

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 04/17/2012

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

February 20, 2013 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Nick Fuller, Mike Ferguson, and Steve Carrow were in attendance.

Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox was also in Attendance

2. Approval of minutes

A. Environmental Commission Meeting of January 16, 2012.

Due to presentation on LEED, approval of minutes were tabled till next meeting.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current List

Presentation on LEED

Two members of the Chicago chapter of USGBC (United States Green Building Council) took the majority of the meeting time with this presentation.

Chris Chwedyk and John Albrecht gave a presentation on LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). They narrated and added to a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of what LEED is and how it works. They then answered questions on how it is being implemented by various Illinois municipalities and other businesses and organizations, and what steps West Chicago might consider.

Very generally, LEED is a certification and rating system that aims to make our built infrastructure more energy efficient and more environmentally sustainable. LEED has evolved over the years, and there are actually nine different certifications programs, based on what kind of building is being designed.

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Chris Chwedyk said in follow up that he would send a list of Illinois towns that have implemented some level of LEED ordinance or building code addition, and also a PDF of his presentation.

John Albrecht offered to assist the commission and the city in our next steps, which generally are to continue education, assess the city's current operations and work toward the end of some level of commitment to enacting LEED in West Chicago.

Quick review of other items on Commission priority list

Paper shredding event is set for June 1. The commission will participate in Blooming Fest, which is May 18, and rain barrel sale will be coming up. It will go from March 25-May 25, with pick up on June 1. Price for barrels is set at \$58.50 this year, and Jim Kleinwachter from the Conservation Foundation will be presenting a community-based educational seminar on rain barrels.

Nick Fuller gave some update on the effort to promote a community gardening program. The commission agreed that we support the effort.

B. New Additions

No new additions.

4. Other business

Tim passed around the commission roster to confirm and update member information

5. Adjournment

Steve Carrow moved to adjourn, Nick Fuller seconded and motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.