

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

The meeting of the La Grange Park Youth Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2010 at the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Liaison Cedillo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commission Members:     Matt McGuinn  
   Aubrey Aikens  
   Margaret Brewick  
   Jack Roache  
   Hannah Husemann

Absent:                         Daniel Golden  
   Matthew Serafin  
   Grace Flaherty  
   Grant Lundahl  
   Abby Gies

Others Present:             Julia Cedillo

The Commission determined that Aubrey Aikens would Chair the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

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

**3. REVIEW OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

Commissioners Aubrey Aikens and Hannah Husemann provided an overview of the Village Board Work Session of September 14, 2010.

Allied Waste Fall Clean Up Day: Ms. Aikens explained that Clean Up Day offered residents the opportunity to get rid of an unlimited number of appliances, bulk items, carpet and furniture at a significantly reduced cost. Ms Aikens explained that the Village would promote Clean Up Day in various Village publications to raise the awareness of this relatively new program. Ms. Aiken said that the consensus of the Board was that they supported the event. Ms. Cedillo added that the Board also felt that the Village needed to promote the event more than what has been done in the past to ensure improved participation.

Draft Zoning Code: Ms. Cedillo provided an overview of this item. The Village Board had a lengthy discussion regarding how to schedule and how to organize meetings to consider the new Zoning Code. President Discipio said he would give

the Board two weeks to review the information and prepare questions and comments and he said he would give Village Manager Proczko then two weeks to get the materials organized and back to the Board so the meetings could proceed. One Trustee said he would also like to see a chronology of the entire code revision process.

Sewer Point / Catch Basin Repairs: Ms. Aikens reported that the Village Board discussed the bids received for this project and reached a consensus to award the bid to the lowest bidder Suburban General Construction Inc.

Village Sewer System: Ms Aikens stated that the Board and staff had lengthy discussion regarding storm water and drainage. The Village Engineer made some comments regarding the Village drainage system and the types of relief that could be used to help certain areas of the Village. There was some discussion about what kind of rain the system should be able to handle as well as concerns about how much some of the solutions would cost. Ms. Cedillo added that the Village Manager talked about prioritizing water drainage and storage matters. Ultimately, the President asked staff to get cost estimates and other financial information for the Board to consider before it made any concrete decision regarding the drainage relief. Engineer Flood said he should have something prepared within 30-60 days.

Library Stakeholders Committee: Ms. Cedillo explained that Village Trustee Klingberg would represent the Village at the September 18 Library meeting.

#### **4. DISCUSSION – WORK SESSION AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 12, 2010**

Meeting Chair, Commissioner Aikens facilitated discussion of the various items on the September 13 Agenda.

Discussion – Turn Out Gear: Commissioner Aikens outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Fire Chief Dean Maggos. The Fire Department was continuing with their budgeted program to replace several sets of structural firefighting turnout gear on an annual basis. In the past, the fire department conducted extensive research of various vendors of such turnout gear in regards to pricing, quality, options and safety. Since that time, the Village had been purchasing turnout gear from a regular vendor. To date, Environmental Safety Group, Inc. of Bolingbrook, IL, was able to comply with the Village's current specifications. A new purchase was being brought to the Village Board because the price exceeded \$10,000.00, which would pay for the purchase of eight complete sets of protective gear (trousers and coats) and one additional protective coat only. The total price would be \$11,000.00, and it would be just under the \$11,162.00 the Village budgeted in its Capital Projects budget. The Youth Commission discussed the purchase and was in general agreement with staff's memo. The only question presented was whether the turn out gear was the latest version and/or edition of equipment available for purchase.

Bid Award – Leaf Hauling: Commissioner Aikens outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Village Manager, Bo Proczko. The Village hires a contractor each year to transport and dispose of all of the leaves that are collected in the Village. Bid specifications were prepared and delivered to several

companies and the bid opening was conducted in September. The Village received four bid proposals and it seemed as though only Homer capable of provided all of the services requested. The Commission was in general agreement with the staff's recommendation. However they had a couple of questions. First, was grinding the leaves necessary for the hauling process? Ms. Cedillo answered that this is most likely done to maximize the price of hauling, since the refuse becomes condensed in size. The Commission also wondered why some of the companies did not bid for all of the services.

Tax Levy Estimate: Commissioner Aikens outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Pierre Garesche, Finance Director and Bo Proczko, Village Manager. The Truth in Taxation Law mandated that the Village Board estimate the taxes it would levy prior to the adoption of the real estate tax levy. The Village estimated the real property tax levy for 2010 would be \$3,152,939, which represented a 4.9% increase over the 2008 tax extension of \$3,005,662. The Village was using the 2008 extension as the baseline from which the increase was to be measured because Cook County had not yet provided the dollar amount for the 2009 tax extension. The County was tardy in issuing real estate tax bills this year leading to a conclusion that the Village would receive its real estate tax payments from Cook County even later this year than in 2009. Using the 2008 extension as the baseline for a second consecutive year should not work to the detriment of the Village. The complete tax levy ordinance would be on the agenda for approval at the November 23, 2010 board meeting. With no discussion, the Youth Commission supported staff's recommendation on this item.

EDC Recommendation: Commissioner Aikens outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Bo Proczko, Village Manager. Youth Commission discussed the recommendations outlined in the EDC memo in great detail. Most of the discussion focused on the CREATE program. There was some discussion of why the Board's support of the CREATE program would be advantageous for the Village. Other Commissioners explained that a clear direction assists with planning for redevelopment and uncertainty may make developers uninterested in investing their time and money in the area. The consensus of the Commission was that they supported the idea / recommendation that the Village should support the CREATE program and its underpass. The Youth Commission did not address any other components of the EDC memo in any detail.

Public Works Garage Committee Report: Commissioner Aikens outlined the points of discussion as presented in the memo by Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager. There was a lengthy discussion on each of the options presented. There were concerns expressed about the impact the project would have on the Village's budget, especially in these tough economic times. Other Commissioners felt that new construction was absolutely necessary and a worthwhile investment of grant and Village funds. The Commission made every attempt to come to a consensus on this issue as to whether it was better to repair the building or build new construction. Ultimately, the Commission was split on the issue with the majority supporting new construction while two Commissions that it would be more prudent to fix the existing building.

**5. SPECIAL TOPICS – Seeking Volunteers – E-Waste Recycling Day**

Ms. Cedillo asked the group for volunteers for the Village's first E-Waste Collection Day. Aubrey, Matthew, Dan and Grace all confirmed their volunteer service while Grant and Jack were strong maybes and the rest would have to check their schedules for that day.

**7. ADJOURN**

Julia Cedillo thanked the Youth Commissioners for a great meeting and reminded Commissioners that the next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2010. With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager