

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved with changes 03/05/15

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

February 5, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum. Chairman Beifuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen John Banas, James Beifuss, Don Earley, Al Hallett and John Smith present. Alderman Sandra Dimas arrived at 7:02 P.M. and Alderman Mark Edwalds was absent.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter, Assistant Director of Public Works Tim Wilcox, and Executive Secretary Michelle Baldino.

Others in attendance were Sara Phelan, Museum Director and member of the Cultural Arts Commission.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of December 4, 2014. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2014 with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Banas, Hallett, Beifuss, Earley, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Dimas was not yet present.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

A. Museum Director Sara Phelan was in attendance to discuss bike racks with the Committee. Through meetings with the Healthy West Chicago members and the Cultural Arts Commission, she informed the Infrastructure Committee that people want bike racks throughout downtown. The Cultural Arts Commission would like to include local artists work onto the racks to add a local flare. Mr. Flatter informed Committee that he and Tim Wilcox are in the process of preparing a bike rack alternative report for Infrastructure Committee's consideration in the near future, and he handed out some pictures as examples of how bike racks could include artwork (Attachment A). All Committee members present supported the idea of using bike racks to display artwork.

4. Items for Consent. Chairman Beifuss asked if *the* Committee members if anyone wanted to pull consent items for discussion. Alderman Banas asked for discussion on Item 4.E., and Chairman Beifuss wanted to discuss Item 4. B.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to approve:

A. Purchase of One Henderson FSH2 Dual Auger 304 Stainless Steel V-Box Salt Spreader with Dual 75 Gallon Tank Mounted Pre-Wet Dispensing System and One Henderson SnowFoe® RSP 11' Reversible Snow Plow from Henderson Truck Equipment-Illinois of Gilberts, Illinois

C. Resolution No. 15-R-0006 – A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by the City of West Chicago Relating to FY2015 MFT Estimate of Maintenance Costs

D. Resolution No. 15-R-0007 – Contract Award – Swallow Construction Corporation for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Stage 1

F. Resolution No. 15-R-0009 – Acceptance of Public Improvements and Release of Development Security – Ball Horticultural Premier Laboratory Building Addition Project, 622 Town Road

G. Resolution No. 15-R-0010 – Acceptance of Public Improvements and Release of Development Security – AutoZone, 314 S. Neltnor Boulevard

Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Banas, Beifuss, Earley, Hallett, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

4.B. Ordinance No. 15-O-0005 – Amending Chapter 15, Section 15-5, of the Municipal Code for the Purpose of Excluding Gingko, Bradford Pear, and Ash Trees from the City's Approved Tree Planting List. Chairman Beifuss asked if this ordinance revision includes any and all species and genus's of Gingko, Ash, and Pear trees because he is curious to know if there are any species of *flowering* Pear trees that do not ~~flower~~ or bear fruit. He asked if there are other varieties of Pear trees besides Bradford Pear. Mr. Wilcox stated that all Pear trees flower and bear fruit, and Mr. Flatter pointed out that the agenda summary should not have been limited to Bradford Pear *that may be more acceptable*. Alderman Dimas pointed out that the Gingko is listed under species and the Pear and Ash are listed under genus. The Ordinance is applicable to all pear ~~genuses~~ *species*. Mr. Wilcox informed her that there is only one surviving species of Gingko.

Mr. Flatter stated that direction from the Committee was to eliminate *from the approved list* all of the referenced trees. He stated that if Committee wanted anything changed, it would be done prior to full City Council approval of the Ordinance. He went on to say that the 2015 Parkway Tree Planting Program has already gone out for bid, and it does include some pear trees. Staff will be directed to plant the pear trees in the Route 64 median this year. Mr. Wilcox said that each year, residents are offered their choice of 10-15 different species of trees and Mr. Flatter stated that each year, staff researches new trees to offer to the residents.

Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Earley to approve Ordinance No. 15-O-0005 – Amending Chapter 15, Section 15-5, of the Municipal Code for the Purpose of Excluding Gingko, Pear, and Ash Trees from the City's Approved Tree Planting List. Voting Yea: Aldermen Hallett, Earley, Banas, Beifuss, Dimas, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

4.E. Resolution No. 15-R-0008 – Contract Award – RJN Group, Inc. for Construction Oversight Services related to the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Stage 1. Alderman Banas questioned staff as to why this contract was not sent out to bid. Mr. Flatter

explained that this agreement is a Professional Services Contract, based on qualifications of the consultants. Mr. Flatter went on to say that RJN Group, Inc. has been involved with the City's sanitary sewer system rehabilitation program for many years now and is most knowledgeable and best qualified to perform this service.

