

Village of La Grange Park
Cool Village Sub-Committee
Minutes
September 16, 2009

A meeting of the Cool Village Sub-Committee of the Village Board of the Village of La Grange Park was scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on September 16, 2009, in the Board Room of the La Grange Park Village Hall. Committee Chairwoman, Jane Klingberg, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She asked Village Clerk Kerry Brunette to call the roll.

Members in attendance were:

Committee Chairwoman:	Jane Klingberg
Committee Member:	Scott Mesick
Committee Member:	Marshall Seeder - absent

Also in attendance:

Village Manager:	Bohdan J. Proczko
Assistant Village Manager:	Julia Cedillo
Members of the Cool Village Coalition:	Patty Rocco
	David Grayson
	Donna Twickler
	Krista Grimm
	Brita Pagels
	David Mrazek

Clerk Brunette informed the Chairwoman a quorum was present.

Chairwoman Klingberg said the first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2009 meeting. There was a motion by Committee Member Mesick to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Chairwoman Klingberg and the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Chairwoman Klingberg then introduced Brita Pagels. Ms. Pagels gave an overview of ICLEI, which is an environmental group that focuses on local governments to obtain sustainability. She talked about ICLEI's programs and principles and about the services and accomplishments of her group. She took questions during her presentation. Assistant Manager Cedillo asked what services ICLEI provides to its members. Ms. Pagels described some of the services, including webinars, technical assistance, tool kits, case studies and many other things. In addition, Ms. Pagels said ICLEI provided the services at a low fee.

Village Manager Proczko asked Ms. Pagels how much staff time a Village the size of La Grange Park would have to spend on this environmental program. Ms. Pagels said she did not really know, but she said she would talk to some of the members of her group to get an idea about how much time would be involved for a Village La Grange Park's size.

Chairwoman Klingberg asked about joint purchasing and about the educational levels that would be needed for interns if interns worked on the ICLEI guidelines. Ms. Pagels commented on the question, but she said she wanted ICLEI members to do much of the work on ICLEI guidelines for themselves. Committee Member Mesick asked if the Village could obtain a tool kit list and

Ms. Pagels said yes. She said she would send it to Assistant Village Manager Cedillo. She told the Committee the tool list was also on the ICLEI website.

The Committee members and the Village staff and the Cool Village Coalition people continued asking questions and receiving answers. There followed a conversation about what communities get from ICLEI after they performed the assessment of their Village and about what communities would have to be doing in the future, after the assessment.

Village Manager Proczko asked Ms. Pagels where ICLEI got its funding and whether it had an annual report that is available. Ms. Pagels said ICLEI gets its money from membership fees, grants, and fees for services. She told Manager Proczko an annual report is available on the ICLEI website. Manager Proczko asked Ms. Pagels how the governing board of ICLEI was set up. Ms. Pagels said there is a Board of Directors who are officials from the member communities. Chairwoman Klingberg asked about community educational needs. Ms. Pagels said the community education element was addressed on the ICLEI website.

There were no other questions of Ms. Pagels, so she ended her presentation. She thanked the Committee for inviting her and the Committee thanked her for attending. Ms. Pagels left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Chairwoman Klingberg then went on to the other items for discussion. She asked the representatives of the Cool Villages Coalition about materials sent to the Committee. David Grayson from the Cool Village Coalition talked about the list of materials and then Chairwoman Klingberg asked for questions. Committee Member Mesick said he had none but Chairwoman Klingberg asked the Cool Village people about target projects for the Village. Mr. Grayson answered her question, which led to a discussion about the types of projects the Village could address, such as phosphorous, police officers on bikes and etc.

At the conclusion of this discussion, Chairwoman Klingberg asked about the next step the Ad Hoc Committee would need to take. Committee Member Mesick asked the Cool Village Coalition what they thought about ICLEI and about the usefulness of its software. The Cool Villages members responded and then talked about immediate projects that could be started such as rain barrels, bike racks, public speakers and other ideas.

Committee Chairwoman Klingberg concluded by stating that another meeting date would need to be set for this group. It was determined that September 23, 2009 would be the attempted date but a firm date would be set and announced.

There was a motion by Committee Member Mesick to adjourn the meeting. Committee Chairwoman Klingberg seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Kerry Brunette
Village Clerk

