

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 3/19/14

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Wednesday February 19, 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, 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 January 15, 2014**

Jan 15, 2014 minutes approved as submitted.

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

##### **A. Current List**

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Draft recommendation has been given to Rob Flatter, Director of Public Works for review.

Christmas light recycling

Final figures are 773 lbs of lights recycled.

Grease collection

Bob will contact Green Grease to try to line up another collection event to coincide with the paper shredding event on June 7. The WWTP operator has not returned Tim's calls to see if they are interested in a long term grease collection program at the plant.

Rain barrels

Plan is to do the program again this year, but no location has been confirmed for Jim Kleinwachter to give presentation to promote it. Sales will be from April 1- May 17, with pick up on June 7.

## Recycling

Issue of multifamily residential recycling was raised, as it has been a while since we investigated it. Carol Stream has initiated multifamily recycling, so we think we should meet with Groot to review the topic, as well as food waste recycling status and any other things in the contract that have to do with recycling. Tim has a call in to Groot, but has not heard back yet.

## Dark skies

No new information.

## Blooming Fest

Discussion on what we will do. City theme is about biking. Several ideas were floated. Composting, worm composting, toilet tank leak detection handouts, possible Nicor energy efficiency kits. Bob will contact Nicor. Steve C. offered to bring worm composting example.

## **B. New Additions**

Prompted by the Blooming fest bike theme, Kris brought up issue of whether there are enough bike racks in town. We don't know where racks are, or which locations could use one. Future topic to investigate might be bike racks and bike friendliness of the town.

## **4. Other Business**

None.

## **5. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.