

LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 18, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Mike McElroy called to order the regular meeting of the Life Safety Committee at 7:07 p.m. in the Worth Village Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mike McElroy conducted a roll call. The following persons were present. Gene Meyers, Mike McElroy, Wayne Demonbruen, Sue Cascio-Villalovos. Also present Trustee Mary Rhein

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gene Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes from July 21, 2010. The motion was seconded by Sue Cascio-Villalovos. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM MIKE McELROY

Mike said that he was pleased to meet and greet folks at Worth Days. He talked to over 200 people and got over 100 signatures. Mike noted that the hits on the website picked up after Worth Days.

Mike reported on political updates. Resolution 10-R-268 unanimously passed the Cook County Board. This resolution was presented by Joan Patricia Murphy. Copies of the resolution were sent to the Army Corps, IEPA, MWRD, Village of Worth. Thanks to Joan Murphy's help, this resolution passed within one month. Joan asked for additional contacts to send this resolution to and Mike supplied her a list.

Mike stated that he sent a copy of the report from Hudson River Project to Dan at the ILEPA. This report contains an analysis on air quality when dredging occurs.

Mike received information from USACE - Rock Island Division. The Foth report had a secondary site suggestions but the Army Corps was not happy with the site criteria for this site. Foth is doing another review and will present that to USACE. On August 2nd, the Army Corps came out to look at Lucas Berg, and 10 other sites.

Mike received an e-mail from Stephen Russell from the Army Corps explaining the planning process as follows.

1. Review the Foth Report after the initial review.
2. Write a scope of work for ERDC to answer questions and review Foth's work.
3. Better defining selection criteria.
4. Talk to other experts on the Cal-Sag who may know of other sites.
5. Discuss the impacts to using the Pier 11 Harbor.
6. Write the existing conditions of the report.
7. Obtain rights of entry to evaluate existing conditions.

Then it is public meetings

Evaluation of alternatives

Choose a site by this time next year if everything goes well.

Mike also stated that the Army Corps is not preparing an environmental impact statement and that The Blue Island location has been ruled out.

REPORT FROM GENE MEYERS

Gene stated that the letter the committee has written for the Lucas Berg Nature Preserve has been sent to the Mayor for his signature. After the Mayor signs the letter they will be mailed out.

Gene also said he will send letters "to the editor" for several newspapers.

Gene would to talk to the U.S. Senators about the dredging at Lucas Berg.

REPORT FROM SUE CASCIO-VILLALOVOS

Sue stated that she is researching the McDonald PEC & TEC This measures threshold of effect and probable effect of toxins on organisms. She will continue this process and report to the committee when finished.

REPORT FROM WAYNE DEMONBRUEN

Wayne discussed to Village's annual pollution permit and explained the Village ordinance regarding this. He stated that public works needs to police this ordinance preventing discharges into the sewer systems. We Need to make sure we educate the public about pollution. WE need to have clean sewer lines and drainage ditches. We also need to follow any oil leakage to its origin.

Wayne stated the Village is required to:

1. Provide public education and outreach. (which is done with our Village newsletters)
2. Public participation involvement (Lucas Berg Clean-up)
3. Illicit Discharge Detention and Elimination
4. Construction site run-off control.
5. Post construction run-off control.
6. Pollution prevention/Good Housekeeping.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INPUT

None

Motion by Gene Meyers, seconded by Sue Cascio-Villalvos to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.