

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 4/16/14

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Wednesday March 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, Steve Carrow, John Symowicz and Kris Zimmermann

Also in attendance was Assistant Director of Public Works Tim Wilcox

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Environmental Commission Meeting of February 19, 2014

February 19, 2014 minutes approved as submitted.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current List

LEED

No new activity.

Christmas light recycling

Final figures are 773 lbs of lights recycled.

Grease collection

Tim verified that there are no plans to have a permanent grease/cooking oil recycling station at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

All set for Green Grease to bring a collection container to the City Hall parking lot for grease/cooking oil recycling June 7, 2014 from 9Am to 1 PM during the paper shredding event.

Rain barrels

We are still working on a location for Jim Kleinwachter, of the Conservation Foundation, to give his presentation. Website for ordering rain barrels is up and ready.

Adopt a Highway

Next Environmental Commission roadside clean-up date set for May 10, 2014.

Recycling

Bob will try to get some information on Carol Stream's multifamily recycling program for possible example to consider for West Chicago. John has heard about a hazardous waste program for Geneva, and will try to get information on it. We may try to get a representative from Groot to our May meeting. Some possible discussion points: multifamily recycling, kitchen scrap recycling/composting, hazardous household waste, other items in city contract pertaining to recycling. Tim will also contact Groot again about the city recycling bins we need to select and Groot to supply.

Dark skies

Mike received a revision from Homer Glenn, and is reviewing.

Blooming Fest

No new details for our participation.

B. New Additions

No new additions.

4. Other Business

John attended the DuPage county energy summit, and gave us an overview of the information presented. There are some programs with funding that might be available to participate in.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.