

VOK CSCTF meeting Minutes for October 8, 2019

ATTENDING: Bill Mancini (chairman), Warren Applegate, Tara Donadio - Sustainability Planner (CRPC), Rich Phillips - VOK Trustee

Community Members: Ann Birekmayer, Sandra Tolosa, Larry Enoch, Anthony Dvarskas

SUMMARY OF TASK FORCE ACTIVITY JULY-SEPTEMBER (NOTE: TASKFORCE DID NOT MEET DURING THAT PERIOD):

Farmer's Market: Reusable bag exchange initiative (success of this effort may lead to future "sponsorship/branding" via Village or KPBA)

Food Smart signage at market well received

July panel discussion at KM Library in conjunction with a representative from the Citizens' Climate Lobby

Assisted in coordination of CCA workshop by MEGA for Village Board in September

STATUS OF AWARD DISBURSEMENT

Village can expect formal notification within the next few weeks

MILLS PARK

W. Applegate reported that volunteers who have established and maintain butterfly garden propose a sustainable mowing project there. He forwarded literature provided by T. Donadio to this group as it prepares a public presentation to the Village Board 10/10. Task Force will not directly participate in this presentation.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Larry Enoch asked about possibility of a community garden. General discussion re/ possible locations/adequate space/sun/water supply etc. followed.

LIGHT BULB EXCHANGE

B. Mancini reported he is gathering information/data from other communities which have established programs with the intention of implementing a similar program in the Village next year depending on available funding.

PUBLICITY FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

R. Phillips suggested a regular communication by the Task Force on environmental, sustainable topics. T. Donadio will forward websites with information re/affordable solar, electric vehicles, etc. Potential communication venues discussed: Village website, Village e-mail blasts, Nextdoor Kinderhook, KM Library sustainability display.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION -- CURRENT STATUS

Future action should be determined at the Village Trustees' monthly meeting Oct 10th as to proceeding with the first steps of the process as outlined by a representative from MEGA at their September Trustee meeting for joining a CCA. The deadline for a decision is November 1st. Delaying after the deadline could postpone another opportunity for an extended time. Bill Mancini will address this matter at October 10th Trustees meeting and urge them to act in timely fashion.