

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 1/19/11

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

December 15, 2010 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order to establish a Quorum

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

Roll Call- Nick Fuller , Bob Blaus, Steve Carrow, Steve Timbrook, Dan Beebe
Tim Wilcox Street Superintendent and Joe Tyna Creative Recycling were also in attendance

Established a quorum

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Environmental Commission Meeting of November 17, 2010

Steve Carrow approved and Seconded by Bob Blaus

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current List

Guest Speaker from Creative Recycle to Discuss Municipal E-Waste Recycling

Joe Tyna from Creative recycling was a guest at the commission. Joe discussed his company and the services they provide. They are a member of the Illinois Recycling Organization, have 5 certifications and are in-line for the E-Stewards recycling certification. Creative provides both permanent recycle drop offs and recycle events. For events they provide volunteer and paid staffers to help organize and load electronics. They will also provide forklifts for large events. They have a facility in the Chicago area and hope to have an electronic shredder in the future.

We discussed legislation that requires manufacturers to reclaim a percentage of the electronics that are on the market. The legislation is Public Act 95-0959 the Electronic Products and Recycling Act. Essentially the act, among other things, requires manufacturers wishing to sell electronic products in the state to pay a

registration fee and set an annual recycling goal to recoup electronics in the market. The goals will be readdressed in 2011 based on the information from the previous year, most likely lowering the goals.

A request for financial statement was made to Joe and he will provide at a later date. Creative does have an agreement with DuPage County so that any government entity in DuPage County can get recycling events for free. They also have several means for providing liability insurance through this agreement with the County. We also request information on the percentages of recyclables going into this stream.

We asked about cell phone recycling. They pull the batteries and shred the rest. But they also have an agreement with SCARCE regarding cell phones.

We asked about permanent recycling. Drop off locations are provided with containers to collect electronics. When they are full Creative Recycle will pick up the contents.

Christmas Lights

The collection bins have been put in place and we are currently collecting used lights.

B. New Additions

After speaking with Creative it was decided that the Commission should have a similar conversation with SIMS.

C. Adjournment

Dan entertained a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, Bob moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Steve seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:40.