

Village of La Grange Park  
Sustainability Commission – Minutes  
Monday, September 22, 2014

The meeting of the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014 at the La Grange Park Public Library in La Grange Park, Illinois.

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Krista Grimm called the meeting to order. Members present included: Donna Twickler, Jill Madison, and Ann Wiegand-Kamal. Also present was Becky Srejma, Village Staff Liaison.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting were approved as revised. The minutes of the July 15, 2014 were approved as presented.

3. Public Comment

No member of the public was present to speak.

4. New Business

Donna Twickler discussed a flyer entitled “Benefits of Green Infrastructure”, which she handed out to the Commission. She asked Becky Srejma if it could be put into a PDF format and then distributed to the Commission members via email. Krista Grimm commented about a “Woodlands Neighborhood” project where the Village of Hinsdale had determined that it was more cost effective to address chronic flooding by using green infrastructure, versus the use of grey infrastructure.

Donna also handed out a copy of an email announcement from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launching a \$1 billion [National Disaster Resilience Competition](#) in partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation to help communities that had been devastated by natural disasters. There was a brief discussion about how the Village was a candidate for these funds, and how someone from the Village staff should look further into applying for them.

5. Old Business

- a. O’Hare Sustainability Tour – October 10th – Ann Wiegand-Kamal advised that there were 4 or 5 people signed up for the tour. Ann commented that she had spoken to Les Barrett at the Village Market in hopes that someone from the management would attend this tour, so they could get some ideas for dealing with the issues of flooding around the shopping center. Ann stated that she would send out a second notice to the Commission members to see if anyone else could attend.
- b. E-Waste Event – October 18<sup>th</sup> – Ann discussed the distribution of posters to the surrounding businesses in La Grange Park, La Grange and Westchester. The attending Commission members each advised of where they could drop off posters to advertise the recycling event.
- c. Film Screening – Krista stated that she would speak to David Mrazek about his preference of where to show his recent film (either at the Village Hall or the Library). It was thought that possibly the showing could be done at the Library’s Friday Night Screening during the winter months, so there was an opportunity for discussion afterwards.
- d. Green Spotlight Program – There was a discussion about someone from Dig Right In landscape architects coming in to speak. Krista went on to explain that she had emailed Village Manager Julia Cedillo about the Green Spotlight Program, and that the concept of the program was received positively. There was a discussion about several areas, including how to “showcase” the winner with a sign in their front yard, and what award/momentum could be given to the winner. It was agreed that whatever was going to be given to a winner, it should be made with a

sustainable material. Jill Madison advised that she would look for the name of the person she had purchased a small cement garden decoration from at the Farmer's Market, to see about prices. Krista stated that because funds would be needed to purchase items, a 1 page proposal would need to be given to Julia by the end of January 2015 for budget purposes outlining anticipated costs. If formally approved during the 2015-16 budget adoption in April 2015, money would be available May 1, 2015, to begin the program.

- e. Facebook Page Promotion – It was agreed that Commission members should continue promoting the Facebook Page.
- f. Other – There was a discussion about building a Rain Garden, the best location, the fact that a design would need to be developed, possible native plant donations, and who would maintain it once it was built. Krista commented that Julia had suggested having LTTV coming in to video tape the steps when the garden is built, and everyone agreed that this was a good idea. She also spoke about the Village of La Grange's environmental committee building a rain garden within their Village. Krista said she would speak further with Brendan McLaughlin about the next steps.

6. Open Discussion

There was a discussion about recycling used oil during the upcoming Holiday season. Ann said that she would send Krista the information about SCARCE, so that they could be contacted.

7. Next Steps – This item was not discussed.

8. Next Meeting Date - Monday, November 3, 2014 was selected.

9. Adjournment – There was a motion by Donna Twickler and second by Ann Weigand-Kamal to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.