

Special Meeting
Westmont First Committee and
Environmental Improvement Commission
September 19, 2016, 6:00 PM
Westmont Village Hall - 31 West Quincy, Westmont, Illinois 60559

Meeting Minutes - Final

1. **Call To Order** - Called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm by Bruce Barker

2. Roll Call

Westmont First

- In attendance: Bruce Barker, Carmen Higgins, Linda Liddle, Karen Mackert, Amy Quattrone, and Jim Wright; Absent: Adam Smrowwski, Steve Golembiewski

Environmental Improvement Commission (EIC)

- In attendance: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Mary McAuliffe, Brittany Smith, Tyler Tieche and Bob Van Hyfte; Absent: Erin Kennedy and Kim Lombardozzi

Village Staff:

- Larry McIntyre (Communication Director), Virginia Szymiski (Village Clerk) Larry Forssberg (Executive Director Westmont Chamber of Commerce), Steve May (Village Manager)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Bruce Barker

4. Goal of Meeting - Future Joint Initiatives

- Storm drain stenciling event an example of good shared event
- Suggest to repeat this again in 2017

5. Westmont First Programs & Events Update

- Peoples Resource Center (PRC) stuff a truck program for fall 2016 was reviewed and volunteer support was requested
- Overview of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat Trail events including pumpkin smashing, casket races and stuff a truck were reviewed.
- Request for publicity and support for the baby goods donation drive at Bank Financial (63rd and Fairview). Donation drive expires October 1.

6. EIC Programs & Events Update

- Climate Action Plan (CAP)
 - In process of updating the 2010 CAP

- Focus includes natural resources, transportation, recycling and waste diversion and regulatory with a focus on residents, village management and local public agencies
- Have requested information from local public agencies to share their energy efficiencies.
- Pumpkin Composting
- Saturday November 5th at The Farm (63rd and Cass) from 10 to 2pm.
- Goal is to exceed last year's collection of approximately 3,000 pounds
- Holiday Light Recycling
- Saturday November 19th to January 31st
- Drop off locations South Fire Station and Westmont Public Library (a new location for 2016)
- With the second location our goal is to double the 2015 season collection of 2,237 pounds
- Joint Presentations with Westmont Public Library
- Synergy and expand reach of both groups
- Potential native plant speaker for February 2016
- Several joint presentations were held at the library in spring 2016 during Westmont Earth Month with the focus on landscape and a safe home.

7. Westmont First Volunteer Database & Cross Promotion

- Working with an online program to sign-up and track time volunteer time. The program has 1,300 Westmont email addresses. The system allows for email blasts, reporting and event coordination. Thanks was given to Amy Quattrone, Linda Liddle and Larry McIntyre for their efforts in getting this program implemented. Amy Quattrone volunteered to train EIC.

8. Richmond Education Garden and Apiary

- Joint project with Clarendon Hills
- Dan Ungerleider, Clarendon Hills Community Development Director, is leading this project
- \$60k raised or committed
- Exploring a potential grant with BNSF
- October 10 fundraiser at Chipotle, 300 E. Ogden Avenue from 4-8pm. Present flyer or tell the cashier you are supporting Richmond Garden so that 50% of the proceeds go toward the Garden
- Westmont is exploring future fund raising activities
- Hinsdale Central High School and Scarce are working on education programs
- Jon Yeater volunteered to work on this joint program

9. Misc.

- Westmont First
- Hosted an blue ribbon program from August 11 to September 11 to honor police department

- A motion was made by Karen Mackert to support a program during October 9-15 Fire Prevention Week to honor the Westmont fire fighters and paramedics. Orange ribbons and/or having residents and students send thank you letters would be part of the program. The motion was second by Linda Liddle and unanimously approved by Westmont First by voice vote.
 - A motion was made by Karen Mackert to purchase a Westmont Chamber of Commerce banner at a price similar to 2015. The motion was second by Linda Liddle and unanimously approved by Westmont First by voice vote.
- 10. Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn was made by Amy Quattrone and second by Linda Liddle and unanimously approved by Westmont First and Westmont Environmental Improvement by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.