

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 3/17/2021

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

February 17, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe present in person; Commissioners, Bob Blaus and Bethany Brown were present via Zoom internet connection. Commissioners Joe Cavataio and Kris Zimmermann were absent.

Staff present in person included Assistant Director of Public Works, Tim Wilcox.

Chairman Beebe read the following statement: "Mayor Pineda has determined that in-person meetings are not practical and prudent".

2. Approval of Minutes.

- A. **Environmental Commission Minutes of December 16, 2020. Commissioner Blaus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2020.**
- B. **Environmental Commission Minutes of January 20, 2021. Commissioner Blaus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the meeting minutes of January 20, 2021.**

Voting Yea: Commissioner Beebe, Blaus, and Brown.

Voting Nay: zero.

3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None.

4. Items For Consent

None

5. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

A. Review current priority list

Paper shredding Event

The event currently scheduled for June 5, 2021 was the first topic of discussion. Commissioners talked about moving the location of the event to one of the two METRA parking lots due to the record turnout of people and the traffic backups it caused on Main Street and Neltor Boulevard (Illinois Route 59) last year. Both METRA lots are considerably larger than the City Hall parking lot. There were some suggestions made about advertising the event: advertising the event as being for West Chicago residents only, indicating first come first serve, and also indicating the event would end at noon or once the shredding truck(s) were full.

Blooming Fest

The Environmental Commission will continue to hold off committing to participation in the event this year.

Holiday Light Recycling

The program was very popular this season compared to last. Light strings and extension cords collected totaled 1,180 pounds.

Mayors' Monarch Pledge

Commissioners expect West Chicago to support the Mayors' Monarch Pledge as it has been in past years.

B. Discuss new additions to priority list

None.

6. Other Business

Commissioner Brown provided information and offered to set up a meeting with officials from Ball Horticultural Company and the Environmental Commission to discuss some of Ball's sustainability goals that include being more involved in the local community, and to see what West Chicago would be interested in and/or pursuing jointly with them. Commission members acknowledge it would be a good first step to take and could lead to future similar meetings with other businesses in the City.

Commissioners briefly discussed Lakeshore Recycling Systems, and information about a proposed transfer station possibly being located on their existing property on Powis Road south of North Avenue. Chairman Beebe shared some highlights of the article posted on the City's website titled "The City's Role in the Transfer Station Review Process".

7. Adjournment

At 7:26 P.M. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works