

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 16, 2017
7:00 p.m. – Committee Room A

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order Establish a Quorum**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Environmental Commission Meeting of June 21, 2017**
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

June 21, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bethany Brown, John Symowicz, and Kris Zimmermann present.

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

Commissioner Blaus was absent.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of April 19, 2017. Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2017 seconded by Commissioner Symowicz.

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

B. Environmental Commission Minutes of May 17, 2017. Commissioner Symowicz made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017 seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

4. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

A. Review current priority list

Blooming Fest

Although the event was cancelled due to potential severe weather, Chairman Beebe indicated the Garden Club went ahead with their plant sale and it was very successful. A pollinator theme was briefly discussed for next year's Blooming Fest.

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

Not discussed.

Street Light Request Policy

Not specifically discussed but mentioned during discussion of the lighting ordinance. No new information.

LEED

Commissioner Zimmermann suggested possibly shifting from promoting a LEED Resolution to promoting to become a Cool DuPage Partner. She brought a flyer to the meeting which listed the Partners and benefits that include promoting energy efficiency and improved air quality to residents, commercial businesses, and local governments. Partners include Carol Stream, Westmont, Lombard; Villa Park, Woodridge, Warrenville; Hanover Park, Glen Ellyn and DPC Forest Preserve. There is also a model resolution available from the County that would help in the process. Chairman Beebe asked the group to do some research on the subject to see if it's something the City would consider and see what other communities have done so this can be discussed at the next meeting.

Lighting Ordinance

No one on the Commission has decided to take on this issue since Mr. Ferguson left the Commission after his election to Alderman. Commissioner Symowicz suggested that newer lighting fixture designs using LED's are helping to reduce some of the forms of light pollution. He also thought there had been a recent change in City Code regarding lighting. Members agreed that the new Thornton's Gas Station has very good lighting and the question was asked if this particular lighting was required by the City or if the owner(s) presented the type of lighting and it was approved by the City.

Adopt A Highway

Discussed briefly, the next pickup is still months away. Now that General Mills is gone only the Environmental Commission and Cub Scout Pack 151 remain in the program.

Paper Shredding and Rain Barrel distribution event

Mr. Wilcox indicated all seven rain barrels along with some other accessories dropped off by Upcycle had been picked up by the residents who purchased them. Owners of two other rain barrels purchased during the program chose to have theirs delivered directly to their home.

The Paper Shredding event went very well. Volunteers included Commissioners Zimmermann, Symowicz, and Brown, Alderman Ferguson and Tim Wilcox. Jordan Shook from the Street Division of Public Works was pulled from the Touch a Truck event to assist as well. Cars began lining up at 8:15 AM. Accurate Document Destruction showed up early to set up. They brought a Super Truck and a helper truck. The two man crew agreed to begin shredding at 8:30 AM. The stream of vehicles was steady but was never too backed up; the weather was nice and the total number dropping off paper to recycle was 189. There was 11,380 lbs. (5.69 tons) of paper recycled at the event. One resident showed up a few minutes after the event ended but the Accurate Document Destruction crew started the shredder up again and recycled her paper before leaving.

B. Discuss new additions to priority list

None

5. Other Business

Commissioner Zimmermann said she tried to attend the June 1st Cultural Arts Commission meeting but there were was no meeting (for lack of quorum). Her purpose was to discuss with them a possibility for

their Commission and the Environmental Commission to work on some combined effort. She said she would try again in July or August to attend a meeting.

The Environmental Commission meeting for Wednesday July 19, 2017 has been cancelled. The next meeting will take place Wednesday August 16, 2017.

6. Adjournment

At 8:00 P.M. Commissioner Symowicz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works