

Director Hansen then spoke about the parkway tree replacement program, another aspect of the Village's overall Reforestation Program. Discussion included implementation of the program, cost and trees permitted to be planted in the parkway. Commissioner Koral was concerned about some of the tree choices and members asked if they might be able to recommend a larger variety to encourage diversity. Director Hansen told the group he would be more than willing to meet with members of the Commission or of the Landscaping Subcommittee to discuss this. Members agreed to review possible tree species and forward to Director Hansen.

Members also discussed educating residents about trees; proper planting techniques, mulching, etc. Chairman Neary asked about creating a sign to place at the base of a tree that has been improperly mulched. Director Hansen thought this was a good idea and will research and report back to the Commission. He also wanted the Commission to know that when a tree is spotted that has been improperly mulched, a letter is sent to the homeowner informing them of the danger and risk to the tree. Finally discussed was an interest in creating an additional educational video for residents regarding topics such as planting, watering, mulching, proper species choice, variety of species, etc.

B. Recycling Subcommittee Report-

Staff Liaison Schrader updated the group on the Electronics Recycling Event. The last event for 2012 will be Saturday, September 29, from 8am-12pm. Creative Recycling will be collecting the electronics and a list of what is being accepted is on the website. Commissioners are encouraged to attend and assist with the event.

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report-

Commissioner Koral informed the group that she will be making calls soon to set up the next Subcommittee meeting and that she is considering additional topics the subcommittee can research in the future. One of the topics she is considering is a 'Native Plant Sale'. Discussion was had on the concept of a plant sale and Commissioner Glaza wondered if it might be best to work in conjunction with another organization already holding a plant sale. Members discussed working with places like the Arboretum, etc.

Chairman Neary recapped the Commission's booth at the Festival of Arts event at Lake Ellyn and Commissioner Gregory discussed the booth at the Farmers' Market. It was determined that the Festival of the Arts event will be a great event for future Environmental Commission booths. Members discussed other events they could attend; specifically ones held during optimal planting seasons.

D. Energy Subcommittee Report-

Staff Liaison Schrader informed the group that the public hearings regarding the Electricity Aggregation Program will be October 8 and 22. Staff Liaison Schrader also provided a summary of the current status of the Aggregation program and education timeline.

E. Communications Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Gregory reviewed the Environmental Commission's "intent and purpose" listed on the Village's webpage. She would like the wording of the intent and purpose revisited for the updated website. Commissioner Gregory also reviewed other concepts for the updated Village website, including navigation and design. Staff Liaison Schrader and the Communications Subcommittee will meet in the coming weeks to discuss these concepts.

F. Other –

The Downtown Streetscape Study, mentioned in the Fall Village Newsletter, was discussed. Commissioners have an interest in the study from an environmental perspective. The first meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m. Commissioners may attend this meeting as public participants prior to the Environmental Commission meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

5. Chairman’s Report –

Chairman Neary asked Student Liaison Clewlow if there was anything she would like to discuss. She informed the group there was nothing specifically she wanted to discuss but wanted the group to know that many groups at Glenbard West are filling their calendars months in advance. If the Commission needed student help with anything she informed the group it would be optimal to have a few months notice.

6. Trustee Report – NONE.

7. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Schrader updated the group on the Taylor Street Underpass Project and the fact that the underpass would be closed through November 12.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on October 16, 2012.

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