

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

**Approved 12/15/10**

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**November 17, 2010 7:00 P.M.**

#### **1. Call to order to establish a Quorum**

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Roll Call- Dan Beebe, Steve Carrow, Nick Fuller, Steve Timbrook, and Bob Blaus. Tim Wilcox, Street Superintendent was also in attendance. Kay McKeen, Executive Director for SCARCE addressed the commission via conference call.

Established a quorum

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

##### **A. Environmental Commission Meeting of October 20, 2010**

Bob Blaus approved and Steve Carrow Seconded

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

##### **A. Current List**

Commercial Recycling

Dan and Steve reported on the discussion at the meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and City of West Chicago. Present at the meeting were Joanne Kalchbrenner, Rosemary Mackey, Tim Wilcox, Dan Beebe, Steve Timbrook, Shefali Trivedi and Dave Sabathne.

Meeting Highlights:

Support from both the City of West Chicago and Chamber of Commerce

- Volunteer based instead of mandates
- Currently there is no baseline information on commercial recycling in West Chicago
- Suggested two step approach of paper surveys and personal interviews to obtain baseline information

- 700 businesses in West Chicago and 240 in the Chamber of Commerce
- On commercial recycling days Dave collects recycling from members personally.
- Shefali will be able to provide survey tools if the city chooses to pursue.
- At this point, any proposal must first go through the city administrator.

Dan Beebe will write up a proposal for the City Administrator.

## **B. New Additions**

### **Green Audits**

Kay McKeen from SCARCE was called and placed on speaker phone. Kay discussed the SCARCE's green audit program. They provide free green and waste audits to businesses in DuPage County. They are funded by the County and there is no limitation to the scale of the audits.

### **Creative Designs**

Bob Blaus was tasked with inviting Creative Designs to talk to the commission about recycling efforts. Creative has an ongoing electronic recycle contract with the county.

### **Elgin Recycling**

Elgin Recycling has program to recycle old Christmas lights. After talking with Kay McKeen from SCARCE the commission pushed through an initiative to set off Christmas lights recycling in West Chicago. This initiative was approved by the city and has been implemented.

## **C. Adjournment**

Dan entertained a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, Bob moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Steve seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:27 PM.