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Greetings, Neighbors

DATELINE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the VODP Board of Trustees is tomorrow.

Please review the Agenda:

http://deerparkneighbors.com/VODP_Minutes/2009_10-19_BOT_Agenda.pdf

And the accompanying Agenda Packet.

http://deerparkneighbors.com/VODP_Minutes/2009_10-19_BOT_AgendaPacket.pdf

We've extracted the minutes from September, not yet approved:

http://deerparkneighbors.com/VODP_Minutes2009_09-21_UnoffMinutes.pdf

WHAT'S OF NOTE ON THE AGENDA:

- The Federal government and IDOT may participate in resurfacing Deerpath Road from Long Grove to Swallow Court.
- Amending the Village code with rules on participating electronically in meetings
- Presentation from BACOG Groundwater Research Presentation—NOTE: At the recent forum, Trustee Dave Kizior assured a concerned resident that the deep aquifer and the shallower aquifer (where many of our wells are located) are not “connected”; that use in the Triangle of the deeper wells is never going to impact our residential water supply. We think we've heard BACOG say just the opposite, that all the aquifers affect each other. This will be important to understand.
- President Kellermann will present his 9/30/09 Financial Analysis and make

appointments of Susan Meyle as Village Clerk, Terri Stade as Village Treasurer, and Michael Timlin to fulfill Trustee Barb Evan's position on the ZBA

- Report on the lower level drainage issues and installation of fire extinguishers at the Barn
- ...and something unexpected and interesting always occurs.

REQUEST TO THE POWERS THAT BE:

It was great to have coffee at the Community Forum, and we do have that big, expensive coffee-making machine. Let's make that and bottled water available at all public meetings. We're not so broke we can provide basic comforts for officials, staff and audience.

WILL WE GET A BizComm?

Deborah Barry will also be on the agenda, speaking as owner of Wordspecs Advertising Agency located here in Deer Park. That will be under the President's report, following up on her comments at the Community Forum last week:

- Request for funding for a village-wide Advertising Media Plan for Holiday 2009/Winter 2010: \$2,500-\$10,000 (3rd Quarter FY09-10)
- Request that the funding for advertising derive from the Hotel Tax account and that the content of the advertising underscore "stay for the day—stay for the weekend"
- Request to establish an Advisory Business and Economic Development Committee immediately that would:
 1. Oversee advertising, media planning and public relations
 2. Support staff on village newsletter and village web site content
 3. Initiate a consumer web site
 4. Target new business location within Deer Park
 5. Identify, target and attract consumers, visitors and tourists to Deer Park
 6. Liaise with local business owners and managers to enhance communications and cooperation
 7. Research and report, as needed, to Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals
 8. Request funding from the Board of Trustees
 9. Develop a near-, mid- and long-term Communications Plan
 10. Other, as determined by the Board and Staff

Some of us—starting with Richard Chay during the 2007 election cycle—believe

that this village has the responsibility to lead the business community. Imagine if the time, effort and monies spent at just one of our parks—Vehe—had been invested into building a village-wide brand! Well, it's never too late for professional, disciplined, consistent effort. If this committee is formed, YOUR EXPERTISE will be needed. Please contact bobkellermann@sbcglobal.net if you want to participate. And attend tomorrow's meeting to show your support for this concept. Due to timing, Deborah's materials are not scanned into the Agenda Packet, but you may REQUEST A COPY by emailing wordspecs@gmail.com.

FROM OUR OWN RITA FINLEY AND TRAC

See below for the 6 month assessment of CN's performance and quick action needed by all of us to contact just 2 of our elected officials- Senator Durbin and our elected Congressperson.

If your congressperson is **Melissa Bean, she will be at the Jewel in Lake Zurich (485 Ela Rd) at 3:00 TODAY 10/18**-- PLEASE LET YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW--Have them ask Melissa to meet with the STB and demand they execute their full oversight authority over the EJ&E for reasons indicated below.

Congress now has finance and health care reform on their plates. Those are two enormous issues but Congress must get involved in assuring that the STB, a federal agency, lives up to federal safety regulations and STB-mandated mitigation requirements. Specific things they need to do are underlined below.

If CN isn't reporting issues now during the oversight period and while they aren't fully operational on the EJ&E, what can you expect of them in the future?

