

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 01/16/2025

MEETING MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 20, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum
 - a. *Dave Shah, Staff Liaison, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.*
 - b. *Roll call found Chair Nazree Williams, Co-Chair Tom Cherrington, Commissioner Bob Blaus, Commissioner Tyler Kesler, Commissioner Victoria Burris, and Commissioner Allen Rodriguez present.*
 - c. *Aldermanic liaison present included Alderman Christopher Swiatek.*
 - d. *Staff liaison present included Assistant Director of Public Works, Dave Shah.*
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2024
 - i. *Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Blaus, to approve the Meeting Minutes.*
 1. *Voting Yea: Williams, Burris, Kesler, Cherrington*
 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. Sustainability Plan – Subcommittee Update
Discussion: Kesler provided an update on the ongoing subcommittee discussion on the sustainability plan. The subcommittee took the results of the community survey and compared it with the resources provided in the Greenest Region Compact framework and strategy document. The subcommittee will continue its research on resources related to air quality, green space, urban forestry, waste management, biodiversity, and wildlife. Kesler requested an update on the Groot contract from staff.
 - ii. Holiday Lights Recycling Event – November 29, 2024 to January 17, 2025
 1. *Location: City Hall, New Hope United Methodist Church, Murphy Ace Hardware, Water Treatment Plant, Library, The ARC Center*
 2. *Flyer (Enclosed)*
Discussion: Shah provided an update on the ongoing event coordination. Rodriguez confirmed the Jewel-Osco will be added to this year's program. The flyer will be updated and distributed accordingly.
 - b. New Additions
 - i. Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up Event, TBD

1. Meet up location: Water Treatment Plant, 1400 W. Hawthorne Lane, West Chicago

6. Other Business

- a. Pumpkin Composting – 1.32 Tons
 - i. Church signage request
 - ii. Collection dumpster box liner

Discussion: The Commission supports the Church's temporary signage request for the Pumpkin Composting event to alert motorists for the FY 2025 event. The commission prefers Groot not to include the collection dumpster box liner moving forward as the plastic liner will directly go into the landfill.

- b. Cool DuPage Partner
 - i. https://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/departments/environment_and_sustainability/cool_dupage.php

Discussion: The Commission was generally interested in the program; however, wanted more information before moving forward with the program. Blaus to coordinate with the County to see if the program can be presented to the Environmental Commission at the January 2025 meeting.

- c. Kane County's Recycling Drop-Off

Discussion: Bob stated an opportunity for the Commission to collaborate with the organization to potentially expand the Paper Shredding event.

- d. Green Power Community – Municipal Aggregation Program Interest (Enclosed)

Discussion: The Commission was generally interested in the program and the presentation from NIMIC at the January 16, 2025 meeting.

- e. December 18, 2024 Environmental Commission Meeting Cancelled

- f. Other Discussions:

- i. Rodriguez preferred the City to be active on Tik-Tok as it can more influence the Gen Z population of the City. Shah will follow up with the City's Communications team.
- ii. Shah discussed as of the October 16, 2024, meeting, the Environmental Commission has adopted Hawthorne Lane between Harvester Road and Powis Road.
- iii. Rodriguez preferred the Director of Public Works to provide highlights of 2024 in the Public Works Department and wanted to learn about the upcoming events and projects in FY 2025 for the Public Works Department.

7. Adjournment

- a. At 8:03 P.M., Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn, and Burris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully,

Dave Shah, PE
Assistant Director of Public Works