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution No. 15-R-0008 authorizing a Contract with RJN Group, Inc. for Construction Oversight Services related to the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Stage 1. Voting Yea: Aldermen Banas, Smith, Beifuss, Dimas, Earley, and Hallett. Voting Nay: 0.

5.A. Brush Collection Service Contract for Fiscal Year 2015. Mr. Flatter stated that staff is seeking direction on how to proceed with the upcoming Brush Collection Contract as Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. (Kramer) has now completed its multi-year contract. Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Flatter reviewed the agenda item summary with Committee that included bid results from surrounding communities, and overall costs associated with the previous contract years. Staff then asked Committee if they would support having them negotiate a new contract with Kramer. If not, staff is prepared to go out for bid.

Alderman Dimas and Alderman Smith both commented that Kramer does good work and is local, and suggest that staff negotiate with him for a fair price. Alderman Hallett agreed. Alderman Earley stated that he does not feel comfortable offering another contract without going out for bid. Chairman Beifuss and Alderman Banas tended to agree with Alderman Earley, but could not argue with Kramer's quality of work. **Staff was directed to offer Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. a three-year contract (which is based on the revenue for this program) for \$75,000 per year (not to exceed contract amount of \$225,000.00). If Kramer declines the offer, staff was then directed to go out for bid.**

6. Unfinished Business.

A. Mr. Flatter stated that DuPage County would soon begin asking municipalities for quantities and participation with the upcoming DuPage County Rock Salt bid. He asked if it was still Committee's direction to participate with the County and the quantities targeted will be historically those that have been submitted to the State. The Committee agreed that the City should participate with the upcoming DuPage County Salt bid.

7. New Business. None.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. **2010 – 2014 Ash Treatment Report.** Mr. Wilcox reviewed the 2014 Emerald Ash Borer Report (included with the Agenda) with the Committee. He touched on pertinent information regarding the treatment plan. To date, less than 10% of the treated trees were lost. There are almost 1600 trees remaining which will continue to be treated for year 2015, and then reevaluated for the remainder of the treatment years (2016 and 2017). Alderman Dimas asked if the number of years for treating these trees depends upon their diameter. Mr. Flatter stated that City Council authorized a seven year treatment contract and then the program is to be evaluated

to determine whether or not treatment was beneficial. Staff will consult with professionals at the end of the program to determine need for additional treatment. There was some discussion regarding the lack of treatment for ash trees on private property. Mr. Flatter stated that this issue cannot be controlled. It was believed that if these private property trees were left untreated, most of them would die within the seven years of the City's program. Some of them may survive despite the odds.

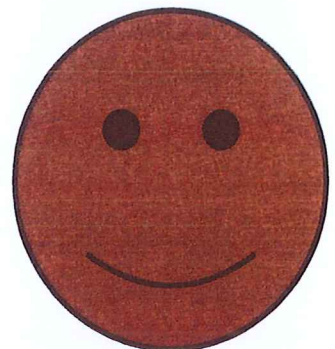
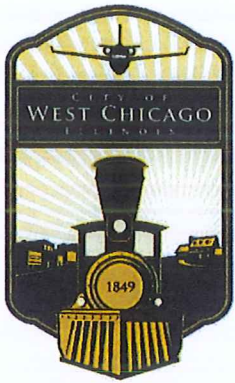
9. Adjournment. At 8:10 P.M., Alderman Hallett made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Dimas. Motion was approved by voice vote.

