

CITY OF
WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 11/14/12

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

July 18, 2012 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call - Dan Beebe, Steve Carrow, Steve Timbrook, John Symowicz, Mike Ferguson, and Nick Fuller were present.

Also in attendance was Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Environmental Commission Meeting of May 15, 2012

B. Environmental Commission Meeting of June 13, 2012

Minutes were approved.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current list

Annual Recycling Event

Shortening the hours of the event was discussed, from either 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., or 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. It was decided the hours for this year's event will 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Dan discussed who will possibly attend the event. Earth Paints was considered but it was mentioned they charge a fee to drop off paint. Steve Carrow said he would call them to see if they would consider coming. Dan mentioned the Garden Club would be collecting planter pots but has not yet decided on the limits of sizes. He will update the list and send to everyone.

Contractual Right-Of-Way Maintenance

Nick discussed his ideas for a small pilot program where a small area can be set aside for Nick to plant perennial beds of native plantings, and low growing and low maintenance turfs like Little Blue Stem Grass to demonstrate his ideas for replanting many of the

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contractually maintained City Owned properties. The idea is to reduce the frequency of mowing thereby saving energy and expense.

Nick said he will look for other examples of other municipalities that have adopted this approach. Tim will discuss this with the Director of Public Works.

LEED

Bob sent info to the group about Villa Park's new police station built using LEED.

Steve said he has assembled a binder of LEED material and would like to discuss at a future meeting.

Dark-Sky

Mike informed the group he would assemble information highlighting the effects of over lighting in cities and present it at the next meeting. He will especially be looking for examples of codes for the purpose of directing lights downward and limiting lights to only where needed.

B. New Additions

No new additions.

4. Other Business

The Chairman of the Environmental Commission received a letter from a resident concerned about trash being thrown along Main Street, and suggested no littering signs be posted west of Prince Crossing. The letter was read aloud and briefly discussed. It was determined that this was not something the Commission should attempt to address and the letter will be forwarded to Public Works for a response.

5. Adjournment

John moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Steve Carrow seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.