



3RD WARD MEETING MINUTES – ALDERMAN DENISE RODD

June 10, 2015

AGENDA

- Energy Efficiency Programs

GUESTS

Elizabeth Corrado; Elevate Energy

WELCOME

Thank you for coming. Our guest today is Elizabeth Corrado from Elevate Energy, here to speak on how to save energy costs for our homes.

ELEVATE ENERGY

“Smarter energy ways for all to use” is about giving people the resources in making the right energy choices. Elevate Energy is a non-profit organization that teaches and shows homeowners how to cut costs, protect the environment and providing full service efficiency program.

Elevate Energy has a program to help educate the homeowner in lowering energy cost by 15% and help the homeowner to find out to fix the spots where energy is lost. Elevate Energy used trained, certified contractors that will assess your home for energy leakages, using infrared devices and power fans. Major appliances can also be checked. A report is made available afterwards to the homeowner showing where energy is being lost.

Where is most energy lost in a house?

- 68% of energy is lost through attics and basements.
- 22% of energy is lost through the walls and roofs.
- 10% of energy is lost through the windows.

Commonwealth Edison is swapping out electric meters with the new smart meter that can provide a digital readout to ComEd. Smart Meter takes approximately 15-20 minutes to be installed and provides digital readout to ComEd. Smartgrid is a more reliable service that prevents, detects, and redirects power outages. With the old system, if there was a power outage in an area, a person would need to call into ComEd, now the Smart Meter will automatically notify ComEd of an outage. Smart Meter can reduce energy waste.

- Will wiring on the pole be upgraded? Not sure, though wiring on the pole is a part of the upgrade.

Smart Meter is helping to take advantage of how much electricity is used and you pay when using electricity stopping estimated billing. How many wash clothes in the evening? (Number of hands were raised in the room.) ComEd has a dynamic pricing by time of use.

Peak Time Savings or Real Time Savings:

- No risk – No Reward. Dynamic pricing (time of use) with either peak time or real time savings with a “Pay on how much used” or “Pay when you use electricity.” These are ComEd Programs. Before deciding, it would be helpful to evaluate your household needs and times of usage before deciding on a program.
- Smart meter helps to take advantage of paying how much is used and pay for what you use. Peak times are between 2 – 6 p.m. Using electricity during off peak times can be a savings of \$100 a year.
 - 3 – 5 times over summer consumer would receive notices asking to cut back on power usage. No credit but it does lower usage costs.
 - AC cycling. Cycle on/off every 3 hours could save \$20.
 - Shutting off AC and going with fan blower could be a savings of \$40.
- Real time savings is the more popular of the pricing and for most households the most practical.

Elevate Energy will come out to your house to do an evaluation or one house in a neighborhood can host a party with Elevate Energy and receive an evaluation for hosting a party. A certificate is obtainable by Energy Star stating your house is 100% energy efficient, which can help in the resale of a house.

For more information or have an evaluation done contact Elevate Energy directly. Elizabeth asked attendees to fill out a brief survey.

CITYWIDE ISSUES

- Agenda for the next City Council – June 15
 - City's Branding is reveal with the new logo.
 - Council is to evaluate City Manager (this is in a close session.) The City Manager is an employee of the City Council. Council hires, supervises and evaluates this position. It takes all 9 (8 Council members and 1 Mayor) to do the evaluation.
- Building Zoning Codes can now be searched on line – easy to search through the City website.
- Lexington Townhouse Project: This project is to build a townhouse in the "Old Tyme Ribs" area and would take over both Casa Royal and the Good News Christian Church properties. Council has decided that the builder needs more parking spaces. Developer is going back to drawing board and will again present to the council.
 - The location fills a need and is near transportation.
- A multi-unit habitat to be built on Graceland (next to funeral home) where a 2 story brick building presently stands. The brick building would be torn down for this project. Rainbow habitat would be for handicapped people that are able to work but may be in wheel chairs or need assistance. Again, the unit would provide a service and be near transportation for those to handicapped to drive.
- Taste of Des Plaines took place June 12 and 13. Food from local restaurants located in Des Plaines, such as T-Bobs' Rosatti's Pizza; American Wild Burger; and Charcoal Delights (to name a few). There will be music, dunk tank and a Blackhawks viewing tent. Denise Rodd and her husband, Jim will be manning the beer booth. Stop by the Taste and have a Beer with Denise and Jim. (Little wet on Saturday but thanks to all that attended.)
- Famer's Market begins Friday, June 19 and will run every Friday through October 16. Farmer's Market will be located by Library Court.
- National Night Out is August 4 at the Maine West Parking Lot. Police Chief Kushner will have a few surprises.
- Follow up on Ozinga Covenant:
 - Concrete Wall will not to be built as discussed in March. The wall would cause a sound issue when trains pass by as was documented in the past.
 - Neighborhood Covenant is under review of the parent company.
- June 15: Traffic patterns will change at the I90 and Elmhurst intersection. Traffic shifts to the East lane of the bridge. When done, entrance to the I90 will be on/off ramps in all directions. It is to be a diamond emerging traffic pattern that will crisscross.
- Popeye's is moving into the old White Castle building on River Road. .
- Rand Road (near McDonald's on River Road) is undergoing road work, which is continuation of the Rand Road reconstruction project.
- Polo Inn: In negotiations.
- 4th of July Parade: Fire Department will have a huge presence with firemen, present and retirees participating along with their families.

NEXT MEETING

Date August 12 – Location TBD. Denise is looking for suggestions to do a 3rd Ward Field Trip.

Suggestions include:

- Ozinga
- Lady Guadalupe Shrine
- T-Bob's

Submitted by Ruth Betscheider, volunteer

TO CONTACT DENISE

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