

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 12/19/2012

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 14, 2012 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M. Roll Call found Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Mike Ferguson, and Steve Carrow present.

Also in attendance was Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Environmental Commission Meeting of July 18, 2012.

Mike Ferguson made a motion to approve the Environmental Commission Minutes of July 18, 2012, seconded by Steve Carrow. All voted yea to approve.

B. Environmental Commission Meeting of August 15, 2012

John Symowicz made a motion to approve the Environmental Commission Minutes of August 15, 2012, seconded by Mike Ferguson. All voted yea to approve.

C. Environmental Commission Meeting of September 26, 2012

John Symowicz made a motion to approve the Environmental Commission Minutes of September 26, 2012, seconded by Steve Carrow. All voted yea to approve.

D. Environmental Commission Meeting of October 17, 2012

John Symowicz made a motion to approve the Environmental Commission Minutes of October 17, 2012, seconded by Mike Ferguson. All voted yea to approve.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current list

Annual Recycling Event

Sims Recycling Solutions provided a figure of 3,300 pounds of electronic waste recycled at last month's event. Tim mentioned that Kane County held a recycling event last week at their records storage facility on Randall Road in St. Charles. He noticed they were

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accepting latex for a fee. Dan added that he has heard the farther west you go the better the turn out for recycling.

Holiday Light Recycling

Dan passed out copies of the draft press release promoting the Holiday Light Recycling Program. The only changes from last year were the relocation of the bin from the Police Department to the 1st United Methodist Church, and the shortening of the collection period. Tim contacted Groot for the use of the recycling bins, and Elgin Recycling confirming the City's involvement again, and to inform them of the dates of the program. Dan made up signs for each of the bins. Tim will deliver them to the Street Division to place on the bins when they are deployed to each location.

LEED

Steve Carrow passed out copies of draft material he prepared there was a brief discussion about the material and efforts to get the information to the right people in the City. He asked that everyone read it prior to our next meeting so it can be discussed. Tim will scan the document and email it to everyone so those not in attendance will have it too. John Symowicz added that the new nature center that was built in St. Charles was very well done.

B. New Additions

No new additions.

4. Other Business

There was some discussion about a rebate program from the utility companies advertised by Energy Impact Illinois. Steve Carrow was not at last month's meeting so some time was spent explaining the rebate program. Mike recapped the audit and energy improvement work done to his home. He was very satisfied with the whole process and results. A promotional article for the program was released.

Mike Ferguson made mention that the VFW on Neltnor now has a converted mailbox at the rear of their building for accepting old and/or damaged American flags. The VFW will provide for their proper disposal. Mike also mentioned he would ask members of Faith Community Church if they would consider adopting Main Street relating to a letter, received previously, about trash from motorists in this area.

John Symowicz mentioned that people were asking him about odor at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and indicted they thought it was getting worse. This was briefly discussed and determined not an Environmental Commission issue.

The next meeting will be as scheduled on December 19, 2012.

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5. Adjournment

At 8:04 P.M. Steve Carrow made a motion to adjourn seconded by John Symowicz.
Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy R. Wilcox
Street Superintendent