Thursday December 11, 2008


Board Members Absent: David Dankert, Eddie McCall, Richard Kuntz, Susan Besson, Vicky McKinley

Staff Present: Carl Caneva HHS, Carolyn Collopy Sustainability Coordinator, Karen Taira Ecology Center

I. Approval of November 13, 2008 minutes

- William Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes, Paige Finnegan seconded, the minutes were approved.

II. Green Building Ordinance

- Chair Sciarra briefly described the events of the Human Services Meeting, the next meeting will be held on February 16, 2008. An article from the Pioneer Press was circulated among the group. The members are awaiting a memo from Walter Hallen of the City of Evanston’s Community Development Department regarding the issue of a performance bond. C. Caneva stated that it was important for the group to bring a recommendation to the Human Services Committee Meeting rather than leave the particulars of the bond to the City Manager or the Committee. Chair Sciarra stated the performance bond will be reviewed and a decision will be made once the members receive Mr. Hallen’s memo.

III. Co-Chair Discussion

- Co-Chair Discussion was held until the next meeting (January 8, 2008). C. Caneva will research members and give updated list for the January meeting.

IV. Old Business

a. Noise Ordinance

- S. Kaplan asked whether the presentation focused on noise or air pollution. Chair Sciarra stated the presentation focused on noise rather than pollution. S. Kaplan has found reports from California Air Resources Board addressing noise, air emission, and dust reuptake, and asked if is there a way to address the noise and the pollution. E. Port suggested that we look at numerical values for
noise, specify the noise weighting, the distance from the source. G. Burrough will research the pollution and emissions resulting from the use of leaf blowers and other similar equipment.

- Idling and Leaf Blower Citations.
  - Members suggested inviting a representative from the Police Department to speak about the idling and leaf blower complaints and investigations.

b. Environmental Stewardship Awards
- C. Caneva will research announcing awards at city council

V. New Business
- P. Finnegan requested a listserv for the Board to make communication more efficient. C. Caneva will research
- E. Kinney, Chair Sciarra, P. Finnegan requested that members pick three projects they are interested in working on and email them to C. Caneva (ccaneva@cityofevanston.org).
- S. Kaplan requested that each member submit a bio to introduce themselves to each other.
- P. Finnegan requested a history of the Environment Board to look toward the future. Chair Sciarra stated he would research this issue.

P. Finnegan motioned to adjourn William Gallagher seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.