

Village of La Grange Park

Cool Village Commission – Minutes

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:14 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 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: Krista Grimm, Sarah Cervak, Donna Twickler, David Mrazek, and Joe Paris. Ed Kram was absent. Also present was Julia Cedillo, Village Staff Liaison.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Cervak made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Mrazek seconded and the motion passed.

3. Public Comment

There was one audience member present, her name was Debbie Zalezneck. She requested a copy of the Final Sustainability Plan for the Library, as the Library Copy. Ms. Cedillo provided Ms. Zalezneck a copy, with attachments. Ms. Zalezneck provided kind words to the Cool Village Commission, thanking the group for all of their hard work in accomplishing the Sustainability Plan.

4. Sustainability Plan – Approved Copy Distribution

Ms. Cedillo distributed a hard copy of the final plan to the group. Ms. Cedillo noted the small changes in the documents which noted that it was the final version of the plan. Ms. Cedillo also noted other housekeeping items such as having each member forward her with up to date contact information and a recent short BIO to be listed on the Village's website.

5. Village Board presentation - Review

Ms. Grimm provided an overview of the reports provided on two occasions to the Village Board. The group commented that Ms. Grimm did a fantastic job with the presentations and that they were very well accepted, with positive comments from the Village Board.

6. Next Steps

Ms. Grimm provided a framework for discussion with regard to the commission's next steps for gathering input for Sustainability Plan actions, programs, and ideas. Ms. Grimm focused for a bit on the process that was included in the plan and suggested that would be a good idea to have a list of ideas compiled for the Village Board's consideration by September. There was some discussion about the possibility of a public forum. There was also some discussion about a survey instrument. Ultimately the group agreed to attend the Youth Commission Meeting on May 7th to ask that group their thoughts and ideas for gathering input and whether a public forum might be a possibility. The group also agreed to solicit input where possible at the drug take back. Finally, Ms. Cedillo said she would look for examples of an environmental survey to see how other organizations and agencies might approach the task. There was also some

discussion about making a list of stakeholders so that the commission could mark progress in soliciting ideas with groups in the community – i.e. churches, business groups, schools, etc.

7. National Drug Take Back

Sarah, David and Donna agreed to volunteer their time at the event on April 28th. Ms. Cedillo noted that she would be there anyway and would set up a table. There would also be a half flyer noting to participants that the Sustainability Plan is complete and residents can take a look at the Village Website and share any ideas for program ideas. The staff liaison email would be available to forward ideas and suggestions.

8. Next Meeting Date

The group expressed a desire to plan a message to the Village regarding municipal aggregation. The group made a motion to craft a letter expressing a desire for green energy as part of the aggregation program. As such, the group set up a meeting date where the primary focus for discussion was aggregation and review of a letter / message. The upcoming meeting date selected is Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. *at Village Hall.*

9. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Village Manager