

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 2/17/2021

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

December 16, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe present in person, Commissioners, Bob Blaus and Joe Cavataio, were present via Zoom internet connection. Commissioners Bethany Brown 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 October 21, 2020. Commissioner Blaus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cavataio to approve the meeting minutes of October 21, 2020.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Beebe, Blaus, and Cavataio.

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

Pumpkin Recycling Event

The event held at First United Methodist Church parking lot at 643 East Washington Street, from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 7, 2020 was very successful. A record 4.94 tons of pumpkins was collected. Commissioner Blaus indicated Elmhurst collected 6 tons, the most they ever collected. Promoting and good weather on the collection day may have contributed to greater participation. Commissioner Blaus will relay the overall total once he receives from SCARCE.

Holiday Light Recycling

Groot provided recycling totes again this year and for the first time will be recycling the collected holiday lighting as part of the residential waste a recycling contract with the City. The Gaylord container Groot provided is currently about half full with approximately a month left in the collection period for this season.

B. Discuss new additions to priority list

None.

6. Other Business

Commissioners discussed a letter some residents received in the mail about a proposed transfer station on Powis Road south of North Avenue at Lakeshore Recycling Systems property.

Mr. Wilcox mentioned he forwarded to all of the Commissioners emails he received from the National Wildlife Federation™ regarding changes to the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program. This information requires reviewing at a future meeting and the Commission should determine whether a recommendation is made to continue the program in West Chicago. The Commission should also make selections of the particular goals to achieve in 2021. The deadline for the Mayor to commit is March 31, 2021.

7. Adjournment

At 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cavitaio seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works