

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 17, 2021
7:00 p.m. – Committee Room A

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, those wishing to attend public meetings of the Environmental Commission are welcome to do so at City Hall. You may attend in person to listen to the audio of the meeting, or via teleconference from the home or another location on the Zoom app. Downloading Zoom from zoom.us will provide the audio link to the meeting. Anyone wishing to provide comment on a topic or an agenda item may address the Environmental Commission by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. You may do so either by an online form on the City's website, email to twilcox@westchicago.org, or voicemail message at 630 293-2268 ext. 504. Your comment to the Environmental Commission will be read during the Public Participation portion of the agenda.

Meeting ID: 847 5881 6225

Passcode: 890723

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Environmental Commission Meeting of February 17, 2020
3. Public Participation/Presentations
4. Items for Consent
 - None
5. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List
 - A. Current List
 - B. New Additions
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

475 Main Street
West Chicago, Illinois
60185

T (630) 293-2200
F (630) 293-3028
www.westchicago.org

Ruben Pineda
MAYOR
Nancy M. Smith
CITY CLERK

Michael L. Guttman
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Draft

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