

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 9/16/15

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

July 15, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Kris Zimmermann and Laura Barron present. Bob Blaus and Mike Ferguson were absent (Commissioner Ferguson arrived at 7:18 P.M.).

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

#### 2. Approval of Minutes.

**A. Environmental Commission Minutes of June 24, 2015. Commissioner Zimmermann moved to approve the minutes of June 24, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Barron.** Commissioner Beebe made changes to page one of two under item 4.A. Dark Skies and LEED paragraph, as reflected in the approved minutes, Commissioner Zimmermann made changes to page two of two under item 4.A. Paper Shredding paragraph, as reflected in the approved minutes. Commission agreed with the changes.  
**Voting Yea: Commissioner Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Kris Zimmermann, and Laura Barron.**  
**Voting Nay: 0.**

#### 3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

#### 4. Review and discuss Commission Priority List

##### A. Review current priority list

Adopt A Highway

Commissioner Beebe said that the event was completed in record time. One portion of the south was not done as it was too overgrown. Three orange bags were left near Sunny Acres and the Environmental Commission's Adopt a Highway sign.

Paper Shredding Event

It was suggested at a previous meeting that there might be more participation in the annual paper shredding event if it were jointly held at the Winfield Township's recycling event. Tim Wilcox indicated that after discussing the suggestion with the City Administrator they concluded that the shredding event would be most beneficial and convenient for residents if it were to continue to be held at an in town location, currently at City Hall. The shredding event is included in the residential solid waste and

recycling contract between the City and Groot Industries, Inc. and provides for an annual paper shredding event for the residents of West Chicago.

#### Pumpkin Recycling

Group discussion and it was agreed to not do this event this year. Different recycling options were discussed.

#### Holiday Lights

No report

### **B. Discuss new additions to priority list**

No new additions.

### **5. Other Business**

Discussion ensued regarding the July 22, 2015 Strategic Planning meeting and the suggestion that two Environment Commission members attend. Commissioner's Beebe and Ferguson plan to attend. There will be a Community Forum meeting planned for July 21, 2015.

Commissioner Zimmermann reported she checked the City's (Strategic Planning project) website\*. She read that students are involved in the process. One thing she noted was that Students felt that West Chicago has a lot of litter and trash that needs cleaning up.

Commissioner Symowicz inquired about a grant to clean up the old scrap yard on West Washington. Tim Wilcox will check on that inquiry.

Other area recycling events were discussed. It was noted that the recycling drop off area at the Township can create dangerous traffic. Hanover Township will have an event during the end of August.

Discussion regarding the Environmental Commission's scheduled August 2015 meeting ensued and it was determined to cancel the August meeting and meet in September. Commissioner Ferguson stated he spoke to someone regarding joining the Environmental Commission who is environmentally conscious.

### **6. Adjournment**

At 7:47 P.M. Commissioner John Symowicz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zimmermann seconded. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Barron, Commissioner, West Chicago Environmental Commission

\*<http://www.hlplanning.com/portals/westchicago/2015/01/26/hello-world-2/>