

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

September 13, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bob Blaus, John Symowicz, and Kris Zimmermann present, Commissioner Bethany Brown arrived at 7:05 P.M.

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

2. Approval of Minutes.

- A. Environmental Commission Minutes of August 16, 2017. Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2017 seconded by Commissioner Symowicz.

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

3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

4. Items For Consent

- A. Co-host with First United Methodist Church of West Chicago a Pumpkin Collection Event on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to approve the West Chicago Environmental Commission Co-host with First United Methodist Church of West Chicago a Pumpkin Collection Event on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M, seconded by Commissioner Zimmermann.

Commissioner Blaus will contact the Church to see if they had already made arrangements for the dumpster required for the event or if it will need to be arranged for by the City as well as find out more details about the event so it can be promoted.

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

5. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

A. Review current priority list

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

No discussion

Street Light Request Policy

No discussion

Cool DuPage ~~program~~ *Program*

Commissioner Zimmermann said she obtained a one page fact sheet from Village of Carol Stream which describes the program in good detail. She will email this to the other Commissioners. She had contacted Joy at DuPage County previous but did not hear back from here yet. She will follow up with her again.

Lighting Ordinance

Commissioner Zimmermann said she had planned to meet tonight with Andrew Van Gorp, Chairman of the Environmental Commissions & Committees of DuPage County (EC3) and discuss this subject with him but that meeting was postponed when the Environmental Commission meeting was rescheduled for tonight.

Adopt A Highway

The next Commission adopt a highway cleanup will be Saturday October 14, 2017, Commissioners Beebe, Brown, and Zimmermann indicated they would be able to attend the 8:00 A.M. to noon event.

Holiday Light Recycling

Elgin Recycling will provide the service again this season; Commissioner Blaus contacted past drop off locations. He said Ace Hardware, the Library, and the First United Methodist Church of West Chicago all agreed to be a drop off site again for recycling holiday lights. Commissioner Zimmermann will contact the Park District to see if the Arc Center could be another location. Mr. Wilcox will make arrangements with Groot Industries, Inc. for borrowing the recycling totes.

B. Discuss new additions to priority list

None.

6. Other Business

Commissioner Blaus contacted Kay McKeen via cell phone during the meeting to see if she knew of arrangements for a dumpster for the pumpkin recycling event with the Church's contracted waste hauler Republic. She was not aware of any arrangements. There was also some discussion with her about food scrap recycling, Republic is now certified for food scrap recycling; she also said during conversation that Groot Industries, Inc. had been purchased by a Canadian ~~Company~~ *company*.

Commissioner Blaus provided a brief summary of the Winfield Township Recycling Extravaganza to be held Saturday September 30, 2017 9:00 A.M. to Noon, rain or shine. He will be working the event and plans to make a flyer to hand out indicating other recycling in the area and to let West Chicago resident know about electronic recycling at Groot's transfer station. SCARCE is hosting their Green Fair event at the DuPage County Fairgrounds from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the same day.

Commissioner Blaus said he will talk to John Dusza, Winfield Township Highway Commissioner about the possibility of hosting a special Saturday after Thanksgiving cooking oil collection event at the Township garage.

The possibility of promoting information and events related to educating people about the plight bees are now experiencing. Chairman Beebe said there is a parasitic mite that is attacking bees in the United States.

7. Adjournment

At 7:30 P.M. Commissioner Blaus 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