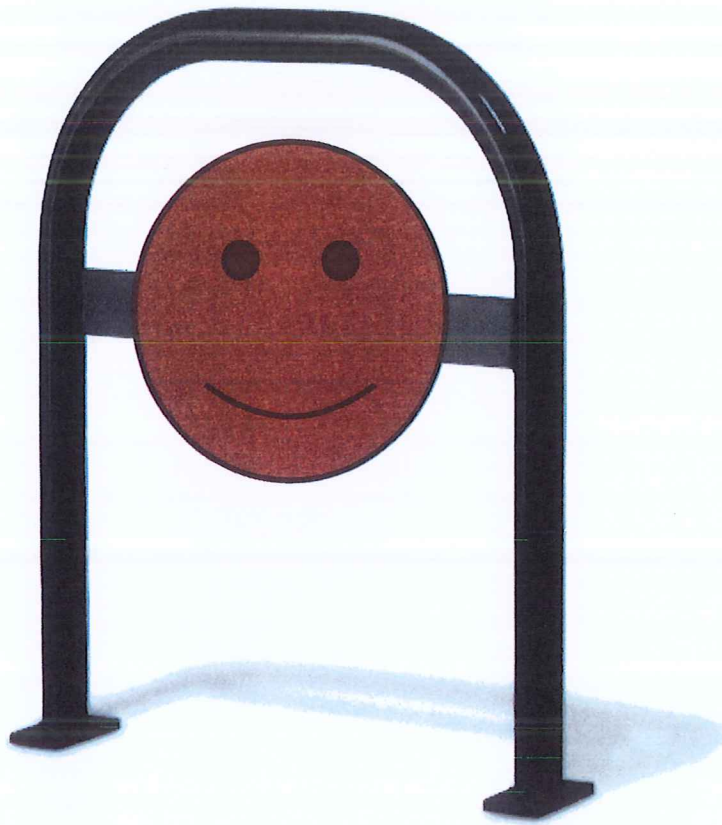
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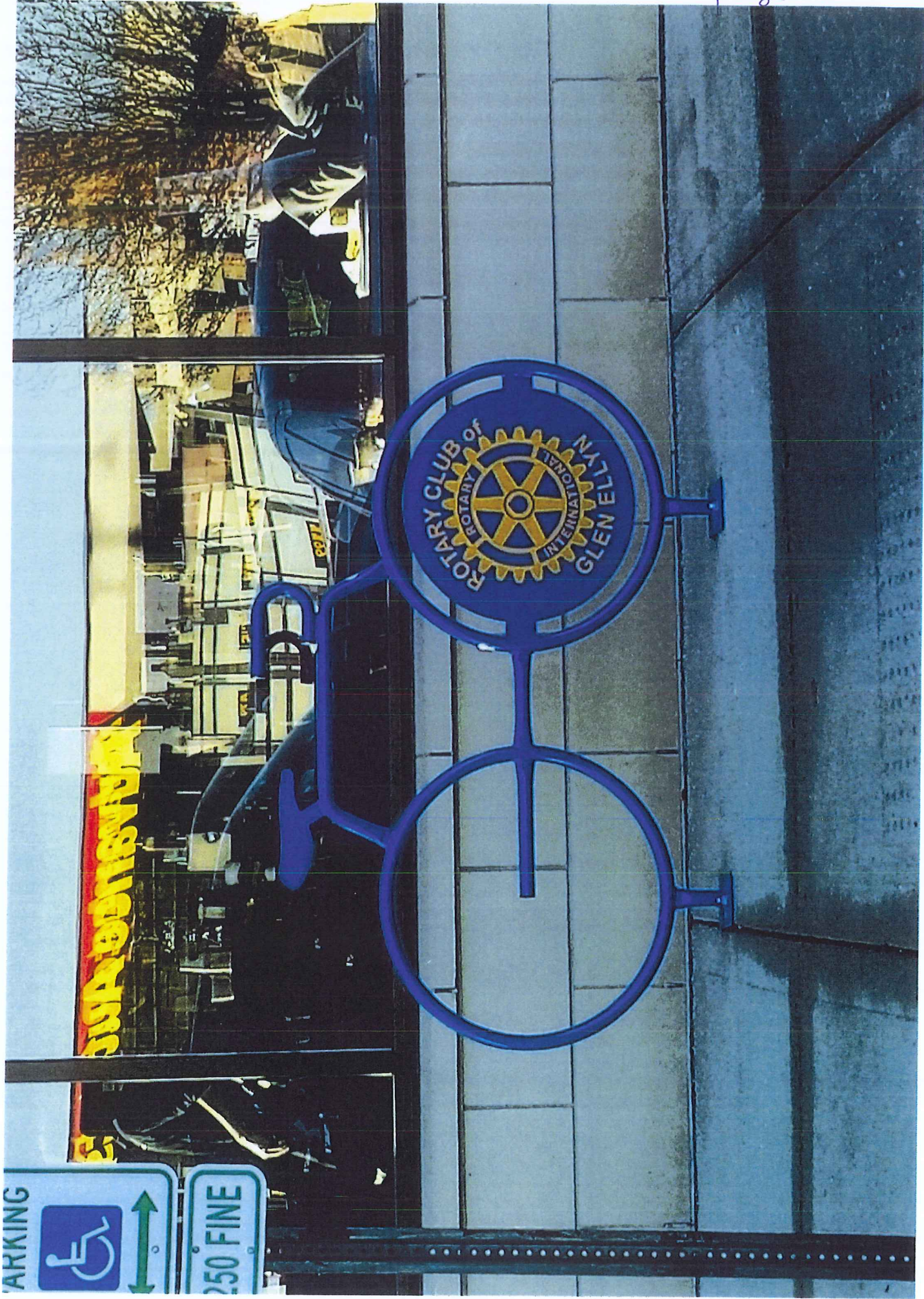
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Executive Secretary











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