

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 7/18//12

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

June 13, 2012 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call - Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Mike Ferguson, Nick Fuller, and Bob Blaus were present.

Also in attendance was Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Environmental Commission Meeting of May 15, 2012

Minutes were not available.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current list

Rain Barrels

Dan briefly recapped the commission sponsored rain barrel sale. Thirteen (13) barrels were ordered on line, another six (6) were ordered at the Environmental Commission's booth at Bloomingfest. Pick up date for the ordered barrels was Saturday May 26, 2012 at 135 West Grandlake Blvd. (Public Works Garage) between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Dan and Tim distributed the barrels that morning. All but one was picked up that day.

Annual Recycling Event

This is the next big event and again will be held at Sims. The event will take place on October 6, 2012 (Columbus Day weekend).

There was a discussion as to who would be attending the event. Restore was suggested. Bob talked about the First Methodist Church possibly collecting shoes for third world countries. He said he would call and talk to them. The "Bike Guy" will be taking more items this year such as sewing machines, walkers, crutches.

Dan said he was contemplating inviting Earth Paints to the event for recycling paint. He said he also talked to Fox Valley about fire extinguisher collection. They said they could not attend, but would take extinguishers if collected for them. The Garden Club would take growing pots and trays. Dan also brought up paper shredding and explained that a shredding event is included in the Residential solid waste and recycling and yard waste collection contract with Groot Industries, Inc. Tim will follow up with the contact person at Groot.

Nick said he would call St. Vincent's to see if they were interested in attending.

Sims informed the commission that they would not take batteries this year. Dan said he would check to see if they will be accepting scrap metal. There will be no books or wood collected at the event.

Better signing for the event was also mentioned.

Contractual Right-of-Way Maintenance

Nick reminded the group that he had sent an email containing recommendations to include in the next contract for our review and discussion. He mentioned short native grasses in medians to help reduce the mowing frequency as an example.

LEED/Dark Sky

Both will be discussed at a future meeting.

B. New Additions

No new additions.

4. Other Business

Bob mentioned the draft thank you letter he had emailed members for review. The letter is intended for DuPage County Board members thanking them for extending SCARCE's contract with the county. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Bob also mentioned that on September 22, 2012 Cantigny Park will be hosting a Green Fair.

5. Adjournment

Bob moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Nick seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.