

educational component. The group said they will arrive to the Earth Day event early, and set-up the table prior to the beginning of the event. The group agreed to have a laptop available at the table to allow residents who would like to sign up for the recent residential curbside composting pilot program.

B. Arts & Outreach –

Chairman Kreuzer stated the Village Board was able to review the recently developed Environmental Commission Strategic Plan and provided an update to the group, on the status of the approval. Commissioner Gregory expressed a concern that the Village Board did not understand the total concept of the mural project, when reviewing the Environmental Commission Strategic Plan. Commissioner Gregory also stated that this could impact future participation of residents through the DuPage Foundation. She also stated that she would like to ensure the Village Board is on the same level of understanding. Chairman Kreuzer stated he would like the group to create an itemized summary of the Environmental Commission's strategic plan, along with the amount requested per item or program. The Commission agreed to create this document to be used at future Village Board meetings and Workshops. The group also expressed a great passion to improve the Village through art installations and other aesthetic improvements.

Commissioner Gregory has been waiting until warmer weather to place seasonal art installations in the McChesney & Miller storefront. Commissioner Umlauf and Gregory are also planning an art installation at the Giesche storefront as well.

Chairman Kreuzer told the group, that Iryl Tortorella, owner of FloorOpedics, would like to invite the Environmental Commission to take over the downtown painter pots from her administration, to the Environmental Commission's administration. Commissioner Gregory stated she would like to learn about the opportunity, and will discuss with Iryl Tortorella. Chairman Kreuzer asked Staff Liaison Mendoza to set-up a meeting with Iryl to discuss the program.

C. Village of Glen Ellyn Volunteer Stewardship Pilot Program at Lambert Lake –

Commissioner Van Gorp stated the Village has many green spaces with opportunities for improvement. Commissioner Van Gorp stated the Lambert Lake property would be a prime opportunity for a pilot program, to be used as an initial pilot stewardship program. He also stated this would allow residents or volunteers to engage in the Village's environment, and also improve the communities' environment. Essentially he stated the program would be overseen by Golf Course Superintendent Chris Pekarek, and managed by a primary steward, who ultimately provides training and tasks for other volunteers. Commissioner Van Gorp stated that he would volunteer to develop the foundation for the program. Chairman Kreuzer asked Commissioner Van Gorp to research the development of the program, and return to the Environmental Commission's May meeting with an update.

6. Old Business –

A. Curbside Composting Program –

Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch stated the program had a successful roll out of 80 residents signed up in the first week of the pilot program, exceeding the initial expectations of the program. The current challenge is the backorder for the carts, as Republic needed to order additional carts to meet demands for the curbside containers, which are specifically designed for cart composting. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch also mentioned that the Village will continually market the program, to increase awareness to residents.

B. Recycling Extravaganza Event –

Commissioner Zelasco stated the group is ready for the annual Extravaganza to take place this weekend, Saturday, April 23, 2016. Commissioner Zelasco state he has confirmed the vendors for the event. Assistant Village Manager stated the Village is ready and has prepared in collaboration with Public Works and Police, along with other materials for the event. The Commission expected to receive a large influx of traffic for the event, estimations of over a thousand cars during the event. The Commission discussed the set-up for the event, and other miscellaneous specifics to prepare for the event.

C. 2016 Events & Party –

The Commission discussed the July 16, 2016, Tour of Glen Ellyn Bike Race that is currently being proposed to the Village Board. Chairman Kreuzer stated he would like to work with the organizers to promote Glen Ellyn as a bicycle friendly community. Chairman Kreuzer stated he will send an invite to the group, as he will host the Environmental Commission party (no business to be discussed).

7. Subcommittee Reports

A. Recycling Subcommittee Report – NONE

B. Health, Wellness & Transportation Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Pulver asked a status on the Active Transportation Plan and Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch provided the current status of the Active Transportation Plan, and the current timeline. The group also discussed the Village’s bicycle paths and other bicycle friendly opportunities.

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Udelhofen stated she is working with Multimedia Specialist, John Norton, to update the Environmental Commission’s website.

Chairman Kreuzer stated that Glen Ellyn Park District Liaison Frigo, has created a new pollinator sign, and provided the current status of the signs. The group was shown a sample of the artwork of the signs.

Chairman Kreuzer stated that he talked with Ruth Kerzee, Executive Director of the Midwest Pesticide Action Center, to learn more about the Healthy Family Healthy Lawn initiative, occurring over at the Village of River Forest. Katheryn Meigel, a member of the public stated that Midwest Pesticide is a large aspect of the River Forest Healthy Family Healthy Lawn initiative. Chairman Kreuzer wanted to collaborate with Kathryn Meigel to research the program. Kathryn Meigel was excited to participate and was willing to volunteer.

D. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report – NONE

8. Other Business –

A. Village’s Potable Water Pipe Infrastructure –

Chairman Kreuzer and Commissioner Van Gorp stated that they have received emails from concerned residents, regarding the Village’s lead pipes, as in recent time, there has been a scare due to the Flint, Michigan incident. Chairman Kreuzer & Commissioner Van Gorp have reached out to Public Works, to address their concerns. Commissioner Van Gorp, stated that

through dialogue with Public Works Director, Julius Hansen mentioned that the Village follows the high and strict EPA standards, and constantly tests the Village's drinking water to ensure it is safe for consumption. Chairman Kreuzer asked the Village to inform residents to seek opportunities to get their water streams tested and educated. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch stated that if the Commission desired, he will contact Public Works Director, Julius Hansen, to provide the group with the current procedures in the Village. The group agreed that information provided to the public to be carefully crafted, as the Commission does not want to alarm residents of lead pipes, but rather just provide an educational opportunity. The group will come back to this item at a future meeting.

9. Chairman Report – NONE

10. Trustee Liaison Report – NONE

11. Staff Liaison Report –

Assistant Village Manager invited the group to attend the Village's upcoming 2016 French Market to occur on April 27, 2016 in the Village's Civic Center.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on May 17, 2016.

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