



Ron Aubrey also touched on the question of student involvement. Commissioner Umlauf confirmed that there has been mention of opportunities for students to be involved.

## **6. Old Business –**

### **A. Curbside Composting Program –**

Staff Liaison Brendon Mendoza gave an update on what he's learned from Tim Linter of Republic Services. The cost estimate for a truck to pick up food scraps (at the specific location that accepts meat) = \$7000 / month for 1 truck on the street for 9 hours a day.

Staff Liaison Mendoza is in touch with Rehrig (company that manufactures compost collection containers) – a 2-gallon kitchen composting container is between \$3.95 and \$4.50 each. They're rolling out a fully automated 32-gallon organic container in November (this could be picked up with a machine, not manually); there is not an official price yet, though they estimate low \$30s per bin plus the cost of a lock. He will follow up to see if Republic can use their current equipment to pick up these bins at the curb.

Commissioner Malone expressed the importance of creating a quality composting program that people will really participate in. A big part of this will be how we introduce the program into the community so that it is well received. He stressed the importance of focusing on the public relations component.

There was discussion about whether or not the program will be able to accept meat as part of the food scraps. Commissioner Udelhofen clarified that we're not referring to a scrap such as a large piece of steak; the bigger issue is foods that incorporate meat within (such as lasagna with ground beef in it, a Chinese dish with chicken in it). In these cases, the entire dish would need to be thrown in the trash if the composting program cannot accept meat. This is what often causes confusion; thus, it would be beneficial to have a program that accepts meat.

There was discussion about what group of people to reach out to for the pilot program. There is a list of residents who purchased rain barrels; we may be able to access that. The idea of putting a memo in resident's water bills was brought up. Staff Liaison Brendon will look into if Republic has any public outreach documents created, or if the commission will need to develop such information.

There was discussion about reaching out to Oak Park and Evanston to learn about their composting efforts. Commissioner Short will reach out to Oak Park, and Commissioner Udelhofen will reach out to Evanston.

### **B. Single-Use Bag Ordinance - Not discussed due to time.**

## **7. Other Business**

Park District Liaison Frigo gave an overview of her and Commissioner Umlauf's September 1<sup>st</sup> trip to the Field Museum. A number of state, federal, and education institutions were present. One of the Field Museum's partnerships is with the Fish & Wildlife Service, which is looking at information on monarch butterfly populations and what suburban/urban areas can do to help support monarch populations. They and others present shared what they have done in their communities and organizations to create more habitat.

Park District Liaison Frigo met with Kay McKeen about pumpkin recycling. It was decided that the commission will host on the north side of town, Kay McKeen will host for south side of town. This will be on a Saturday for a few hours.

Park District Liaison Frigo gave an update on the bike trail at Ackerman Park – it has not officially opened, though some residents are using it already. They are waiting for final signage to be installed. Residents are not supposed to be on the trail after dark, which is why light posts will probably not be put in.

Park District Liaison Frigo gave an update on the Boathouse. Part of the park has been fenced off, and a woodchip trail added for the time being. Commissioner Umlauf asked about a landscaping plan, Liaison Frigo informed the group that Conservation Design Forum is coming up with this plan. Plants from the Glenbard West hill will be transplanted there when construction is completed, in addition, some plants from Glenbard West have already been transplanted to areas around Lake Ellyn.

## **8. Subcommittee Reports**

### **A. Health, Wellness & Transportation Subcommittee Report –**

Commissioner Pulver updated the group on the Active Transportation Plan. They primarily interested in supporting a north to south bike path in Glen Ellyn, possibly extending outside of the town. No longer aiming for a fall symposium, they are aiming for a symposium in early spring (once they have met with the Arboretum, the County, Village of Lisle, Park District, Forest Preserve, etc.).

Commissioner Short informed the group that he has reached out to Trek Bicycle Corporation – they have a community outreach person in the company that works on trail development. This person suggested we reach out to People for Bikes. They suggested we reach out to Active Trans, as well which is in the Chicago area.

Commissioner Pulver brought up the Glen Ellyn Dumping Surcharge: the subcommittee would like to move this along to the Commission for review. Commissioner Van Gorp drew up a surcharge

### **B. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report –**

Commissioner Gregory gave an update on the website project with John Norton – Much discussion was had on gathering the information that will be put into the website. The skeleton of the website is set and ready for information to be put in it. Commissioner Udelhofen will be meeting with John Norton in the next week or two.

Commissioner Gregory gave an update about ways the commission can generate funds. Greg Matthews recommended we form a 501c3. The subcommittee was surprised that this was the recommendation, because that is a very large undertaking. Commissioner Malone went over the details of forming a 501c3; his conclusion was that in his opinion, creating a 501c3 for the commission is not a good idea.

Commissioner Malone discussed some other options: having a conversation with the executive director of the DuPage foundation about partnering with them. The village may want to begin thinking about this as a whole – look at the source of large gifts, where campaigns get most of their money – from planned giving, wills, IRA rollovers, a proportion of an estate. Creating an

avenue through which residents can help Glen Ellyn. Churches and universities use this strategy, and it could be worth it for the Village of Glen Ellyn to consider this as an option.

The budgeting process for the village is coming up. After some discussion, it was decided that Arts & Outreach will create and submit a budget. This will partly be for public art programming (not necessarily sculptures, but plantings, window displays, education, murals, etc).

Commissioner Gregory explained that the current dark windows ordinance is relatively basic. She proposed we add to the existing dark windows ordinance: specifics about fines/fees, what happens if a property sits empty, absentee landlords, and the possibility of giving Arts & Outreach access to the space and a budget to create a display.

Commissioner Gregory hopes that phase one (to do a large graphic, one or two colors only) of the mural project could begin before snow falls this year. Some quotes she has received include \$20/hour or a “pay by square foot” pricing. There is a difference in pricing between a painter and an artist.

Commissioner Udelhofen gave an update on the use of Google drive: we’re going to use it as a place to create an archive of our inner workings. Anyone with the link can view it. This could be added to the commission website. We do not use it as a substitute as a meeting. Do not use the “comment” option.

**C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report– none**

**D. Communications Subcommittee Report –none**

**9. Chairman Report –NONE**

**10. Trustee Liaison Report –**

Trustee Liaison Senak told the group that the landscape award was presented to the Willowbrook Wildlife Association. No update on the downtown tree proposal through capital improvements. The Opus project – no formal proposal has been made, though there is an expectation that one will be made soon. The McChesney property has been sold, but no proposal has been made for what to do with it. The police station – they are using a “design-build” process.

Commissioner Van Gorp wanted to make a comment on the Village of Glen Ellyn Strategic Planning survey: he felt that the format and the wording of the survey was problematic. He is concerned that climate change was not mentioned in the survey in any way; it would be significant for Glen Ellyn to address this on a municipal level.

**11. Staff Liaison Report –**

Staff Liaison Mendoza mentioned that if anyone has ideas for PBL projects, please send them to him. He explained that the village is testing out new lights: there are different shades and colors of LED lights, take a look in the front of the building and email your opinions to him.

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

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on October 20, 2015.

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