

CITY OF
WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 3/15/23

MEETING MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

January 18, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

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

- a. *Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bethany Brown, Alyssa Rodway, and Kris Zimmermann present.*
- b. *Staff present included Assistant Director of Public Works, Dave Shah.*

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

a. **Environmental Commission Minutes of November 16, 2022.**

- i. *Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodway to approve the Meeting Minutes.*
- ii. *Voting Yea: Commissioner Beebe, Brown, Rodway, and Zimmermann. Voting Nay: zero.*

3. **Public Participation/Presentations.**

- a. *None*

4. **Items for Consent.**

- a. *None*

5. **Review and discuss Commission Priority List.**

a. **Current List**

- i. *May 20, 2023 – Blooming Fest*
- ii. *June 3, 2023 – Paper Shredding Event*

b. **New Addition**

- i. *None*

6. **Other Business**

a. **2023 DuPage County Document Shredding Funding Program Availability**

- i. *Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve Shah to apply for funding in the amount of \$500 from DuPage County for the expenses related to the Paper Shredding Event.*
- ii. *The Commission overall showed interest in becoming a member of the Cool DuPage Partner. Commissioner Rodway volunteered to research and follow up on the requirements to become a Partner with DuPage County.*

b. **Great Western Trail annual trails cleanup Volunteers needed**

- i. **When: Saturday, April 29, 2023**
- ii. **Contact: Don Kirchenberg at frndsgrtwstrntrl@aol.com**

1. *The Commission generally discussed the idea of combining the Environmental Commission's Adopt-A-Highway event with the*

Great Western Trail annual cleanup on April 29, 2023. The Commission generally agreed upon selecting the section of the Illinois Prairie Path north of IL-64 (North Avenue) and East of IL-59 for clean-up. Commissioner Brown to coordinate with Mr. Kirchenberg to ensure that the mentioned section of the Great Western Trail is available.

- c. *Seed Library*
 - i. *Commissioner Blaus shared a Seed Library program start-up from Batavia Public Library via email to the Commission. The Commission generally agreed on the value of the program. Commissioner Zimmermann volunteered to reach out to the West Chicago Public Library to find out about interest and potential coordination to start a Seed Library in the West Chicago community.*
 - ii. *Shah asked if Ball Horticulture would be interested in donating seeds if the program was established in the community. Commissioner Brown volunteered to ask the Ball Horticulture team for interest in potential seed donations.*
 - iii. *Commissioner Blaus also stated in the email to potentially incorporate the Seed Library into Blooming Fest. The Commission overall agreed on the idea.*
- d. *Residential curbside composting program*
 - i. *Shah shared the Village of Glen Ellyn's curbside composting program with the commission for information and discussion purposes to gauge interest. Shah also mentioned that Groot is interested in implementing a pilot program in West Chicago, which would be very similar to Glen Ellyn's program. The Commission is overall supportive of the program, including program's rates and flexibility.*
- e. *City Commission Communication Request*
 - i. *Shah shared a memo from City's Marketing & Communications Division to help promote events and information on the City website. Shah will share a Google Drive link with the Commission where the City Staff could upload the content for review.*

7. Adjournment

- a. *At 8:09 P.M., Commissioner Rodway made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.*

Respectfully,

Dave Shah, PE
Assistant Director of Public Works