January 16, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Plan Commission of the Village of Glencoe, Cook County was called to order by Chairman Thomas in the Village Hall Council Chamber at 7:40 p.m. on the 16th day of January 2013.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Caren Thomas, Chairman, Public-at-Large Representative
Larry Levin, Vice-Chairman, Village Board Representative
Walt Eckenhoff, Public-at-Large Representative
Ed Goodale, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative
Bruce Huvard, Public-at-Large Representative
Andre Lerman, Glencoe Park District Representative (*arrived at 7:55 p.m.*)
Marya Morris, Public-at-Large Representative
Gary Ruben, School District #35 Representative

The following were absent:

Louis Goldman, Glencoe Public Library Representative
Tom Scheckelhoff, Historic Preservation Commission Representative

The following were also present:

David Mau, Director of Public Works
Nathan Parch, Community Development Analyst
Lee Brown, Village Planner

3. CONSIDER THE NOVEMBER 28, 2012 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the November 28, 2012 Plan Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There were no public comments.

5. CONSIDER FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP

Chairman Thomas began by recognizing the efforts of the Sustainability Working Group (SWG) and its Chairman and fellow Plan Commission member, Walt Eckenhoff.

Walt Eckenhoff introduced SWG members in attendance:

Jean Hahn, Glencoe School Board Rep
Andre Lerman, Glencoe Park District Rep
Laurie Morse, Public-at-large Rep

*Dudley Onderdonk, Public-at-large Rep
Mark Piltingsrud, Public-at-large Rep &
Larry Smith, Public-at-large Rep*

SWG members not in attendance were recognized as well:

*Beth Dunn, Director of Government Affairs, Chicago Botanic Garden &
Hall Healy, Public-at-large Rep*

Mr. Eckenhoff reviewed the content and organization of the final report document prepared by the SWG. Summaries of the four initiatives - website, community outreach event, pilot project, and code audit – completed by the SWG followed.

1. Establish a Village website hosting sustainability issues, information, and events.

Mark Piltingsrud explained that the SWG determined the best approach to a user friendly, intuitive, and well maintained website was to link directly to the existing Village of Glencoe website allowing sustainability information and news/events to be accessed within an already established structure. Content on land use, buildings, water, waste, air quality, energy, and eco systems, as outlined in the 2009 Contextual Design Review Commission's Sustainability Study, was incorporated into the website. Direction for content was informed by the SWG and updated by village staff. Nathan Parch provided a demonstration of the website.

2. Plan and execute a village-wide outreach event to collect and measure resident interest and input in sustainability issues.

Laurie Morse reviewed the March 10, 2012 "Green Goals for Glencoe" event hosted by the SWG to solicit community discussion, ideas, and involvement in various areas of sustainability. Approximately 30 residents attended the three hour forum and had the opportunity of focusing on energy, transportation, clean air/water, design/construction, waste, and open space in individual breakout groups moderated by SWG members. Ms. Morse noted that ideas generated from the sessions were included in Section 2 of the final report.

3. Organize a pilot project to promote a specific sustainable village initiative in order to raise public awareness.

Jean Hahn reviewed the SWG's decision to host a community fundraising event to benefit the restoration efforts along the Green Bay Trail by local group Friends of the Green Bay Trail (FGBT). Ms. Hahn reported that the event, named "Buckthorn Barbeque", was held at the Glencoe Golf Club on October 18th drawing 50 attendees and raising a net of \$3,200 for purchase of native plant material to replace buckthorn. The event featured multiple speakers, including Betsy Leibson from FGBT, author Charlotte Adelman ([Midwest Native Garden](#)), Bob Kirschner from the Chicago Botanic Garden, and Stella Nanos from the Glencoe Golf Club.

4. Conduct an "audit" of Village ordinances to suggest easily achievable modifications enhancing sustainable practices.

Dudley Onderdonk reviewed the scope of the Village Code audit - Chapters 1 thru 38 – intended to identify easily achievable additions, revisions, and comments promoting sustainability. Mr. Onderdonk noted that the findings were organized in a format that directly corresponded to the chapters, articles, and/or sections of the actual Code and were listed in Section 4 of the final report. The audit is by no means exhaustive and

will require subsequent review, direction, and approval by Village staff, Village legal counsel, and the Village Board.

Following the above summaries, Mr. Eckenhoff presented nine recommendations listed in the final report intended to build on the progress of the SWG and maintain momentum.

Plan Commission members responded favorably to the recommendations outlined in the final report. Discussion ensued regarding which Village body should be responsible for focusing on sustainability efforts going forward; the need for comprehensive planning village-wide, along with a focused effort on open spaces, with metrics established for assessing progress; and the status of the tabled steep slope recommendations. Commissioners agreed the report should be forwarded to the Village Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Goodale and seconded by Trustee Levin to forward the Sustainability Working Group's final report and recommendations to the Village Board. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Eckenhoff, Goodale, Huvard, Lerman, Levin, Morris, Ruben, and Thomas
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Goldman and Scheckelhoff

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Lerman noted that the next Friends Park planning meeting was scheduled for February 5th.

Commissioner Ruben reviewed the status of the School District's consideration of geothermal heating/cooling at Central School.

Commissioner Goodale reported on the Zoning Commission's recommendation to the Village Board regarding first floor uses in the central business district.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Plan Commission was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2013.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan J. Parch,
Community Development Analyst