Thank you for your time!

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From: administrator@fightrailcongestion.com

To: wyngate150@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2009 8:57:08 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central

Subject: It's Time for Congress to Make Some Demands on the STB and Its Oversight Authority on the EJ&E!

The region now has a half-year experiencing CN's operations along the EJ&E. With just a small fraction of the promised traffic running on the line – **maybe 10% of what we can expect when the economy recovers** – things aren't going well. Hundreds of complaints from across the region focus on lengthy crossing delays, the noise and vibration caused by CN's heavy trains, trains idling behind residences and close to schools, excessive use of horns along the line and violations of quiet zones, subpar track conditions, plus genuine concerns about CN's ability to run a safe railroad.

Thanks to the <http://www.fightrailcongestion.com> website's complaint registration link and your willingness to use it to report problems, the TRAC Coalition has been able to monitor CN's operations. This has enabled TRAC to respond to what the railroad is telling the Surface Transportation Board (STB) about its activities on the line as well as weigh in on how well CN has been implementing the Board-mandated mitigation terms. Quite frankly, we've not been very impressed with CN's actions when it comes to either its reporting obligations or fulfilling the Board's mitigation terms. And, we've been disappointed that the STB has not done more to correct these shortcomings as part of its oversight authority on the EJ&E.

Over the last few months we've reported our observations about **ongoing safety problems at CN, unreported crossing delays**, and a myriad of other problems to the STB. In response, we receive from CN claims that it has taken care of any problems. What CN hasn't done is prove to the region and the STB that what it says is true, as it has failed to provide any documentation to support its claims. We've asked the STB to take action to expand its oversight and ensure that CN is doing everything it can to minimize operational impacts and protect public safety. TRAC believes that it is time for Congress to also reinforce the STB's accountability in keeping a close eye on how this transaction impacts affected communities.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE TO THE ILLINOIS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. Please contact your member of Congress and ask him or her to meet with officials at the STB and demand that the Board execute its full oversight authority over the EJ&E deal. Specifically, TRAC wants the Board to:

- Expand the issues that CN must detail in its monthly operational reports (to include all lengthy crossing delays no matter what the cause, all train counts on the EJ&E, and a number of other key issues) as well as supply the public with all documentation that

supports its claims; and,

- In conjunction with TRAC, develop an improved and comprehensive operations monitoring system using, if the STB cannot do it, the expertise of an independent outside consulting firm for both development and ongoing monitoring.

We are now asking you to help make the case to Congress that it MUST get involved in assuring that this federal agency (and others if necessary) live up to federal safety regulations and STB-mandated mitigation requirements. Please e-mail both Senator Dick Durbin and your elected member of the United States House of Representatives to support the TRAC requests!

Senator Dick Durbin -- <http://durbin.senate.gov/contact.cfm>

Rep. Mark Kirk (10th) -- http://forms.house.gov/kirk/webforms/issue_subscribe.htm

Rep. Melissa Bean (8th) -- http://www.house.gov/bean/bean_contact_issue.shtml

Rep. Don Manzullo (16th) -- <http://manzullo.house.gov/zipauth.aspx>

Rep. Bill Foster (14th) -- <http://foster.house.gov/contact/zipauth.aspx>

Rep. Judy Biggert (13th) -- <http://judybiggert.house.gov/ContactJudy.aspx>

Rep. Debbie Halvorson (11th) -- https://forms.house.gov/halvorson/webforms/issue_subscribe.htm

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (2nd) -- https://forms.house.gov/jackson/webforms/issue_subscribe.htm

FREE DVDs OF COMMUNITY FORUM

We had hoped to YouTube the entire forum, but....although our file sizes are small enough, the chapters of our film are longer than the required 10 minutes. We have already filed one copy at the Barrington Area Library, which can be borrowed. We will also make a **FREE DVD COPY** for anyone who has a paid 2009 subscription or has paid for advertising with Deer Park Neighbors. Simply reply to this email. Been meaning to renew your subscription? Ready to join or advertise now? See this link:

<http://deerparkneighbors.com/pages/subscribe.html>

As always, fellow journalists may have a copy at no charge.

Remember, together, we are stronger!

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