

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 19, 2014, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bob Blaus, John Symowicz, Mike Ferguson, Laura Barron, and Kris Zimmermann present.

Also in attendance was Assistant Director of Public Works Tim Wilcox and West Chicago resident Marilyn Kroll.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of October 15, 2014

Commissioner Bob Blaus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kris Zimmermann to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2014. Voting Yea: Commissioners Beebe, Blaus, Symowicz, Ferguson, Zimmermann and Barron.

3. Public Participation/Presentations

Marilyn Kroll inquired as to what has been going on with the Commission since she has not attended a meeting for some time. Commissioner Blaus provided a brief summary of some of the items previously discussed. He added the Township recycling event was a success and pumpkin recycling is catching on as well.

4. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current

LEED

Commissioner Zimmermann sent her revised draft of the LEED ordinance proposal to the Commissioners about two weeks ago. She is not entirely satisfied with all of her word choices and is looking for comments before completing. Some of the members had not reviewed the draft yet so we will withhold comments until the next meeting.

Commissioner Blaus commented on a tour he took of the LEED certified Villa Park Police facility. He expressed disappointment that none of the people currently working there had any knowledge about the LEED components of the facility.

Dark Skies

Commissioner Ferguson has communicated with Flagstaff, AZ regarding a review of a lighting ordinance draft. He also is communicating with the Illinois Coalition of Responsible Outdoor Lighting for additional information.

Blooming Fest

Commissioners Zimmermann and Barron will work with Nick Fuller and Sara Phalen regarding a gardening theme. Further discussion ensued concerning ideas to draw people to the booth such as We Grow Dreams partnering or Ball Seeds, giveaways or having a master gardener at the booth. Other ideas were terrariums and egg crates with bean seeds.

Holiday Light Recycling

Commissioner Beebe discussed light collections beginning in 1 week. Tim Wilcox mentioned that Groot will be dropping off bins and the locations were discussed by the Commission. Commissioner Zimmermann inquired about having the new park district recreation center as a new location in the future. Discussion ensued regarding locations in subdivisions north of town and potential new partners.

B. New Additions

Pumpkin Recycling

Commissioner Blaus shared information regarding pumpkin recycling. 3.6 tons were recycled in Wheaton. 5.4 tons were recycled in Glen Ellyn. It is scheduled for 11/7 in 2015.

Kay from SCARCE will share more details and perhaps the City can hold an event on their property.

5. Other Business

Tim Wilcox stated that he emailed a graphic of the unofficial Environmental Commission logo to all members of the Commission.

Commissioner Barron stated that former Commissioner Nick Fuller would like to attend a future Commission meeting to further discuss People Made Visible and community gardening.

December Meeting – Commissioner Blaus suggested not meeting in December as it is poor timing with school finals then. The Commissioners agreed to meet January 21, 2015 for the next meeting.

Nick Fuller will be contacted by Commissioner Barron to attend the January 2015 meeting.

6. Adjournment

At 8:03 p.m. Commissioner Blaus moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Zimmermann. Voting Yea: Commissioners Beebe, Blaus, Symowicz, Ferguson, Zimmermann and Barron. Voting Nay: 0.

Approved 1/21/2015

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Barron, Commissioner, West Chicago Environmental Commission.