

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 10/20/2010

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

July 21, 2010 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order to establish the quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call - Dan Beebe, Steve Carrow, Steve Timbrook, were present

Also in attendance was Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox

2. Approval of minutes

West Chicago Environmental Commission (WCEC) Meeting of June 16, 2010

Approved minutes, Steve Carrow motioned to approve, Steve Timbrook seconded.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current List

Adopt a highway

Suggested date for WCEC cleanup is August 19th at 5:00 pm is still a go. Tim will check to make sure signs are posted on North Avenue.

Mission Statement

Members would like to see the mission statement added to the City Website.

Recycling

Steve C. has arranged for a guest speaker to attend the August 20, 2010 Environmental Commission meeting, Shefali Trivedi, DuPage County. The focus of the meeting will be Business Recycling.

Greenest Regions

Steve C. will check to see what became of this program.

Community Garden

Steve C. attended a Park District board meeting. He said he asked to see the "Master Plan" and that Jody at the Park District will try to get him a copy of it. If he gets a copy he will bring it to the next meeting.

B. New Additions

None

4. Other Business

Steve T. mentioned "City Sourced" a smart phone application for citizens to report problems to their community government. He said Chicago and Los Angeles is trying it out.

Steve T. said he will be unable to attend next months meeting.

5. Adjournment

Steve T. motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Steve C. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

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WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 9/15/2010

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

August 18, 2010 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order to establish a Quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Roll Call- Dan Beebe, Bob Blass, and Nick Fuller were present

Also in attendance were the City of West Chicago Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox and Dupage County Environmental Projects Specialist Shefali M. Trivedi.

2. Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the July 21, 2010 Environmental Commission meeting were not available prior to the meeting. Once received from the secretary they will be placed on the next meeting agenda to be reviewed and approved by the Commission.

3. Public Participation/Presentations

A. Increase City-Wide Recycling – DuPage County

Guest Speaker Shefali M. Trivedi attending the meeting to discuss Recycling in DuPage County.

Steve Carrow had contacted DuPage County so that the commission could have a discussion about the County's recycling statistics, multifamily recycling, and other recycling topics. Shefali described that the statistics for recycling come from the waste haulers and currently that is the best information regarding recycling rates available in DuPage County. Unfortunately these numbers are only ball park numbers, but DuPage County needs some sort of data to establish a baseline. The base line data was used to look at the current 20% commercial recycling rate and set a countywide goal of doubling this rate by 2013. DuPage County itself is not currently focusing greatly on multifamily recycling and Shefali confirmed the difficulty of improving multifamily recycling.

The commission may want to shelve multifamily recycling for now and concentrate on commercial recycling. Shefali asked if we would like to establish a goal, but Dan wanted to establish a baseline first. It would be difficult to establish a baseline unless the individual business recorded the data themselves. Shefali asked if West Chicago has a mandate that requires the business to recycle the #1 waste in their waste stream. She suggested that this could be implemented at the time of the issuance of the business license. Dan said that we would need to check with the City to determine if any program of this type is in use at this time.

Shefali suggested that West Chicago could initiate a glass recycling program if the recycling container could be centralized and then it would have no cost to the businesses or West Chicago. The commission discussed various locations in which this program may work. We also discussed a commercial cardboard recycling program. Dan suggested that we have a representative from the Chamber of Commerce attend a Commission Meeting to discuss recycling possibilities. Shefali then discussed starting points for the recycling program including education materials and a survey which should help establish baseline metrics and then could lead to setting a goal. The Chamber of Commerce may also be able to help follow up with the businesses on this as well.

4. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current List

Adopt-A-Highway

Steve Carrow, Steve Timbrook, and Bob Blaus would not be able to attend the scheduled August 19th Adopt-A-Highway garbage pickup meeting. It would be very difficult for Nick Fuller to attend that date as well. Dan will suggest a rescheduled date of September 8th, 9th, 15th, or 16th and the scheduled August 19th date would be cancelled.

B. New Additions

Paper Recycling and Recycling for Other Various Items Event

Dan suggested we should look towards the spring before the amnesty garbage event to maximize the participation.

5. Adjournment

Bob Blaus motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Nick Fuller seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.