

**CITY OF
WEST CHICAGO**

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Wednesday, November 16, 2016
7:00 p.m. – Committee Room A**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Environmental Commission Meeting of October 19, 2016**
- 3. Public Participation/Presentations**
- 4. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List**
 - A. Current List**
 - B. New Additions**
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjournment**

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

October 19, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Beebe was unable to attend tonight's meeting and asked Commissioner Blaus to Chair the meeting in his place. This was acceptable to all members present. Commissioner Bob Blaus called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Kris Zimmermann, John Symowicz, Mike Ferguson, Bethany Brown, and Bob Blaus present. Commissioner Tony Lewis and Chairman Dan Beebe were absent.

Also in attendance was Assistant Director of Public Works, Tim Wilcox.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of September 14, 2016. Commissioner Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2016 with changes, seconded by Commissioner Symowicz.

Voting Yea: Commissioners Ferguson, Symowicz, Zimmermann, Brown, and Blaus. Voting Nay: 0.

Changes are reflected in the approved minutes.

3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

4. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

A. Review current priority list

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

Commissioner Blaus indicated he wishes to communicate to Mayor Pineda the Environmental Commission's desire to have him sign the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, where cities and municipalities are committing to create habitat and educate citizens about how they can make a difference at home for the Monarch butterfly.

Commissioner Blaus talked of his ideas to use school children to help meet the requirements of the pledge, training aids such as a root box, which demonstrates the long roots of native plants, and a letter to school principals about the goal to help the Monarch butterfly that the Commission could draft for the mayor's signature.

After much discussion, Commissioner Blaus indicated he would draft a letter that the Commission members could review and approve prior to sending to the Mayor.

Lighting Ordinance

Commissioner Ferguson indicated he is still working through the list of comments.

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Commissioner Zimmermann indicated she has completed her personal studies for now and will be able to devote more time to work on this again.

Creation of a Street Light Request Policy

Commissioner Lewis was not present so this topic was not discussed.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup

Commissioners Beebe, Brown, Ferguson, and Symowicz completed the fall cleanup. It was estimated that 100-150 pounds of debris was collected.

Holiday Light Recycling

Elgin Recycling was contacted and they will be offering the recycling program again this season. It was suggested the ARC Center be added to the list of drop off locations. Commissioner Zimmermann will contact the Park District to see if they will allow a container to be placed there. The other locations will be City Hall, Ace Hardware, West Chicago Public Library, First United Methodist Church, and the Water Treatment Plant.

B. Discuss new additions to priority list

None.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Blaus indicated Winfield Township Highway Department's recycling event on October 1st at the township garage, where he volunteered to help, was a big success with 538 car loads of recyclables coming through with mostly televisions and electronics. He thinks the City should promote the Saturday electronic recycling available to City Residents more and asked if the information was available on the City website. None of the members were sure if it was. Commissioner Blaus also indicated pumpkin recycling will be on November 5th at numerous locations in DuPage County this year. He said that members of the First United Methodist Church were trying to host pumpkin recycling this year but didn't due to the \$100 permit fee. Mr. Wilcox indicated they could have requested for the fee to be waived as a non-profit but that would have taken Council approval and more time. The cost for a dumpster and to have the pumpkins trucked to a composting facility was also considered in their decision not to host. Mr. Wilcox indicated the cost to have a compost dumpster brought in would be around \$550.00 if the City were to request one from Groot.

There was also discussion of canceling the scheduled December 2016 Environmental Commission meeting but it was decided to address that at November's meeting.

6. Adjournment

At 7:40 P.M. Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Symowicz seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works