

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 11/14/12

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**August 15, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

#### 1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum

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

Roll Call - Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Mike Ferguson, and Bob Blaus were present.

Also in attendance was Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

##### A. Environmental Commission Meeting of July 18, 2012

Minutes were not available.

#### 3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

##### A. Current list

Annual Recycling Event

Bob said he has been in contact with Kay McKeen. A brief discussion of last years' participants followed. Dan will locate the list of last year's participants and items collected. There was a question about whether gym shoes would be accepted. It was thought that First Methodist church would probably take them.

Holiday Light Recycling

We will be promoting this program again this year. Bob asked if the program will be posted in the City newsletter. Dan thought that the deadline had passed for the next issue. Dan asked Tim to check with Groot about donating the use of five recycling carts again. He would like to see the carts with yellow lids this year, as some people were throwing trash in the solid green carts last year. The group discussed reducing the collection period. There were not very many strings of lights dropped off after January last year. The period of November 23, 2012 – January 25, 2013 was decided on for this year's program.

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Mike informed the group about information on a model lighting ordinance that he found on the International Dark-Sky Association's Website ([darksky.org](http://darksky.org)). He is still working on it and said he will bring to the next meeting.

#### **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**

Bob moved for the meeting to be adjourned, John seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.