

Village of La Grange Park
Youth Commission – Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2010 at the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Brewick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commission Members: Aubrey Aikens
 Margaret Brewick
 Matt McGuinn
 Mitchell Serafin
 Daniel Golden
 Grace Flaherty
 Jack Roache
 Jordan Faron
 Grant Lundahl
 Abby Gies

Absent: Jordan Faron
 Abby Gies

Others Present: Julia Cedillo

At the previous meeting and as noted in the Meeting Minutes, it was determined that Commissioner Grant Lundahl would Chair the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2010

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the January meeting. Ms. Brewick moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Lundahl seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

3. REVIEW OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 12.

Liaison Julia Cedillo reviewed the Village Board Meeting of January 12, as Commissioner Faron was not present at the meeting.

Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming: Ms. Cedillo stated that there was little discussion on the matter and that a motion to approve the Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Photocopier Lease Equipment: Ms. Cedillo reminded the Commission that the Village was seeking a new lease because the current equipment lease was up for expiration and the Village had to either purchase the old equipment or go for a new lease agreement. Also,

other copiers in other departments were getting old and there was a concern about equipment availability for the parts for older equipment. After exploring a number of options, the Village selected Konica Minolta. With the new equipment, the village would save money from what it was currently spending, and all copiers would have networking capabilities. In order to take advantage of a \$1,500 cash rebate, the Village chose to make its selection and installation prior to the end of 2009.

At the Board meeting, one trustee had heard from colleagues that the Konica Minolta did not work very well. The Village Manager explained that the systems are connected to a service platform over the web, so if there are issues, a service call would be determined and sent quickly. There was no further discussion so President Discipio asked for a vote and the motion by Trustee Seeder to approve the copier lease passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Resolution Designating FOIA Officer: Ms. Cedillo Village reminded the Commission that the Illinois General Assembly approved amendments to the Freedom of Information Act that were signed into law by Governor Quinn. These new provisions became effective January 1, 2010. With the new changes, the Village Board must designate a FOIA Officer. Further, the FOIA Officer needed to be designated on the Village's web site and all FOIA requests must be immediately forwarded to the FOIA officer for processing. One of the Trustees inquired about the amount of time staff spends on FOIA requests. President Discipio then asked for a vote on this matter since it was scheduled to be an action item at this meeting. The motion to approve passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Discussion – 31st Street Redevelopment: Ms. Cedillo provided an overview of the Board's discussion of the matter. Overall, the trustees stated the importance of continued focus on this area. One trustee suggested seeking outside funding for the development. One trustee reminded the group that the pending zoning changes would support the redevelopment of the area. One trustee spoke of her vision for the area which included building on our assets and identity. A suggestion was made to have the EDC (Economic Development Commission) refocus on this area with some guidance from the Board. President Discipio agreed to reach out to the committee and get some guidelines together. There was some discussion about whether to use a consultant or to use the EDC. It was largely the consensus of the Board members that the Village not use a consultant in the near future for the 31st Street redevelopment.

4. DISCUSSION – WORK SESSION AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2010

Meeting Chair, Commissioner Roache facilitated discussion of the various items on the February 9th Agenda.

3rd Annual Just Irish Enough Parade: Commissioner Jack Roache outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. After much lengthy discussion, the Commission overall felt that the Village had a justifiable reason to charge to the organization for Village resources required (Police personnel) to ensure the safety of the event. However, the Commission did mention that more information about the length of such services would be helpful in making a more proper recommendation.

Email Archiving System: Commissioner Roache outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by the Assistant Village Manager, Julia Cedillo. Overall, the

Commission understood why such equipment would allow the Village to efficiency store and search electronic communications. They were supportive of the purchase of the new equipment and agreed with staff's recommendation.

Variation for 426 N. Spring Avenue: Commissioner Jack Roache outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. In general, the petitioner is seeking a variation to reduce the minimum required side yard. If approved, the petitioner would transform his property to two (previously platted) parcels. With the change, the petitioner would deconstruct his home in a manner where his home would meet the maximum allowable variation from the code – requesting a reduction of the minimum side yard from 5 feet to 3.6 feet as well as an increase to the maximum permitted lot coverage from 30% to 33%. The petitioner would then have a second buildable lot. After much thoughtful discussion, the Commission was in favor of granting the variation.

Variation for 1408 Robinhood Lane: Commissioner Roache outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. The petitioner was seeking a variation to reduce the minimum permitted rear yard from 14.72 to 11.63 feet. Due to the strange position of the home on the property, the variation would allow the petitioner the construction of a second floor addition onto the home. The Youth Commission recommended that the variation be granted so the home improvements can be made.

JAG Grant: Commissioner Roache outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Dan McCollum, Police Chief and Bo Proczko, Village Manager. The Village was notified by the County of a grant ward to our Police Department in the amount of \$13,498 from Justice Assistance Grant Funds. The funds require no matching monies from the Village and are earmarked for Police salaries to conduct park and bicycle patrols and allow police personnel to attend summer block parties. In discussion, the Commission wanted to know whether the grant could be used for the St. Baldrick's Parade block party. Otherwise, the Commission was in agreement that accepting the funds was a good idea.

Audit Services Agreement: Commissioner Roache outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Pierre Garesche, Finance Director and Bo Proczko, Village Manager. The agreement included that fees would remain the same. The Commission could not see any reason why the Village would not continue the services of Selden Fox, and agreed with staff's recommendation.

5. YOUTH COMMISSION FIELD TRIP

Liaison Julia Cedillo asked the Commission what its preference would be for a field trip this year. The Commissioners voted that they preferred a trip to Fox News Chicago for a behind the scenes look at the news.

6. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING WEEKEND

Ms. Cedillo reminded the group that Saturday and Sunday, April 24th and 25th were the dates for the Volunteering Weekend. Ms. Cedillo explained that all members are expected to participate in the weekend.

7. ADJOURN

Julia Cedillo thanked the Youth Commissioners for a great meeting and reminded Commissioners to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss the items on the Agenda. Ms. Cedillo reported that the next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2010. With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager