

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 4/21/10

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

March 17, 2010 7:00 P.M.

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

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call - Dan Beebe, Steve Carrow, Bob Blaus and Nick Fuller were present.

Also in attendance was Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

##### A. Environmental Commission Meeting of November 18, 2009

Approved minutes.

##### B. Environmental Commission Meeting of February 17, 2010

Approved minutes as corrected.

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

##### A. Current list

Blooming Fest

The application for obtaining booth space for the Environmental Commission at this year's Blooming Fest was completed and turned in. Booth activities and handouts were discussed. Dan Beebe thought we should post a map of Adopt a Highway right of ways available to adopt as a visual display for the booth. Tim Wilcox will look into getting a larger map of the City with the available roads highlighted. Tim will also verify the quantity of compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs stored at the water treatment plant. These will be handed out at the event. Bob Blaus said he would check with Murphy's Ace Hardware to see if they accept CFL's for recycling. Steve Carrow will have recycling information on hand, such as what items can be included in your recycling bin and what to do with old propane tanks and Styrofoam. Steve also wants to have a question sheet available as well as a clipboard to collect signatures of people interested a community garden somewhere in the city. Nick Fuller said he would prepare information on energy saving incentives to pass out. Dan will bring a canopy for the booth area.

## Mission Statement

This was completed. Nick suggested it should be placed on the city web site.

## Adopt a Highway/Cleanup of Major Highways

Dan stated the Environmental Commission submitted an application to the City to adopt Route 64 East of Powis Road but with the departure of Greg Koch the previous Liaison to the Environmental Commission it may have been lost. He suggested that a new application may be needed. It was brought up that only three (3) sections of roads have been adopted; those by two different organizations General Mills adopted Washington Street from Town Rd to Roosevelt and Roosevelt from Joliet to Washington. Cub Scouts Pack 151 adopted Smith Rd west of Powis Rd.

## LEED

Bob brought information from the Rockford Associates Planners and Architects outlining the point system for the various certifications. Tim will scan the packet and email to all members. Tim attended a Seminar titled "Going Green and Paying for it". He outlined some of the information presented. Steve said he planned to prepare a written recommendation on this subject to present to committee.

## Recycling

Residential, Multi family recycling, the 2008 DuPage County recycling report and the monthly recycling report Groot submits was discussed. Steve questioned some of the reported percentages of recycling for West Chicago and how the quantity compares to overall waste collected. Steve will also prepare a recycling report. Bob asked if it would be possible to have a city sponsored recycling event. Dan responded there are many events held by some of the bigger companies but are not highly advertised maybe the city could help advertise them? To have a city sponsored event someone on the commission would have to take this on and follow through with it.

## City property Landscaping

Nick suggested that prior to bidding the next contractual R.O.W. Maintenance Program some recommendations should be made. He said limiting broad leaf herbicide treatments, fertilizer and recommending planting slower growing grasses (buffalo grass) on smaller sections of right of ways maintained to decrease the frequency of required mowing. Nick will prepare a report on recommendations.

## B. New Additions

New State legislation for idling vehicles including school buses was brought up and questioned if West Chicago was in compliance. Bob said he would find the official ruling on this.

## 4. Other Business

Discussed formal resignation of Norm Moseng, Secretary for the Environmental Commission and the need to elect a new secretary at the next meeting.

The former secretary did not prepare meeting minutes for the December 16, 2009 meeting prior to relocating out of state. Other members present at the December 16, 2009 meeting had inadequate notes for completing minutes. The meeting was declared a "No Meeting".

Dan Beebe said he would talk to Mark Davis to inquire about his status as a commission member. Next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2010.

## **5. Adjournment**

Bob Blaus motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Nick Fuller seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 P.M.