

## LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 15, 2010

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike McElroy called to order the regular meeting of the Life Safety Committee at 7:14 p.m. in the Worth Village Hall.

#### ROLL CALL

Chairman Mike McElroy conducted a roll call. The following persons were present. Mike McElroy, Adele Benck, Gene Meyers. Also present, Trustee Mary Rhein

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled until next meeting.

#### REPORT FROM MIKE McELROY

Mike discussed communications he had with the Army Corps over the last month, including several phone calls and e-mails. Mike said the Army Corps was not happy with the Foth report. They felt there was information missing and are sending the report back to Foth Engineering. Mike also asked about possible alternative sites, possibly the marina on the South Side. The Army Corps is having problems pushing that because they would have to purchase the land but thought it might be a good site. The Army Corps suggested that we might want to push this site with Congress.

Mike stated that the Army Corps, Chicago Division, is looking for additional sites for possible dredging because of an overload from the Harbor.

Mike reported that there is continuing pressure from our State Politicians opposing the dredging. He met with Rep. Lipinski's staff at the 138<sup>th</sup> Street site. They checked out the surrounding area and like this site. Mike also stated that Senate Bill 0755 presented by Senator Maloney passed the Senate. Senator Maloney came to the Village Board meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> and voiced his opposition to the Army Corps plan. He is also working with Cook County Commissioner, Joan Patricia Murphy. Mike also tried to contact Gov. Quinn's office. He talked to a staff member and said that he was looking for some guidance from Gov. Quinn. Quinn's office called the ILEPA, because they know they will ultimately issue the permits.

Mike called Terry O'Brien from the MWRD. They were not aware of the Army Corps request for additional sites. He said they have until the middle of January to provide additional sites.

#### REPORT FROM ADELE BENCK

Adele said she felt the Foth Engineering report is a waste of money because it is not complete. She said that the Engineering solutions are not good solutions.

Adele said the levels of metals, pesticides, PCB, BOC have all increased since 2008 and 2009. Mike said that this was due to deeper sample testing.

#### REPORT FROM GENE MEYERS

Gene stated that if there is a public meeting, we need to be ready with question upon question and have as many people there as possible. He asked if the Army Corps have a general meeting to discuss multiple sites, will our questions still apply.

#### ADDITIONAL INPUT FROM MIKE McELROY

Mike asked committee members to send him any questions or comments after they have reviewed the Foth Engineering report. He will then forward these questions to the Army Corps.

Mike also asked Trustee Rhein and Mayor Keller to contact all Life Safety members to see if they still want to be on the committee.

Motion by Adele Benck, seconded by Gene Meyers to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.