

Agenda - September 3, 2019

Monarch Pledge

Meeting and Event Reminder



AGENDA

Committee of the Whole Meeting of the West Chicago Board of Park Commissioners in the Park District ARC Center Meeting Room 105 201 W National Street, West Chicago, IL 60185.

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

Any individual with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Melissa Medeiros within a reasonable time at the West Chicago Park District Administrative offices, 201 W National Street, West Chicago, IL 60185 or call (630) 231-9474 ext. 100, Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm. Requests for a qualified interpreter require a five working day notice.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

Visitors are welcome to address the Board of Park Commissioners. You are asked to sign in and wait to be recognized by the Board President. When recognized, please state your name, address and the item you wish to discuss. It is requested that one spokesperson for a group be appointed to the present the views of the entire group. There will be a 5-minute time limit per speaker.

IV. Approve Meeting Agenda

V. Recreation Department – Superintendent of Recreation, Gina Radun

- A. Recreation Supervisor, Jenni Shipp
 - Summer Camp
 - Community Theatre
 - Before and After School Program

- B. Superintendent of Recreation, Gina Radun
 - Turtle Splash Water Park
 - Keppler Academy

VI. Miscellaneous

- A. Review - Monarch Pledge; A commitment to help restore the habitat of the monarch and encourage members of our community to do the same.
- B. Discussion - Bilingual CSR Team member on every shift.

VII. Adjourn Open Meeting

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

In April of 2017, I signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and committed the City of West Chicago to the education and conservation of the monarch butterfly. As we are all aware, the monarch butterfly is a critical pollinator, yet monarch population continues to decline at an alarming rate.

On June 24, 2019, State Representative Karina Villa, in conjunction with U.S. Forest Service Program Specialist, Mike Rizo, hosted an event in West Chicago to continue discussions of how West Chicago can continue its role in saving the monarch.

It is in the spirit of the Mayors' Pledge that we invite you and your organization to join the Green Disciples of the First United Methodist Church of West Chicago, the West Chicago Garden Club, the DuPage Monarch Project, and the DuPage Forest Preserve District as we create, conserve and protect the monarch butterfly. Together, Representative Villa and I ask you to sign the Monarch Pledge.

We will host a presentation on September 16, 2019, during the Mexican Independence Day festivities, to acknowledge all organizations and boards who have joined our Call to Action.

We all win when we work together for the common good.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact State Representative Karina Villa's district office at 630-326-9319 or by email at StateRepKarinaVilla@gmail.com.

Yours,



Ruben Pineda
Mayor, West Chicago



Monarch Pledge

(adapted from the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge)

The monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans.

We, the undersigned community organization, are deeply concerned about the decline of the monarch butterfly population. Twenty years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico. In the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip. The North American monarch population has declined by more than 90% in the past two decades. Monarch scientist attribute the decline to degradation and loss of summer breeding habitat in the U.S., and loss of winter habitat in Mexico. Western populations of monarch butterflies that overwinter in California are also in decline.

Cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly. Municipalities in particular can provide habitat at public parks, median strips, community gardens and municipal buildings that serve as community hubs such as recreation centers and libraries. Schools, homes and businesses can all provide essential habitat for monarch too. Simple changes in landscaping ordinances or school policies can make a big difference for the monarch. Educating citizens about how and where to grow milkweed is also a key piece of the puzzle. Creating habitat and education citizens will benefit other pollinators that need health habitat as well.

When community organizations speak up and take a stand, citizens notice. Therefore, we hereby commit to help restore habitat for the monarch and encourage members of our community to do the same, so that these magnificent butterflies will once again flourish across the continent.

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September 2

- Memorial Day - ARC Center and Administrative Officers Closed

September 3

- Committee of the Whole Meeting @ ARC - 6pm (Recreation)

September 10

- Board Meeting @ ARC - 6:30pm

September 12

- Senior Social (Guard your Heart) @ ARC - 12pm to 2pm

September 21

- Rhythm and Brews @ The Shell - 1pm to 7:30pm

If you are interested in helping with a September event...

Senior Social/Rhythm and Brews - Contact Mary at mlester@wego-parks.org

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