

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK COOL VILLAGE COMMISSION

There is hereby established an ad hoc advisory commission to be known as the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission, (hereinafter referred to as the “Cool Village Commission” or “CVC”).

Purpose and Objectives

The Cool Village Commission shall be an advisory body to the Village Board. The Cool Village Commission shall prepare and recommend to the Village Board a Sustainability Plan 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.”

Duties of the Commission

Duties and activities by the Cool Village Commission should include but are not limited to achieving the goals and objectives of a Sustainability Plan. Additional duties and activities are listed below: (the items below are for illustrative purposes and are not intended to limit the scope of the Commission’s inquiry):

- Evaluate and bring forth to the Village Board recommendations regarding membership to the U.S. Mayor Climate Protection Agreement and the Cool Cities Campaign.
- Provide technical assistance for conducting the Village’s baseline carbon inventory.
- Provide technical assistance for monitoring the progress of the Sustainability Plan and deliver corresponding reports to the Village Board.
- Review and recommend environmental goals and sustainable strategies.
- Develop educational information regarding the Sustainability Plan and related activities.
- Assist the Village with the development and distribution of public service announcements.
- Provide public relations support to the Village for promoting the Sustainability Plan and for any additional Cool Village Commission initiatives adopted by the Village Board.
- Conduct educational and public oriented programs under the direction of the Village Board.

Membership

The Cool Village Commission shall consist of seven voting members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Village Board.

- Members shall have professional expertise in or knowledge of urban sustainability, responsible environmental policies and practices, water and ecosystems services, energy conservation and/or clean energy alternatives, climate change, materials management and human health.

- At all times five of the individuals serving on the Cool Village Commission shall reside within the Village.
- The Chairperson of the Commission shall be appointed by the Village President, with the advice and consent of the Village Board. The Chairperson shall resident within the Village limits.

Timetable

The Cool Village Commission shall use its best efforts to complete its appointed tasks within 36 months of its first meeting.

Meetings

The Cool Village Commission shall establish its own meeting schedule. All meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the provisions of the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Reports

The Cool Village Commission shall prepare a report to the Village Board no less often than quarterly and more frequently when special circumstances occur.