

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 05/05/2010

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 21, 2010 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

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

Also in attendance was Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Environmental Commission Meeting of March 21, 2010

Approved minutes as written.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current list

Blooming Fest

Blooming Fest is next month, May 15, 2010. Steve Carrow informed commission members that he will be unable to attend the event. He will bring the items he was to be responsible for at the next meeting, clip board and forms, recycling information. Dan Beebe said the event will start at 9:00 A.M. Dan said he will contact Bob Blaus to follow up with him about Murphy's Ace Hardware's willingness to recycle CFL's. He will also ask him about Green Pages handout material. Nick said he had sent email regarding the PACE information he wanted at the event but none of the members recalled seeing it. His email address ends in ".info" and thinks maybe that could be the problem. Nick will organize the information and resend.

It was decided to have a special meeting on May 5, 2010 in order to prepare and plan activities for participation in Blooming Fest.

Mission Statement

Tim Wilcox brought a copy of a memo he found in the Greg Koch's file regarding the mission statement. Dan thought this was not the approved version. Tim will check again to see if he can locate the final version.

Adopt a Highway/Cleanup of Major Highways

Dan turned in the Environmental Commission's application for Adopt A Highway to Tim. He will process the application and work to get it on the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting agenda. The commission plans to adopt the section of Route 64 from Atlantic Drive to Powis Road. Dan noted that it would be a good idea to put the waiver form on the website. A cleanup date was discussed and Wednesday May 19, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. was selected (provided the adoption is approved). The group will complete the safety training for Adopt A Highway at the May 5, 2010 Special Meeting. It was decided the "Cleanup Crew Ahead" Sign posted for the adopted section should read "West Chicago Environmental Commission" (provided it all fits on the sign).

Dan asked if the city maintains a list of organizations and/or associations within the city. He would like to call them to try to get them to adopt sections of roads adjacent to their subdivisions or places where they meet. Tim will check to see if this information is available.

LEED

Steve Carrow indicated he still plans to do a write-up on this subject. Nick Fuller provided Steve with a disk of classroom information related to LEED.

Nick mentioned there is County money available for training. He also discussed the LEED training that Bob Blaus provided information on for May 12-18. Nick will check his schedule and try to attend.

Recycling

Steve Carrow said no discussion is necessary, he will prepare a report. It was mentioned that Sim's in West Chicago on Harvesters Drive was hosting an electronic recycling event this coming Saturday at their facility. The commission thought the City should help to promote these events more through advertising on the website or news releases. (Dan thought some of the information on the city website looked dated and could be refreshed more often.)

City property Landscaping

No discussion, Nick will prepare a report of recommending changes to make the program more environmentally friendly.

Bus Idling Law

No discussion. Subject was brought up by Bob Blaus at the last meeting.

Community Garden

Steve Carrow was not able to attend the last Park District board meeting. He will try to attend the next meeting and inquire about this topic.

B. New Additions

No additions.

4. Other Business

Steve Timbrook was elected as the Environmental Commission Secretary, replacing Norm Moseng who resigned in January 2010.

Dan Beebe said he did not talk to Mark Davis yet but plans to soon.

Steve Carrow asked about Commission terms and how they are renewed. He was issued a membership card which has expired. The commission believes new cards should be issued to all new members and existing member cards should be updated.

Next meeting is a special meeting to be held May 5, 2010.

5. Adjournment

Nick Fuller motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Steve Carrow seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 P.M.