

Village of La Grange Park
Cool Village Commission – Minutes
Thursday, September 5, 2013

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2013 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: Josh Samos, Jill Madison, Ann Wiegand-Kamals, John Aikens, Donna Twickler, and David Mrazek. Also present was Brendan McLaughlin, Village Staff Liaison.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mrazek made a motion to approve the February 21st minutes. Ms. Wiegand-Kamals seconded and the motion passed.

3. Public Comment – none

4. Introduction of New Members – Each member went around the table and shared their background and what interests them in sustainability.

5. Sustainability Plan

There was a brief discussion around how this document sets the basis for the Cool Village Commission. That the seven major categories should be reviewed to develop actionable items for the Committee to recommend to the Village Board for implementation.

6. Open Discussion

Topics discussed included environmental efforts being piloted at Ogden School – composting and raised bed gardening. The idea of Terracycle was discussed where plastic foil wrappers can be collected and recycled.

Oak Park's pilot compost collection program was discussed. Outreach efforts including a Village Webpage and Facebook account were explored. Promotional information from the E-waste events were reviewed to see if they could become clearer about the impacts of diverting from the waste stream. The final topic discussed was the variety of grants that might be available for sustainable projects.

7. Next Steps

For the next meeting, other ways of reporting out waste stream diversion will be covered. People were also going to review the seven sustainability categories and discuss items that could be pursued by teams of two.

8. Next Meeting Date

Monday, September 30, 2013 was selected.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.