

Approved (2/21/2024)

## MEETING MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

January 23, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum
  - a. *Staff Liaison, Dave Shah, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Roll call found Chair Nazree Williams, Co-Chair Thomas Cherrington, Commissioner Allen Rodriguez, and Commissioner Tyler Kesler present.*
  - b. *Aldermanic liaison present included Alderman Christopher Swiatek.*
  - c. *Staff liaison present included Assistant Director of Public Works, Dave Shah.*
  - d. *The Commission welcomed Tyler Kesler, who was appointed to the Environmental Commission on January 15, 2024.*
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Environmental Commission Minutes of December 13, 2023
    - i. *Cherrington made a motion, seconded by Williams, to approve the Meeting Minutes.*
      1. *Voting Yea: Rodriguez and Kesler*
      2. *Voting Nay: None*
3. Public Participation/Presentations
  - a. *None*
4. Items for Consent
  - a. *None*
5. Review and Discuss the Commission Priority List
  - a. Current List
    - i. November 24, 2023, to January 19, 2023 – Holiday Lights Recycling Event  
*Discussion: Shah mentioned that the event ended on January 19, 2023, and the total collection weight will be reported once all bins are collected and weight by Groot.*
  - b. New Additions
    - i. Blooming Fest – May 18, 2024  
*Discussion: Cherrington volunteered to lead the coordination effort for this event. Cherrington also discussed the potential for partnership with the school, which included volunteer opportunities for students and to promote native species.*
    - ii. Paper Recycling Event & Rain Barrel Pick up – June 1, 2024  
*Discussion: Williams volunteered to lead the coordination effort for this event. The Commission mutually agreed to hold this date for the event.*
6. Other Business
  - a. Goals for 2024

- b. Status on the resident survey

*Discussion: Willimas to finalize and follow up with the Commission.*

- c. DuPage County's Environmental Committee tree & shrub bareroot seedling giveaway for 2024 Arbor Day- Blooming Fest Update.

*Discussion: Shah followed up with the County and was able to confirm from the County's arborist that the bareroots can be planted after May 18, 2024. The Commission generally agreed and advised Shah to move forward with ordering 250 trees and 250 shrub bareroots from the County, which can be handed out during the Blooming Fest event on May 18, 2024.*

- d. Various other items discussed

- i. Uniforms

*Discussion: Commissioners were generally interested in acquiring uniforms (e.g., polo with City logo) to represent the City and the Environmental Commission during various events. Shah will follow up on the uniform ordering procedure, including purchasing costs for the voluntary Commissions.*

- ii. Waste Contract

*Discussion: The Commission was interested in knowing the City's timeline for the RFP process for the Waste Contract renewal process. Shah to follow up.*

## 7. Adjournment

- a. At 8:10 P.M., Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn and Cherrington seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully,

Dave Shah, PE  
Assistant Director of Public Works