

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 2/19/14

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Wednesday January 15, 2014  
7:00 p.m. – Committee Room A**

#### 1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Dan Beebe at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Dan Beebe, Bob Blaus, Mike Ferguson, John Symowicz, Laura Barron, Steve Carrow, and Kris Zimmermann

Also in attendance was Assistant Director of Public Works Tim Wilcox

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

##### A. Environmental Commission Meeting of October 16, 2013

##### B. Environmental Commission Meeting of November 20, 2013

Minutes from October and November meetings were approved as corrected (spelling correction on Kris Zimmermann's last name).

#### 3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

##### A. Current List

Grease collection after Thanksgiving

Grease collection went ok, not sure of exact totals, but was over 100 gallons. Tim had contacted OMI to confirm whether they are interested in a continued program, but has not heard back yet. He will follow up again.

Christmas light recycling

248 LBS of lights collected so far, check to the city for \$24. Program ends on Jan. 24.

Public recycling bins

Groot has not responded back yet on Tim's request for information on styles available. Selection and placement per City contract with Groot to be determined.

#### LEED

Our recommendation will go from Tim to Rob, who plans to discuss with Michael Guttman. Don't know what steps may happen after that. Kris had some suggestions on structure and order of some points in the document. Her suggestions were agreeable to all, so she will edit and send to Tim for submission to City.

#### Composting ordinance

Dan will follow up on status of recommended wording changes to the ordinance relating to home composting and kitchen scraps to present to the City.

#### Multi-family Recycling

It is time we should have an update meeting with Groot to revisit the issue of multi family dwelling recycling, review the City contract and to discuss what upcoming issues there may be.

### **B. New Additions**

There were no new additions.

### **4. Other Business**

Laura, Steve and John attended the West Chicago/Winfield Community Night hosted by the College of DuPage (COD) on December 4, 2013. All Commission members were invited to attend. There were a large number in attendance from West Chicago and Winfield. All present got chance to contribute input on ways that COD might collaborate with the community and improve communication. No follow up has occurred yet that we know of.

John and Kris attended an EPA grant meeting. EPA grant funds may be available to help with cost of cleaning up contamination in the downtown area. West Chicago will apply for a grant. Information was given and questions taken. Details can be found on the City's website.

Sue George from the Conservation Foundation is looking for a city liaison to coordinate local groups in the river cleanup on May 17. This is the same day as Blooming Fest.

Dan passed out a calendar with the 2014 dates of our annual events. Events noted include: Adopt-A-Highway cleanup May 10, Rain Barrel Sales April 1 – May 17, Blooming Fest May 17, On-Site Shredding event June 7, Adopt-A-Highway cleanup October 4, and Holiday Light Recycling November 24, 2014 – January 23, 2015.

### **5. Adjournment**

Bob made a motion to adjourn, Steve seconded, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.