

## LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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### MEETING MINUTES - JULY 21, 2010

#### CALL TO ORDER

Gene Meyers called to order the regular meeting of the Life Safety Committee at 7:11 p.m. in the Worth Village Hall.

#### ROLL CALL

Gene Meyers conducted a roll call. The Following persons were present. Mike McElroy, Gene Meyers, Adele Benck, Sue Cascio-Villalovos, Therese Cislak. Also present Trustee Mary Rhein.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gene Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2010 and June 16, 2010. The motion was seconded by Therese Cislak. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### REPORT FROM MIKE McELROY

Mike talked about political support. Last week Mike checked on SB0755. Senator Maloney feels that the next time the senate meets it will pass. Mike also stated the Rep. Lipinski is still considering legislation on whether it should be just Lucas Berg Preserve or safety in general. Lipinski is still working on the wording. Mike sent an e-mail to Governor Quinn but has not heard a response yet. Joan Patricia Murphy from the Cook County Board supports the idea.

Mike stated that on the Army Corps website, it mentions that there will be no public meeting or hearings until 2011.

Mike received an e-mail from Kenin Eubanks from the Army Corps. Kevin would like to meet with the village and discuss who should have access to the Lucas Berg Nature Preserve.

Mike sent a FOIA request to the Army Corps about 20 days ago. This request was for any/all information on the Lucas Berg Nature Preserve, including, e-mails, notes, reports, inner office communications, etc. The Army Corps asked for an extension.

Mike stated the Hudson River Dredging Project has some great information on dredging. Website - [www.hudsondredging.com](http://www.hudsondredging.com)

#### REPORT FROM ADELE BENCK

Adele submitted the Lucas Berg time line to the committee for their review. The time line is filled with information from 1970 to present. Adele asked the committee to e-mail any changes to her. Adele would like to include Lari JO Meyers 10 year plan in the time line.

#### REPORT FROM SUE CASCIO-VILLALOVOS

Sue stated she had no report for this meeting, but would have a report for next meeting.

#### REPORT FROM GENE MEYERS

Gene stated that he reprinted the letters for assistance in opposing the dredging at Lucas Berg Nature Preserve. He will send them to Senators, Burris and Durbin, Governor Quinn, and Terrance O'Brien (MWRD). He will have the committee members sign the letters and hopes to get them out by next week. Gene also reminded the committee to send him any questions and answers.

#### REPORT FROM THERESE CISLAK

Therese stated that a resident from Hillcrest Condo's approached her and said they thought that the dredging was stopped. Therese told the resident this was still an ongoing project. Therese told the resident that we have monthly meetings. We also have information on the website and will be at Worth Days. Mike McElroy told Therese that word of mouth is great advertising. Trustee Rhein also stated that there was an article in the last Village Newsletter about Lucas Berg Nature Preserve.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INPUT

Joan Silke said that she is going to write a letter to the President of the United States asking Washington to stop the dredging, since he is the Commander in Chief.

Motion by Sue Cascio-Villalvos, seconded by Gene Meyers to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.