

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 5/16/2018

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 18, 2018, 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, Kris Zimmermann, Bethany Brown, and John Symowicz present, Commissioner Blaus was absent.

Also in attendance was Vicki Burris a resident of unincorporated West Chicago, and Assistant Director of Public Works, Tim Wilcox.

2. Approval of Minutes.

- A. **Environmental Commission Minutes of March 21, 2018. Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Symowicz to approve with changes the meeting minutes of March 21, 2018.**

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

3. Public Participation/Presentations.

- A. Vicki Burris, Resident of unincorporated West Chicago.

Ms. Burris indicated she was interested in learning more about the Environmental Commission and its purpose. She also shared with the group that she is interested in increasing business recycling. She has noticed a lot of waste in businesses she has worked at. She also mentioned she raises butterflies.

Commissioner Beebe explained some of the problems facing businesses related to recycling. One problem is cost. Businesses who wish to recycle will typically need to pay an additional fee from their waste hauler. Contamination is another problem especially with multifamily apartments or businesses that cannot lock out or otherwise protect their trash and recycling containers from unauthorized individuals or fly dumping.

Commissioner Beebe also provided a brief overview of the reporting structure of the Commission (reporting to the Infrastructure Committee), as well as subjects discussed at the monthly meetings. He and other Commissioners also spoke about events and activities the Commission is involved in such as Blooming Fest, Adopt A Highway program, paper shredding, rain barrel sales, pumpkin recycling, and holiday light recycling.

4. Items For Consent

None

5. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

A. Review current priority list

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

This topic was only briefly discussed.

Blooming Fest

The Environmental Commission meeting in May will be held on the 16th, just before Blooming Fest. Commissioner Beebe plans to use that meeting to summarize what the Commission will be doing and go over last minute details for the event. There was a brief discussion of some of the planned informational handouts and the items donated by Groot to hand out as well.

Street Light Request Policy

Chairman Beebe provided a brief explanation of this topic since it has not been discussed for some time and for the benefit of Ms. Burris. He passed out copies of two sample policies from other communities to discuss. The example from Kirkland Washington seemed to be the more popular of the two. Commissioner Symowicz mentioned the existing City Code (ordinance 1401) covers the installation of new street lights. There was some discussion about what the code actually covers. It appears to be more applicable to developers and private parties seeking to finance and place planned street light improvements in the City right-of-way or unit development. It does not entail a formal means for a resident to request a street light for a certain location. There was also some discussion related to ComEd street lights and LED upgrades in West Chicago and a street light that was placed near the Park District gazebo in the Hampton Hills subdivision.

Cool DuPage Program

There was no new information, item was not discussed.

Pumpkin Recycling Event

Item was discussed briefly during Chairman Beebe's overview of Environmental Commission discussion items and activities.

Lighting Ordinance

Item was discussed briefly during Chairman Beebe's overview of Environmental Commission discussion items and activities.

Adopt A Highway

Chairman Beebe confirmed the next Environmental Commission cleanup will be Saturday April 28, 2018. Commissioner Brown indicated she has 3 people signed up for the Ball Horticultural Company cleanup of Route 38 on Friday April 20, 2018.

Rain Barrel Sale

The rain barrel sales link is on the City website. So far only one sale has been made.

B. Discuss new additions to priority list

None.

6. Other Business

Commissioner Symowicz provided some information on Naperville's combined food scrap and yard waste composting program. Residents who wish to participate are provided a rental 64 or 96 gallon cart for an annual fee of \$120.00.

7. Adjournment

At 8:35 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