



Members talked about bringing art in to the downtown and after some discussion decide to change the Communications Subcommittee name to the *Arts and Communications Subcommittee*. Chairman Kreuzer said he would like to get together with participants of Bike-It and Green Spaces to get feedback from them about ideas they might have for this and also future endeavors.

Members have a detailed discussion about what members are currently in what subcommittee. After their discussion the following was decided

<u>RECYCLING</u>	<u>HEALTH, WELLNESS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING</u>	<u>ARTS &amp; OUTREACH</u>
- Kreuzer *	- Pulver *	- Umlauf *	- Gregory *
- Zelasco	- Van Gorp	- Udelhofen	- Umlauf
- Short	- Kreuzer	- Frigo	- Udelhofen
			- Van Gorp
			- Malone

*\* Denotes the Subcommittee Chairperson*

**B. Single-use Bag Ordinance- NONE**

Nothing recent has happened with this but Chairman Kreuzer told the group he would like it on an upcoming Agenda so it can be worked on.

**C. Walgreens- NONE**

No new news to report on this. Members mention that the area is growing.

**6. New Business –**

**A. Curbside Composting Program -**

Staff Liaison Mendoza gave the group an update on research he was doing on curbside composting. He told the group that he had been in contact with Republic and went over a memo he drafted detailing specifics about how a possible composting program would run in Glen Ellyn. He told members there were specifics that would need to be fine-tuned such as what size carts would be available, how to keep the carts clean and exactly what would be allowed in the carts. Much discussion was had about the program and Staff Liaison Mendoza told the group that the Village was currently in talks with Republic about pricing. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch told the group that this program would also allow residents to use the composter container for yard waste. Members thought this was a huge benefit that might encourage people who wouldn't normally compost to do so knowing that they could use the container for yard waste. Discussion was had about how the program could also be used in other areas of the Village as well, such as schools and businesses. Members all agree that people who compost would always compost, but this program could offer something to the masses; specifically to those who would not normally compost. The ease of the program could be very attractive to a wide variety of residents and even make Glen Ellyn more attractive to those looking to move in to the western suburbs. Members also discussed doing a possible survey prior to a program launch to get feedback from Villagers. Staff Liaison Mendoza told the group that he would be setting up another meeting with Republic to go over further details and members ask if a representative could attend an EC meeting. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch said this could be arranged but that staff would also come back to the next meeting

with a more formal presentation with greater detail. He went on to say he believed if Board approval was achieved by the end of the year that a spring 2016 program roll out was possible. Chairman Kreuzer suggested to the group that they focus on some of the economic benefits of the program so that the Board understood that it was not just environmentally friendly, but also could be financially beneficial as well.

## **7. Subcommittee Reports**

### **A. Recycling Committee – NONE**

### **B. Health & Wellness Subcommittee –**

Commissioner Van Gorp asked members if they could please try and get through at least the first 6-7 pages of the Active Transportation Plan and be ready to discuss at the next meeting. He went on to say he thought it would be a good idea if Bob Minix from Public Works could attend the meeting to answer specific questions. Chairman Kreuzer suggested that the subcommittee meet and put together a presentation with some detailed information for the next meeting.

Commissioner Pulver told the group he was investigating Divvy and another similar company and will report back to the Commission when he has further detail.

### **C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report–**

Commissioner Umlauf told the group that the Village sign-up for the D41 garden at Village Green worked well and she received sign-ups through the link. She also told the group there was extra milkweed planted along the Prairie Path.

### **D. Communications Subcommittee Report –**

The Commission discussed creating a t-shirt for members that could be worn to events. Commissioner Van Gorp said he would revisit a design he had previously worked on.

## **8. Other Business -**

Chairman Kreuzer spoke to the group about the recent events regarding the District 87 construction project. He told the group how disappointed he was that their suggestions were not taken as seriously as they could have been and he is upset that such a historic part of the Village was going to be destroyed. He was sure that others on the Commission felt the same way and he suggested that the Commission possibly write a letter expressing their disappointment over the outcome. He went on to say he would like it if in the future the Village Board and Staff could do a better job letting the Commission know about projects like this. He believed it was in the best interest of the Village to have the Commission's input. Commissioner Van Gorp asked that his displeasure over what happened go on the record. He is also very disappointed about the outcome of the project.

Commissioner Van Gorp told the group that he drafted an ordinance regarding a dumping surcharge for those who dump illegally in the Village. Due to time however it was decided that this topic would be discussed at a future meeting.

## **9. Chairman Report – NONE**

## **10. Trustee Liaison Report –**

Trustee Liaison Senak told the group he understood their frustration and disappointment with the District 87 project. He went over with the group some fine details about how the decision happened and he said he would try his best to keep the Commission updated on things he thought they should know about or might be interested in. He mentioned the upcoming Police Station project and wondered if the Commission would like to give feedback on that project. Members agreed this would be a good project to monitor and contribute to. Trustee Senak told the group he would keep them updated and inform the Board that the Commission would like to be involved as much as the Board would like them to be.

He also told the Commission that the procurement policy is under review. He suggested that language be used in the new policy to include not just local companies but also environmentally friendly as well. He would like include specific language and asked if the Commission would be willing to review it. Chairman Kreuzer said the Commission would be more than willing to review this and give input to the Board.

**11. Staff Liaison Report –**

Staff Liaison Stonitsch told the group that a new lower rate has been acquired and it is 100% green energy.

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

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on August 18, 2015.

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