

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 8/21/2013

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

July 17, 2013 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Nick Fuller, Laura Barron, and Mike Ferguson were in attendance.

Street Superintendant Tim Wilcox and visitor Kris Zimmermann were also in Attendance.

2. Approval of minutes

A. Environmental Commission Meeting of July 19, 2013

June 19, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current List

LEED

Item tabled this month. Laura indicated she had informally contacted Gary at the Park district to ask if they considered LEED for the upcoming project. She was told there would be some components of LEED in the new facility, however not all hardware would be. She also shared information from a Park District flyer for the ground breaking event to be held on August 10, 2013.

City landscaping

Tim will get Nick a list and/or map of the areas owned and maintained by the City.

Lighting Ordinance

Mike continues working on getting an editable copy of Homer Glen's Lighting Ordinance.

Community Garden

Nick mentioned that lead testing was completed at the garden located across from St. Michaels on West Washington. It was found to be lead-free. A discussion on the Thorium issue followed.

Nick would like to try to pursue a community garden through the West Chicago Park District again. He said he had heard they may be interested. St. Charles and Geneva both have established pretty good ones.

Recycling

Kris Zimmermann brought up the subject of compost recycling. This was discussed in detail. Comparisons were made between the West Coast and our area. Dan mentioned it might be good to get a representative from Groot back to a meeting to discuss the subject of food waste.

B. New Additions

None

4. Other Business

Dan asked Tim if there were any environmental related issues the City would like the commission to follow up on or provide input for. Tim was not aware of any, but said he would talk to the Director of Public Works and raise the question with him.

5. Adjournment

Mike Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, Laura Barron seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

The meeting ended at 7:48 PM.