

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

August 11, 2014, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

Minutes – FINAL

- ## 1. Call To Order

- ## 2. Roll Call:

- Present:

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| • M. Gabryel | P | J. Sopak | P |
| • G. Gabryel | P 6:10 arrival | A. Spencer | P |
| • K. Lombardozzi | A | T. Tieche | P |
| • M. McAuliffe | P | R. Van Hyfte | P |
| • P. Ristau | A | | |

- Staff:

- L. McIntyre P

- **VOTING KEY: A=ABSENT AB=ABSTAIN N=NO W=Withdrawn**

- **P=PRESENT Y=YES V=VACATION**

- ### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

- #### 4. Presentation of International Green Construction Code

- Presenters

- Bob Neale
Senior Regional Manager Government Relations
International Code Council
- Ramesh Gulatee
Architect
Lifecare Design Studio

- Presentation Highlights

- Overview of International Green Code (IgCC) relationship to the International Construction Code (ICC)
- It is easier to implement IgCC if the village's building standard is the current ICC. ICC allows jurisdictions to use their administrative powers to exercise flexibility inherent in the IgCC.
- US energy consumption is 48% buildings, 28% transportation and 24% industry. With such a large percentage of energy used in buildings it encourages communities, architects, developers and
- Most communities that implement IgCC do so on a volunteer basis. They may also offer incentives to builders that use IgCC or go for LEED certification.
- It was suggested that the Village of Westmont work towards implementation of the 2012 ICC code and current energy code.
- The ICC code is updated every 3 years with the next update in 2015.
- www.iccsafe.org/igcc
- Recommend that EIC work with the planning and zoning commission to create green value sheets to supply to vendors.
- G. Gabryel volunteered to act as a liaison with the building department.

5. Reports / Updates

a. 2010 Climate Action Plan Update

M. McAuliffe to provide a summary of findings on environmental friendly vehicles purchased by other similar communities.

G. Gabryel, L. McIntyre and S. May will schedule a meeting to complete an updated of the 2010 report

b. Community Gardening

T. Tieche provided an update of his discussion with B. Fleck from the Park District.

(1) Location: 3 Possible locations at dead-end streets: 57th St, Robinson Ln, and James Dr. These are all near Twin Lakes Park and Twin Lakes Woods. Bob will be meeting with Jon Yeater to discuss clearing area at Robinson Ln. There are too many conflicts with existing parks so a new area will need to be cleared. They have located a mobile water tank that can be used so water access is not an issue.

(2) Standard Size: Dependent on final location, but will be similar to surrounding areas, or similar to 10' x 10' or 20' x 10' for small/large.

(3) Fees Charged to Users: Nothing concrete at this point, would be similar to surrounding areas and would depend on cost to city for maintenance of garden and possibly demand.

- A. A. Spencer, L. McIntyre and M. Gabryel met with D. Ungerleider Village of Clarendon Hills Director of Community Development in June for an update on the potential joint community garden. Clarendon Hills did not get grant applied for the fund the project. It was suggested a joint meeting of interested parties from both communities with the hope of getting residents involved. The project will require an intergovernmental agreement that can get started while more work is done funding and more detailed project scope.
- B. A. Spencer reported that the Downers Grove Mar-Duke Farm community garden has 291 plots of which 48% are rented by non-residents 20 Westmont residents rent plots. This year approximately 85% of the plots were rented.
- C. Action items
 - Next Spring advise the residents that can make use of Mare Duke Farms
 - L. McIntyre to:
 - Reach out to the high school contact on the Advanced Environmental Program interest in expanding their program to include residents
 - Contact the Fire Department Chief about using a portion of the vacant lot next to the Southside Fire Station for use as a community garden.

c. "Green" Business Recognition Program & Community Recycling Promotion

L. McIntyre will send out information to the commission by Wednesday and contact Waste Management to determine the prize award. It was suggested that a rain barrel might be considered as an award to residents and the discount on the bills for businesses.

- At the June EIC meeting several commission members requested a presentation by Waste Management or have them respond to our questions. L. McIntyre to schedule a presentation for the September or future EIC meeting.

d. 2014 Electronics Recycling Program Update – Surveys

- A survey was taken during the July electronics pick-up
- 125 residents participated plus 2 school districts and a few village departments.
- 59% were Westmont residents and 12% from Darien
- The village supplies 2-5 Public Works employees plus a piece of heavy equipment to support this monthly event.

- The tonnage of electronics pickup was 4.5 for May and 6.8 for June. July is not yet available. This is down from 2013.
- August 8th was the last free electronics recycling drop off until DuPage can obtain another vendor or program as the prior vendor pulled out of the program. If the village would proceed with a program on their own, the cost estimate is approximately \$1,500 and the cost is not currently in the 2014-15 fiscal year budget.
- Com Ed offers a program where they will pay a homeowner \$35 and take away working refrigerators and freezers

Action Item L. McIntyre to research program and issue a press release.

A motion was unanimously passed by the EIC commission to recommend the village have a one-time special electronics recycling event in January. The motion was presented by T. Tieche and seconded by A. Spencer.

e. "Green" Information on Village Website & Community Publicity Campaign – List of Recycling Specifics

A. Spencer will follow up with Waste Management and put together a list of acceptable items that can be published on the village web-site.

f. Special Recycling & Other Programs - Paper Shredding, Batteries, Light Bulbs, etc.

- The question was raised as to when the Sharps program can be implemented. A collection container is available thru Waste Management and is part of contract with the village.

The Westmont Police Department is hosting a drug drop off (pills and patches only) on September 27th from 10-2pm.

It was suggested for the next community garage sale that the village provides the participants a list of locations that will accept donations of items they were not able to sell to avoid ending up in the landfill

A. Spencer volunteered to create a list of local stores that accept recyclable items for posting to the village website. Before a business would be included on the list, the store management would need to be contacted for approval.

Based on comments received it appears that a number of rain barrels purchased by the village residents have yet to be installed. It was suggested finding a company that might be interested in installing rain barrels for a small fee. Downers Grove rain barrel program provides the residents the option to have their rain barrel installed.

Action Items:

- M. Gabryel to contact Downers Grove and their vendor to get information.
- L. McIntyre to contact S. May to identify resources for installations.

g. EIC Presence at Community Events Update - Street Fair, Taste of Westmont, etc.

- J. Sopak and T. Tiecher volunteer to for the remaining Street Fair events this summer.
- If the village moves forward with a free electronics recycling event for January the commission would promote this at the Holly Day events.

h. "Green" Construction Code Ideas
See Below

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i. Environmental preferable purchasing program and waste characterization study

- Pending to set a date. Set up analysis as two parts.

j. Work with Chamber of Commerce on EIC initiatives and update Bob to interface.

IL Green Business – Aaron to coordinate

6. New Items

- No additional items were noted.

7. Misc. / Action Plans

a. Delegation of Tasks

See above

b. Volunteer Sign-up for Street Fair

- See above

c. Motion was made to approve the June 16th meeting minutes and unanimously approved. Motion was made by R. Van Hyfte and second by G. Gabryel.

8. Adjourn

Other: -

Next Meeting September 8th