

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 5/21/14

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 16, 2014, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bob Blaus, Laura Barron, Steve Carrow, John Symowicz, and Kris Zimmermann present. Commissioner Mike Ferguson was absent.

Also in attendance were Assistant Director of Public Works Tim Wilcox, and West Chicago Resident Marilyn Kroll.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of March 19, 2014. Commissioner Blaus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Zimmermann to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2014 with no changes. Voting Yea: Commissioners Beebe, Blaus, Carrow, Zimmermann, and Symowicz. Abstaining: Commissioner Barron. Voting Nay: 0.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List.

A. Current List

Adopt A Highway

Commissioner Beebe reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the Environmental Commissions May 10, 2014 cleanup on North Avenue. Plan is to meet at the Hobby Lobby parking lot at 8:00 A.M. He also mentioned the fall cleanup event will be held on October 4, 2014.

Rain Barrels.

The ordering website is up and functional, city website has the posting up.

Blooming Fest.

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Tentative time to meet is 7:30 A.M. Some can be at booth half day, others all day. Bob will have composting info, Steve will have props for worm composting, we will have info on rain barrels and some stuff from ACE Hardware.

Community Gardening.

Commissioner Barron reported that she talked with Dana Hoffman, the new Recreation Superintendent for the West Chicago Park District about a Community Garden in West Chicago. Ms. Hoffman said she should speak to Jesse Felix about the subject. Commissioner Barron spoke to the Jesse Felix and gathered he is very busy, and also has an idea of merging it with Tree City U.S.A. (which is a program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation). It was unclear how the two were related but it does not appear in the short term there will be any effort by the Park District to develop a Community Garden. Commissioner Symowicz offered to look up information on Tree City U.S.A.

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No new activity.

Recycling

Need to contact Groot to set up a meeting.

B. New Additions

There were no New Additions.

4. Other Business

Commissioner Symowicz brought to the groups attention that he learned of a City ordinance which requires a \$600.00 permit in order to pick up metal scrap. He asked if this permit fee would be required for some of the Environmental Commissions activities relating to recycling holiday lights and paper shredding. The members discussed the reasons for such an ordinance and found no reason for it to apply to the recycling efforts of the Commission.

5. Adjournment. At 8:00 P.M. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Symowicz. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Steve Carrow, Environmental Commission Secretary