

Village of La Grange Park
Cool Village Commission – Minutes
Monday, August 22, 2011

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2011 at the Village Hall, 447 North Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

1. Call To Order

Commission Chair Krista Grimm called the meeting to order. Members present included: Krista Grimm, Joe Paris, Sarah Cervak, John Aikens, Ed Kram, Donna Twickler and David Mrazek. Also present was Julia Cedillo, Village Staff Liaison.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mrazek made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Aikens seconded and the motion passed.

3. Welcome New Commissioners

The group took some time to get to know the new members by introducing themselves and providing a little bit of personal and professional background.

4. Com Ed's Portfolio Manager

This item was put on the table to be discussed when Donna Twickler arrived to the meeting. Circling back, the Ms. Twickler provided an update on the program. Generally speaking, the Village Hall scored a 42 on the Portfolio Manager. Ms. Twickler noted that one piece of information that she is missing is the flow rate or the pump rate. Ms. Cedillo noted that she would request the information from the Public Works Department. Ms. Twickler noted that Energy Star provides an award if an organization reaches a certain benchmark. If over 75%, a participant is eligible for an award.

Moving forward, Ms. Twickler needs electrical and gas data for 2010, as well as flow rates. This will allow the Village to measure the 2nd year of utilization against the first for any improvement and/or reduction.

5. LPBA Bike Fest

Members of the group noted that they believed that their participation in the event was worthwhile. The CVC had composters and a rain barrel on display, for while a good deal of attendees had questions. The CVC also distributed Bike Rack maps. It was noted that some residents stated that they would like more information on how composting is done. The group noted that Ace Hardware provided the displays and that the owner, Scott, stated that the CVC could borrow the equipment anytime, with some advance notice. The group stated that it would be worthwhile to have the Bike Rack Map posted to the Village's website. The group would forward the document to Julia for posting on the Village's website.

6. ICLEI Reports – Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reports

a. Community Wide – Final

The group talked about printing the report into a final version for review that did not include the Track Changes function layout. Ms. Cedillo noted that she would include the report in the Final version so that the group could review.

b. Government Operations Inventory (Detailed Review)

The group discussed the discrepancy between the 1.8% and 1.7% emissions portion. The group agreed that a footnote should be added to the report. The group agreed to delve into the reason for the discrepancy so that the report could be noted appropriately.

The group noted a number of other changes that needed to take place. All agreed to email Ms. Cedillo the changes under the subject heading "CHANGES" so that the report could be updated and further reviewed at the next meeting.

7. Percent Target Reduction

The group discussed the target and decided that the group would have to establish some level that would be achievable and meaningful as a recommended level.

8. Promoting purchasing Green Energy in E-Briefs: Donna and Ed

Ms. Cedillo agreed to work with Mr. Kram on language that would be workable.

9. Announcements

Ms. Cedillo mentioned that she would work on identifying a date for the next Drug Take Back event. She also agreed to mail out the confirmed date for the E-Waste Recycling Event.

10. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. The next meeting will take on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Village Manager