

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 4/22/15

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

March 18, 2015, 7:00 PM

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

Chairman Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bob Blaus, Mike Ferguson, Kris Zimmermann, John Symowicz, and Laura Barron present.

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

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of February 18, 2015

Commissioner Beebe requested amendments to the minutes of February 18, 2015 to move discussion of community gardening to another area within the minutes and not to be included under Blooming Fest. Commissioner Zimmermann moved to approve as amended, Commissioner Blaus seconded the motion, all ayes to approve the minutes of February 18, 2015 as amended.

3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

4. Review and discuss Commissioner Priority List

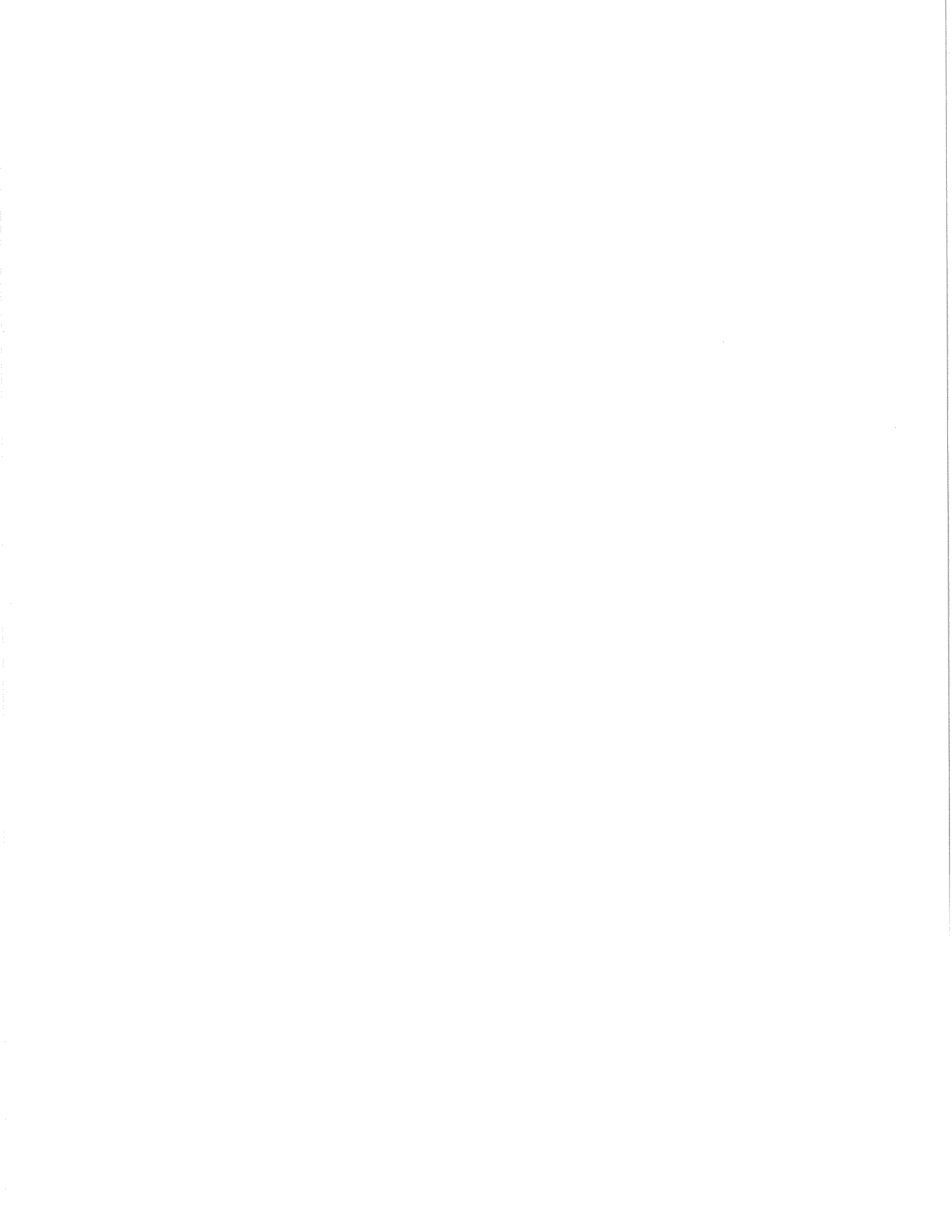
A. Current

Blooming Fest

Commissioner Beebe shared a picture of the solar house suggested as part of the booth for Blooming Fest. Discussion ensued concerning the size of a space required for the solar house and best placement. Commissioner Blaus offered to provide a television and batteries to run a video. Commissioner Zimmermann's suggested booth theme of saving money was discussed as a way of attracting people's interest. Commissioner Barron offered signage and would email a design concept to Commission members.

Rain Barrels

Tim Wilcox sent an event agreement application to Jim Kleinwachter at the Conservation Foundation for rain barrels.



Paper Shredding

The event is set for June 6th and rain barrels will be available then.

Pumpkin Recycling

Tim said he would look into pumpkin recycling further. Commissioner Beebe thought a flier to school could help increase participation.

Holiday Lights

no report at this time

LEED

Discussion of how to present the LEED document to the City was discussed. Tim said May would be a good time to present with a member of the Commission in attendance. Further discussion concerning LEED features and permitting continued. It was decided June 4 would be a good date. Commissioner Blaus has a power point that could assist in presenting. Commissioner Zimmermann suggested highlighting municipal buildings in the power point. Commissioner Blaus felt that many local buildings would be good to include as well. Commissioners Beebe and Zimmermann said they would be available to attend in June.

Dark Skies

Tim Wilcox gave information on Dark Skies to the City Administrator to review. Commissioner Ferguson said he would be available to answer questions if there were any. This was followed by discussion of current West Chicago lighting codes and ComEd pilot programs for lighting in Bensenville.

B. New Additions

No new additions.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Blaus brought up the topic of nuisance coyotes and skunks. Members discussed a recent released community education piece concerning that topic.

6. Adjournment

At 7:52 p.m. Commissioner Bob Blaus motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Symowicz seconded. All were in agreement and said aye.

Respectfully, submitted,

Laura Barron, Commissioner, West Chicago Environmental Commission