

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 8-16-2023

MEETING MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

June 21, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum
 - a. *Staff Liaison, Dave Shah, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Thomas Cherrington, Nazree Williams, and Kris Zimmermann present.*
 - b. *Staff present included Assistant Director of Public Works, Dave Shah.*
2. Selection of a Chairman and Co-Chairman
 - a. *The Commission preferred the selection of Chairman and Co-Chairman when more members were present. This item will be presented again at the July 19, 2023, meeting.*
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes of March 15, 2023
 - i. *Commissioner Cherrington made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zimmermann, to approve the Meeting Minutes.*
 - ii. *Voting Yea: Commissioner Cherrington, Williams, and Zimmermann. Voting Nay: zero.*
 - b. Environmental Commission Minutes of May 17, 2023
 - i. *Commissioner Cherrington made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the Meeting Minutes.*
 - ii. *Voting Yea: Commissioner Cherrington, Williams, and Zimmermann. Voting Nay: zero.*
4. Public Participation/Presentations
 - a. *None*
5. Items for Consent
 - a. *None*
6. Review and Discuss the Commission Priority List
 - a. Current List
 - i. *Fall 2023 – Commission’s Adopt-A-Highway Event*
 - ii. *November 14, 2023 – Pumpkin Composting*
 - iii. *November 24, 2023, to January 19, 2023 – Holiday Lights Recycling Event*

- b. New Additions
 - i. None

7. Other Business

a. *Paper Shredding Event Statistics*

- i. *4.65 tons of paper was shredded*
- ii. *231 vehicles & walk-ups*
- iii. *13 American flags*
- iv. *41 Eyeglasses*
- v. *One Hearing Aid*
- vi. *One Rain Barrel Pick-up*
- vii. *Sherriff's office collected the following:*
 - 1. *Four boxes of syringes*
 - 2. *Approximately 150 lbs. of medications*

b. *Discussion:* *Commissioner Cherrington discussed global issues related to climate change and global warming. Cherrington was also interested in promoting native plants and being a leader in the community to discourage the use of fertilizers and chemicals and encourage infrequent lawn cutting. Furthermore, Cherrington wanted the Commission to partner with local businesses to encourage residents to build butterfly gardens and plant more native plant species where space allows. All Commissioners were interested in focusing efforts on local environmental issues while providing more education to the residents. Commissioner Cherrington, Williams, and Zimmermann showed support for frequent outreach by newsletter and keeping residents and partners more engaged in activities related to the Environmental Commission.*

8. Adjournment

- a. *At 7:51 P.M., Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cherrington seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.*

Respectfully,

Dave Shah, PE
Assistant Director of Public Works