



Village Board Memo

Date: July 29, 2010
To: Village President and Board of Trustees
From: Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager
RE: Cool Village Commission Report

This memo provides a report of the progress to date of the various activities of the newly created Cool Village Commission.

Established in January of 2010, the Cool Village Commission has held regular monthly meetings since February in an effort to plan, prioritize and achieve the agenda set forth in the Commission's Charter document and the directives set by the Village Board.

Data Collection and Carbon Emissions Inventory

One of the measures authorized by the Village Board in late 2009 was to join ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) and have the Commission conduct an emissions inventory, also known as a baseline carbon use audit. Since February and with staff assistance, the Commission has collected utility utilization reports in order to complete the audit. Through the Village's membership, the Commission is now an active participant in ICLEI and is currently in the process of entering the available utility data into the ICLEI database to complete the inventory. The baseline carbon use audit is necessary to measure the Villages progress in reducing its carbon footprint.

Community Environmental Programs

The Commission began its work in the research and development of its recommendations on sustainable practices for our Village. To provide guidance to the process, the Commission utilized the seven strategies identified by the Greenest Region Compact of Metropolitan Chicago, of which the Village of La Grange Park signed on to in 2007. The recommendations are attached to this memo for your review. While most of the recommended actions are educational in nature and will not require Village Board action, two of the recommended actions have an associated cost to program implementation and in one case, a code amendment is

required. The items that require Board Action are noted as such and the Commission may bring those recommended actions to the Board for their consideration at a later date.

Development of Sustainability Plan

The Commission recently began its research on community sustainability plans. In the summer months the Commission will develop an outline for a plan and establish the structure of document which is designed to achieve the following goal: “To educate and inform citizens and facilitate sustainable practices that lead to a reduction of the Village’s carbon footprint while promoting water conservation and the improvement of air, climate and water quality.”

The Commission continues to track the progress of its work through a project timeline. The most recent timeline is attached to this memo. The Cool Village Commission will continue to keep the Board apprised of progress and new developments.

Attachments

- **Community Recommendations**
- **CVC Project Timeline**
- **CVC Charter Document**