

Village of La Grange Park
Youth Commission – Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 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 7:10 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commission Members:	Aubrey Aikens Margaret Brewick Matt McGuinn Mitchell Serafin Daniel Golden Grace Flaherty Jordan Faron Grant Lundahl Abby Gies
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Absent:	Jack Roache
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Others Present:	Julia Cedillo
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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 – DECEMBER 7, 2009

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

3. REVIEW OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2009

Commissioner Aikens reviewed the Board meeting of December 8, 2009.

Variation Request for 740 N. Brainard Avenue: Commissioner Aikens reminded the Commission that the variation was for a porch next to a garage. She explained that the Board seemed supportive of the recommendations made by the ZBA. Commissioner Aikens also stated that there was little discussion on the matter and that a motion to approve the lot coverage variation at 740 N. Brainard passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sale of Surplus Equipment: Commissioner Aikens stated that the Board discussed why the action was necessary. Because the Village purchased a new vehicle for the Fire Chief, the older vehicle was no longer needed. In order to sell the vehicle, the Village needed to

consider the vehicle surplus property. The Village would then request bids for the vehicle in accordance with the law. Other than the explanation, no further discussion took place on the matter. A motion was made to declare the 1997 Ford Crown Victoria Surplus, and it passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Turn Out Gear Purchase: Commissioner Aikens explained that the Board discussed the research completed by staff with various vendors that sell turnout gear. Since the Village has been purchasing turnout gear from its regular vendor, Environmental Safety Group, they were able to comply with the Village's specifications. The purchase was being brought to the Village Board because the cost exceeded \$10,000. Commissioner Aikens stated that there were questions regarding the life expectancy of the equipment. The matter passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Resolution for Construction on State Highways: Commissioner Aikens summarized the Board's discussion on this matter. IDOT maintains control over some major thoroughfares in the Village, but the Village maintains control over the public utilities within the rights-of-way of those roadways. When IDOT performs work in those areas, the resolution will allow the work without the State having to post a bond. There was little discussion on the matter and motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Cagwood Consulting Report: Commissioner Aikens explained to the Commission that a written report was not provided at the Board Meeting, but a verbal update was given. Commissioner Aiken took notes of the presentation and provided some highlights to the group. She explained that the presentation was provided by Chris Ganschow from Cagwood Consulting, the firm that lobbies on behalf of the Village in Washington and in Springfield. Mr. Ganschow spoke about the Washington D.C. meeting that he went to with officials from the West Central Municipal Conference and President Discipio. Mr. Ganschow also met with both U.S. Senators' staff. He spoke of meeting with the Department of Energy's staff – looking for funding sources for energy efficiencies. At the State level, he reported that the Village secured \$100,000 in emergency road repairs as part of the mini-capital bill. He also reported that the Village secured \$150,000 in Homeland Security grant dollars. Mr. Ganschow reported that he recently had discussions with Lipinski's staff, discussing priorities and possible earmarks for the 2011 budget. Finally, Mr. Ganschow reported that the Village is considering some work to be done on the La Grange Road Water Main as the Village needs help funding that project. One of the Trustees asked what residents could do to help him in his efforts. Mr. Ganschow said the biggest help he could get from the citizens would be getting them to call their congressman or state representatives or senators and let them know what is important to them for La Grange Park.

4. DISCUSSION – WORK SESSION AGENDA FOR JANUARY 12, 2010

Meeting Chair, Commissioner Lundahl facilitated discussion of the various items on the December 8th Agenda.

Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming: Commissioner Lundahl outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager and Bo Proczko, Village Manager. Overall the Commission was very supportive of the

recommendations but had some questions about what types of devices were included as part of the Video Gaming Act. Ms. Cedillo explained that the Act covers gaming terminals such as video poker or blackjack where the player may receive credits or tokens to be redeemed for cash. The Commission essentially understood these to mean gambling devices and supported staff's recommendation to prohibit such activity.

Resolution Accepting Proposal for Photocopier Lease Agreement: Commissioner Lundahl outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by the Village Manager, Bo Proczko. Overall, the Commission was very supportive of the cost savings and efficiencies to be realized with the new equipment.

Resolution Designating Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer: Commissioner Lundahl outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by the Village Manager, Bo Proczko. The Commissioners asked about the purpose of the Freedom of Information Act and why recent changes were made and how the Village might be impacted. Ms. Cedillo explained that FOIA balances the public's right to information with individual privacy rights and governmental interests, and establishes procedures for the inspection and copying of records. It provides a guideline for those documents and communications that are "public records" that must be disclosed, but also permits certain records to be withheld from inspection and copying. Recent changes to the law addressed certain problems and developments in technology. The amendments also codified the Public Access Counselor ("PAC"), an office within the Attorney General's office dedicated to resolving complaints without litigation, and created procedures for addressing issues concerning compliance with FOIA. After discussion, the Commission understood the purpose of the Motion requested by staff and was unanimously in support of the recommendation.

Discussion – 31st Street Redevelopment: Commissioner Lundahl facilitated a discussion on this topic, as discussion points were not included in the Board Packet. In general, the Commissioners felt that the redevelopment of this area was very important for La Grange Park. They were impressed by the proposed sketches in the packet and thought it would provide a nice gateway for the Village. The Commissioners did have questions as to whether funding would be available by the Village to make this happen. They wondered how such improvements would take place and who would pay for them. Ms. Cedillo responded that the Village is now laying the foundation for such improvements to take place. It has updated its Comprehensive Plan and has nearly finished its re-write of the Village's Zoning Code which will provide for the proper zoning and regulations for such development to happen. Any new discussion will take place at the Board level and Ms. Cedillo will keep the Commission updated on such progress.

6. FUTURE PRESENTATION BY PIERRE GARESCHE

Liaison Julia Cedillo explained that the Finance Director would be available for a presentation to the Commission in March. Ms. Cedillo asked the Commissioners about topics and questions for Mr. Garesche to cover during his presentation. The Commission responded that they wanted to understand the Tax Levy better – how it works and what is included. One Commissioner mentioned the Budget. Ms. Cedillo would pass this information on to Mr. Garesche.

7. ITEMS NOT ON THE PRE-PRINTED AGENDA

Holiday in the Park Feedback: Ms. Cedillo stated that she had received very favorable feedback from the La Grange Park Business Association on their volunteer assistance at this event. Ms. Cedillo reminded the girls that they would be receiving a free one-month membership at Oasis, while the boys confirmed with Ms. Cedillo that they were fine with giant Hersey Bars.

YC Filed Trip: The Commission brainstormed ideas for a future field trip. Two ideas were presented: a trip to Cellular Field, with a tour, or a trip to Fox News Chicago, witnessing a news broadcast, followed-up with a tour of the studio. Ms. Cedillo encouraged the members to think about it and have a decision by the February Meeting so that planning can begin.

8. 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 February 8, 2010. With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager