



then discussed what effect so little water has had on the Village and on any garden that might be on the walk. At the end of the discussion members agreed the event should be postponed until next fall, 2013.

Members also discussed having a Commission table at various events in town (such as the Festival of the Arts event and the Farmers' Market) to discuss topics the Commission would like Villagers to be aware of and understand. Members believed that promotion for the sustainable garden walk and garden certification could be one of many topics discussed at the table. Discussion was then had regarding specifics of the Commission table; what should be discussed and what should be handed out. Chairman Neary and Commissioners Koral, Glaza, Gregory and Student Commissioner Clewlow all volunteered to attend a subcommittee meeting to discuss creating a table that could be used at various events next year.

**C. Energy Subcommittee Report:**

Commissioner Kreuzer informed the group that the Village Board had decided to go with the Opt-Out Municipal Aggregation program. A referendum question will be on the ballot in November asking residents if they would like the Village to aggregate electricity. Staff Liaison Schrader also gave a quick update on the topic. Commissioner Westcott suggested having information regarding the aggregation program at the Commission table that would be set up at community events. Members thought this was a great idea.

**D. Communications Subcommittee Report:**

Commissioner Gregory reviewed the "app" she created for the Village's green initiatives webpage. She is planning to meet with Staff Liaison Schrader regarding this webpage.

**E. Other:**

Commissioner Kreuzer handed out information and discussed a product aimed at collecting refuse within the Village known as "Big Belly". He explained that Big Belly is a refuse receptacle with a solar generated compactor. He went on to explain how the product works, the fact that equipment would need to be purchased and how many municipalities have benefited from the product as it limits the need for more frequent refuse collection. Staff Liaison Schrader informed the group that Village Staff had also heard of the product and previously researched it. Product cost was also talked about, with members discussing fundraising efforts to afford the product. After much discussion, members agreed the topic should be handed to the Energy Subcommittee for detailed discussion as a 2013 project.

Commissioners also discussed volcano mulching and the status of the branch and brush collection resulting from the July 1 storm event.

Commissioner Gregory asked Commissioners if they would be open adjusting a monthly Tuesday Commission meeting to Wednesday so that members of the Park District could attend and a dialogue could be opened for better communication between groups. Commissioners were open to the idea. Staff Liaison Schrader will let commissioners know when the meeting will be.

**6. Chairman's Report – None.**

**7. Trustee Report – None.**

**8. Staff Liaison Report –**

Staff Liaison Schrader gave the Commission an update on the recent approval of a contract with Allied Waste. The Village Board approved a 5 year contract on June 25, 2012 with Allied, and information will be disseminated to residents about the updated program in the next month.

**9. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –**

Commissioner Rahn motioned and Commissioner Glaza seconded the motion to adjourn the July 17, 2012 Commission meeting at 9:12 p.m. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on August 21, 2012.

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