

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 11/19/14

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION October 15, 2014, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bob Blaus, John Symowicz, Mike Ferguson, Laura Barron, Kris Zimmermann present.

Also in attendance was Assistant Director of Public Works Tim Wilcox.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of August 20, 2014

Commissioner John Symowicz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blaus to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2014. Voting Yea: Commissioners Beebe, Blaus, Symowicz, Ferguson and Zimmermann.

B. Environment Commission Minutes of September 17, 2014

Commissioner Symowicz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zimmermann to approved the Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2014. Voting Yea: Commissioners Beebe, Blaus, Symowicz, Ferguson, Zimmermann and Barron.

3. Public Participation/Presentations

None

4. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Commissioner Symowicz asked about water sources for other community gardens. Commissioner Barron said that the West Chicago Park District does not appear interested in assisting with community gardens. Commissioner Blaus will email Commissioner Barron the email to contact Nick Fuller for People Made Visible, Inc.

LEED

Commissioner Zimmermann will have the LEED draft ready soon. Commissioner Blaus and ECO students will be visiting a LEED building – Villa Park Police Department has a LEED building. Commissioner Blaus will see if he has more information on the Villa Park Police building. Commissioner Symowicz discussed visiting LEED buildings at College of DuPage.

DARK SKIES

Commissioner Ferguson spoke to Campton Hills' City Administrator regarding their lighting ordinance. It is hard to enforce because it is too technical and complex. Flagstaff Arizona has a very good ordinance. Their enforcement is complaint driven. Commissioner Ferguson will look further into the Flagstaff ordinance and talk to a member of a local environmental commission in another community for ideas. Discussion continued regarding shielded light and how it limits glare and how far it spreads out.

BLOOMING FEST

Dan is looking for a chair of Blooming Fest with a theme of gardening or a community garden theme. Commissioner Zimmermann asked what the over Blooming Fest theme would be for 2015. Tim Wilcox stated that a meeting for Blooming Fest will be coming soon but realized later it was the Frosty Fest meeting that would be held soon.

ROADSIDE PICK UP

Chairman Dan Beebe stated that the roadside pick up is cancelled this fall due to inclement weather. It will be scheduled for spring – perhaps late April of 2015. Discussion ensued regarding the scheduling of the fall pick up a bit earlier to avoid bad weather.

B. New Additions

There were no new additions

5. Other Business

Commissioner Blaus stated that there will be a recycling event on Saturday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Winfield Township garage. Kay from SCARCE will be there to support the event and so will Commissioner Blaus.

Pumpkin recycling is being done in Wheaton and Elmhurst.

Dedication of the Methodist Church prairie will be Sunday, October 19 at 11:15 a.m.

Commissioner Ferguson inquired about t shirts to identify commission members. Commissioner Barron's daughter is a graphic designer and may be able to assist. Commissioner Blaus can have the shirts made at his school.

Environmental Commission meetings will be scheduled for November and December of this year.

6. Adjournment

At 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Symowicz seconded. All were in agreement and said aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Barron, Commissioner, West Chicago Environmental Commission