

**MINUTES
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK
August 20, 2013
Village Hall
447 N. Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois
7:30 P.M.**

Chairman James Kucera called the Commercial Revitalization Committee (CRC) meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

Present: Chairman James Kucera, Committee Member Patricia Rocco, Committee Member Michael Sheehan

Also Present: Assistant Village Manager Emily Rodman, Village Clerk Amanda Seidel, Village President Jim Discipio

Village Clerk Seidel stated that a quorum was present. Chairman Kucera said the first item was the approval of the minutes from the February 21, 2013 meeting. *Committee Member Rocco said "I move to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 Commercial Revitalization Committee Meeting." Committee Member Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Chairman Kucera moved on to the next item and handed the meeting to Assistant Village Manager Rodman for an Overview of the Commercial Revitalization Committee. Assistant Village Manager Rodman summarized the purpose of the Commercial Revitalization Committee; she moved on to summarizing the Commercial Revitalization Committee Plan as well as the Implementation Matrix. The Committee discussed items they would like to look at including; the 31st Street Corridor Study, letters to send to local businesses, and adding website links to the business list on the Village website. Chairman Kucera discussed thoughts and ideas on how the Commercial Revitalization Committee can have an impact including; communication with local businesses and expanding the relationship with the La Grange Park Chamber.

Chairman Kucera moved on to the next item- LaGrange Park Chamber of Commerce Assistance. Assistant Village Manager Rodman summarized the request by Sherri Saurer of the Chamber and provided a letter for the Commercial Revitalization Committee to send to local business owners regarding the ChambersqLight Pole Banner Program. Discussion began over the logistics of the Light Pole Program and the Village Code as well as how the Village can support the Chamber by including Chamber events on E-Briefs. At the end of discussion The Committee agreed to further discuss the letter at the next meeting.

Chairman Kucera moved on to the next item an update on the Commercial Revitalization Plan Implementation. Discussion began over the Commercial Revitalization Plan

Implementation Matrix- August 2013 Update. Assistant Village Manager Rodman summarized the changes made to the Implementation Matrix. Assistant Village Manager Rodman summarized her June meeting with Dean and Woodman of the World. Discussion moved to the future of Village Market. The Committee discussed how staff can improve the following items; %Recognize business milestones within the community+ and also %Initiate code enforcement against commercial properties that are blighted+.

Chairman Kucera moved on to the scheduling of the next meeting date. Discussion began over items they would like to discuss at the next meeting including; stakeholders, surveys/informational sheets for businesses, networking, and a Get to Know you Reception. At the end of discussion the next meeting of the Commercial Revitalization Committee was scheduled for November 5, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Chairman Kucera brought a motion to adjourn; Committee Member Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by voice vote. With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Kucera declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk