

Village of La Grange Park
Cool Village Commission – Minutes
Thursday, May 19, 2011

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on Thursday, May 19th 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, John Aikens, Ed Kram, Jamie Zaura and David Mrazek. Donna Twickler was absent. Also present was Julia Cedillo, Village Staff Liaison.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kram made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Zaura seconded and the motion passed.

3. Drug Collection – April 30

The group discussed whether the DEA plans on holding these national events in the future and how often. Ms. Grimm plans on reaching out to Commander Ed Rompa to ensure that the CVC is aware of any future collection dates. The group discussed the overall success of the event and noted that many participants were informed through the newspaper. The group also thought that a CVC banner would be helpful during their presence at events so that the community could become familiar with the group and their efforts.

The group also held a small discussion about whether they are able to hold fundraising events. It is important to the group that they not rely upon Village funds but are becoming increasingly aware that some smaller expenditures would benefit the group in their educational efforts. Ms. Cedillo agreed to contact Woodridge to see how they handled their fundraising. She also agreed to discuss with the Village attorney.

4. Com Ed's Portfolio Manager

This item was not discussed because Donna Twickler was not present.

5. LPBA Bike Fest

Ms. Grimm noted to the group that they have been asked to participate in the Bike Fest which will take place on June 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Village Market. There the CVC will pass out materials on the CVC's efforts and will also present a Map of Bike Racks in the Village. The group discussed a schedule of member participation. Ms. Zaura stated that she is out of town. Ed would be there from 10 to 11 a.m. John would open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. or later. David would be there from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The group discussed that it would be nice to know if the Village had any plans as part of a regional bike path plan. Ms. Cedillo stated that the Public Works Director Julius Hansen is working with the WCMC on a regional effort. Ms. Cedillo also stated that it might be worthwhile to invite Mr. Hansen back to a CVC meeting to discuss the progress of the effort.

Ms. Cedillo noted that if the group wanted copies of anything for the festival, to send it to her and she would make copies for the fest.

6. ICLEI Reports – Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reports

a. Community Wide – Final

The group talked about some changes that needed to be made to pages 2, 6 and 8. Specifically, a chart would be added to page 8. Ms. Grimm asked the group if it was comfortable voting on approval of the document subject to those changes. Mr. Mrazek made a motion to adopt the report as final, subject to aforementioned changes. Mr. Kram seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Government Operations Inventory (Detailed Review)

The group went over the first half of the document in detail, noting that many portions of the report were redundant with the Community-wide Report. The group identified a number of areas where sections of text could be eliminated. The group noted that the logo had to be added to the cover. The first VLP on page 2 needed to be spelled out. The third paragraph on page 2 could be eliminated. The tables on page three should be labeled. There needs to be additional information regarding the biodiesel on page 3 (a footnote was suggested). Several changes were noted for page 4 – including the shortening of some of the bullet points and the elimination of the last sentence.

The group then decided to break each section out and assign for follow-up or homework. All should submit to Ms. Cedillo for editing.

- Page 5 – John Aikens
- Page 6 – John Aikens
- Page 7 – David Mrazek
- Page 8 – David Mrazek
- Page 9 – Krista Grimm
- Page 10 – Krista Grimm
- Page 11 – Jamie Zaura
- Page 12 – Jamie Zaura
- Page 13 – Krista Grimm
- Page 14 – Ed Kram
- Page 15 Ed Kram

7. Percent Target Reduction

The group discussed this matter and wondered what numbers are in each of the sectors. They identified additional information that was necessary in order to identify the reduction target.

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

Mr. Kram and Ms. Twickler will discuss and ensure the Village has the final version of text.

9. CVC Timeline – John

Mr. Aikens went over the timeline and suggested some final updates need to the timeline which should be provided to the Village Board on May 24th.

10. Quarterly Report

The group was reminded that Chairperson Krista Grimm would present this report to the Village Board at the May 24th Village Board Meeting.

11. Announcements

It was announced that the LTHS would be holding an electronic recycling event for the upcoming weekend on the south campus. Ms. Cedillo mentioned that it might be worthwhile if the Village and the CVC worked together on a composting campaign sometime in the future so that residents were aware of the effective methods for composting. Ms. Cedillo noted that the Village does not have a composting ordinance and it might be something worthwhile for the Village to consider so as to avoid any nuisance complaints from neighbors.

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. The next meetings will take on June 20th, July 18th and August 22nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager