



Kreuzer asked what the Commission could do to help. Planning Intern Carlisle asked them all to fill out the survey and spread the word to others to do the same. He also handed out a Village map and asked them to mark it up highlighting roadways they felt should to be reviewed as possible bike routes. The final plan will be presented to Public Works and the public will be informed about the approval process so they can give comment and attend meetings.

**4. Announcements – NONE**

**5. New Business – NONE**

**6. Subcommittee Reports –**

**A. Communications Subcommittee -**

Commissioner Gregory informed the group that they are continuing to work on articles for the Village Eblast. She reiterated to the group that she would like to have a dedicated environmental type article in every Village Eblast. She would also like to have them saved and be accessible. Justin will look in to this and get back to the group.

The group also talked about the ‘Bike It’ plan that was discussed at the last meeting. Commissioner Gregory informed the group that she had talked to many businesses in town about contributions and interest and had gotten a lot of positive feedback. Chairman Kreuzer asked the Subcommittee to put together a formal presentation that they could review, pass along to Staff and then present to the Board. Much discussion was had regarding the timing of the event and when it should actually happen; wondering if they have enough time. In the interest of time and to help move things forward Commissioner Gregory informed the group she would email members a detailed outline of what the event would consist of. She will also email Staff Liaison Keenan so he can get some initial unofficial feedback from staff. The topic will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

Commissioner Van Gorp informed the group that he had contacted Glenbard West about finding a Student Liaison. He will get back to the group when he hears something.

**B. Energy Subcommittee Report - NONE**

**C. Recycling Subcommittee Report–**

Commissioner Pellico informed the group he sent out recycling extravaganza information to new members. He also said he would start contacting vendors in March and was going to be adding a cell phone vendor. Chairman Kreuzer suggested this go in to the Eblast. Commissioner Pellico will forward a revised Extravaganza flyer to the Communications subcommittee to finalize. Commissioner Zelasco had put together a fairly detailed list of places to recycle a variety of items. He will forward this to Commissioner Pellico and Gregory in case they would like to weave some of the information into the flyer or make a handout. When final changes are made to the flyer it should be sent to Staff Liaison Keenan so the Village can distribute. Justin informed the group that he would like to have a copy of the flyer by March 15.

**D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report -**

Building & Zoning Official Joe Kvapil attended the meeting to answer questions that the group had regarding the Tree Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Kvapil gave a quick recap on the

Ordinance and informed the group that he had been involved with it for the past 6 years. Chairman Kreuzer went over with the group what was discussed at the last subcommittee meeting and what changes they thought might be helpful to residents going through the Tree Plan process. The subcommittee thought the Village could take a more active role in helping residents identify trees and possibly charge a fee to do so. They also thought changing the mandated fencing color of orange could be looked at. Discussion was had regarding the fact that the Village goes to every property and reviews all tress plans for accuracy in tree identification. The Commission wondered why they didn't take a more active role in helping residents in tree identification since they go out to each residence anyway. Mr. Kvapil informed the group that the Village has an independent contractor do all this work. He went on to let the Commission know that he also has not heard of any resident complaints regarding the survey or difficulty filling it out. Much discussion was had regarding this topic and how the independent contractor might be of greater use to residents; regarding topics like managing tree risk and the benefits of some trees over others on specific properties. Commissioner Gregory and Zelasco reminded the group that the Arboretum could also be a valuable resource to residents in regards to this. Chairman Kreuzer informed Mr. Kvapil that the Commission has narrowed their 'scope of change' to helping the homeowner better identify trees earlier and possibly allowing green fencing at certain locations. Before leaving Mr. Kvapil informed the group that he now had a better idea of what the Commission's concerns were. He would look in to them and get back with feedback in a few weeks.

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that there are enough Volcano mulching signs for the upcoming year; all decided the topic would be discussed in detail at the next meeting. He also told the group that Phase II of the Prairie Path restoration project is moving forward and on schedule.

Commissioner Van Gorp gave the group a recap on the Walgreens property on Lambert. He told the group Planning & Development Director Stacy Hulseberg gave him a contact at Walgreens and at this point something needs to be put together and sent to try and get them to invest in the project. He currently has ideas but asked if Chairman Kreuzer would be willing to help him with this. Chairman Kreuzer thought the project was coming along very well and said he would be more than willing to help Commissioner Von Gorp with this.

There was a discussion about garden plots and how to possibly increase the availability of plots to residents and development more Community Gardens. Chairman Kreuzer said this would end up being an agenda item in the future as the Commission wants to make this happen. He also informed the group that Public Works Director Hansen has asked the group to look at what venture the Village could develop with the Park District on the purchase and planting of native trees and shrubs. He would like to work on this and informed the group that he would call the Park District to start a dialog. Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that someone from the Park District had called the Village. He will pass this information on to Chairman Kreuzer.

Lastly, Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that he would like to revisit the commercial recycling topic and develop a 'best practices' for commercial recycling in the Village. He told the group to please think about the topic and brainstorm some ideas. He asked Commissioner Lowe to help to spearhead this.

## **7. Other -**

Commissioner Gregory told the group that starting in March the Arboretum was going to be giving out free Tree Tag Kits. She believed the Kits include laminated tree tags that would help identify trees and educate the public about these trees. She would love for the Commission to get some and possibly have trees at Lake Ellyn tagged for 4th of July. She went on to say she thought giving some to grade schools would also be good. All members thought this was a fantastic idea and Commissioner Cullinane said she would call the Arboretum and order the kits.

**8. Chairman's Report – NONE**

**9. Trustee Report – NONE**

**10. Staff Liaison Report –**

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that the Village President will be looking at all Commission applications in April. His goal is to spend time making sure the right person gets placed with the right Commission.

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

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on March 18, 2014.

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