

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 12/6/2017

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

October 18, 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, Kris Zimmermann, and Bethany Brown present. Commissioner John Symowicz was absent.

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

#### 2. Approval of Minutes.

- A. **Environmental Commission Minutes of September 13, 2017. Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2017 seconded by Commissioner Blaus.**

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

#### 3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

#### 4. Items For Consent

None

#### 5. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

- A. **Review current priority list**

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

The question was raised whether this topic could be removed from the priority list since the Resolution was approved and the Mayor signed the pledge. It was noted that there are still a number of the action items that require some follow up for completing the pledge. An update of the action items completed will need to be sent to the National Wildlife Federation at the end of the year.

Street Light Request Policy

Chairman Beebe indicated he had nothing to share at this time.

## Cool DuPage Program

Commissioner Zimmermann had no new progress to report.  
Pumpkin Recycling Event

Commissioner Blaus said he would not be at the West Chicago event. He will be in Elmhurst at their Pumpkin Smash event. Commissioner Blaus was asked to contact the Horsley's to inquire about number of volunteers needed for the West Chicago event and if Environmental Commissioners were expected to be there.

## Lighting Ordinance

Commissioner Zimmermann said she did meet with Andrew Van Gorp, Chairman of the Environmental Commissions & Committees of DuPage County (EC3) and discussed this subject with him. She also shared with him a list of questions and concerns that was developed after a meeting with members of City staff. They will be developing a to-do list. There was discussion about the best way to invite Drew Carhart to present his views on light pollution so Alderman would have a chance to attend and yet also deliver his message to the public as well, at the library for instance. Mr. Wilcox explained the procedure to have him added to the agenda of an Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

## Adopt A Highway

The Commission's adopt a highway cleanup scheduled for Saturday October 14, 2017 was cancelled due to heavy rain. It was rescheduled for October 21, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to noon.

Commissioner Brown indicated Ball Horticultural Company has applied to adopt two sections of Roosevelt Road (Route 38) from Town Road to Wegner Lane and Wegner Lane to Washington Street. Mr. Wilcox will prepare and add the item to the next Infrastructure Meeting agenda.

## Holiday Light Recycling

Commissioner Blaus asked if Elgin Recycling was going to give back to the City a portion of the money from the collected lights. They had not indicated this and it isn't really expected. He said he called Elgin Recycling and asked them to credit SCARCE for the totals they receive in his school in Elmhurst. He said they would; he asked if someone would do the same for West Chicago, but only if they were not planning to profit share. Mr. Wilcox said he would inquire. 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 contacted the Park District and left a message 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 provided a brief summary of the Winfield Township Recycling Extravaganza held Saturday September 30, 2017. He volunteered at the event and said it was very well attended, John Dusza runs a top notch event. Over 430 participated and he said the majority were there for the electronic

recycling which cost \$10 a vehicle. He also said they completely filled a paper shredding truck. SCARCE hosted their Green Fair event at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on the same day and they had a small extravaganza as well.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she will plan to attend an upcoming Cultural Arts Commission meeting to talk about possible joint efforts between the Environmental Commission and theirs.

## **7. Adjournment**

At 7:45 P.M. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zimmermann seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works