



VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

1200 Wilmette Avenue
WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091-0040

MEETING MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY COMMISSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

6:30 P.M.

VILLAGE BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present:

John Andersen
Debra Favre
Dr. Arthur Haut
Michael Kim
Patrick Meara
Charles Murdock
Tim Perry

Members Absent:

Chris Dunn
Linda Kurtz

Staff Present:

John Adler, Director of Community Development
Erika Fabisch, Planner I

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Meara called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2014 MINUTES

The approval of the October 20, 2014 minutes was moved by Commissioner Favre and seconded by Commissioner Perry. All were in favor of approval as amended.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dunn provided an update on his sustainability discussions with other governmental bodies.

IV. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Adler talked about an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would make car sharing easier to locate in existing parking lots. He mentioned the Municipal Services Committee meeting at which the Village's consultant would present the findings of the storm sewer system study, west of Ridge Road.

V. BICYCLE TASK FORCE (BTF) UPDATE – COMPLETE STREETS

Commissioner Perry talked about the complete streets policy that was being considered by the Municipal Services Committee. He talked about a bike survey that Trustee Wolf asked to be completed. He said that during a discussion with a former Bike Task Force member, the bike study that the Village completed in 1997 was brought up. Wilmette Citizens for Active Transportation will use that plan as a starting point for a new bike plan.

VI. GOING GREEN MATTERS EEC PARTICIPATION DISCUSSION

Ms. Drucker talked about the exhibit that Skidmore Owings and Merrill (SOM) was providing for Going Green Matters this year. SOM developed the displays for their Great Lakes Century Vision Plan. She asked the EEC members to participate not only in the Going Green Matters event of Sunday, March 8th but the reception for local leaders being held the night before. She talked about updating the map that shows solar and other green installations in the Village. Mr. Adler said that staff will send out an email to EEC members requesting a commitment to attend Going Green Matters at a specific time.

VII. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION DISCUSSION

Bob Spatz talked about his company and their selling of Charge Point electric vehicle charging stations. He said that Charge Point stations are all networked so that electric vehicle owners can check on availability via a phone app. He talked about the towns that have install Charge Point stations including Highland Park, Skokie, Evanston, and St. Charles. He provide data regarding usage and discussed the cost of a station. Mr. Spatz agreed to put together additional information on usage in other communities similar to Wilmette for the EEC to review at a future meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Favre suggested that the Village's parkway regulations be amended to allow rain gardens in certain circumstances. Mr. Adler said he would discuss this idea with Ms. Berger.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Andersen moved to adjourn and Commissioner Perry seconded. At 7:51 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Adler
Director of Community Development