

Village of La Grange Park
Cool Village Commission – Minutes
Monday, December 20, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:11 p.m. on Monday, December 20th at the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairperson Patty Rocco called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commission Members:	Patty Rocco John Aikens Krista Grimm David Mrazek Ed Kram Jamie Zaura Donna Twickler David Mrazek
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Absent:

Others Present:	Julia Cedillo
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2010

There were no changes to the minutes. Commissioner Grimm made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mrazek seconded and the motion passed.

3. DATA GATHERING UPDATE

Chairperson Patty Rocco explained that she, Ed Kram and Ms. Cedillo met on November 19th and conferenced in Brita Pagels of ICLEI to go over the data and for the ICLEI tutorial. Ms. Rocco explained that she had wanted to approach the government analysis first and understand that and then translate the learned process to the community-wide data. However, in the meeting with Ms. Pagels, she had communicated that the Village would first have to do the community analysis first. Also, Ms. Pagels informed the group that met that they would need to obtain additional information from CMAP in order to complete the forecasting of the data. Ms. Rocco reported that the ILCLEI program did not normalize the data. There was also some discussion on why it seems as though more information is now needed than what was originally understood. Ms. Rocco assured the group that the Village is indeed almost complete with the data analysis.

4. ENERGY STAR PORTFOLIO

Ms. Cedillo reported that she reached out to the Village Com Ed representative in order to participate in the "Energy Usage Data Tool." Specifically, she requested a user name and password. The Com Ed Representative Fabiola Amezcua asked for some detailed information about the

buildings (square footage, hours of operation, units of production, days) for which the Village wished to include and Ms. Cedillo provided that information. At this point, the Village is waiting for Com Ed to process the request.

5. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SUPPLIER

In a past meeting, Ms. Twickler agreed to be the CVC's tester for the Blue Star program and purchased renewable energy for her home residential electricity account. Ms Twickler reported that she was able to make the changes to the new provider online and is pleased with the results. Ms. Twickler indicated that she is saving money (5%) over her Com Ed electricity bill and at the same time is supporting renewable energy – wind power. Ms. Twickler explained that she went on to the website to obtain a quote, to which the website provided comparable quotes and then she signed up for a one year term and locked in rates for a year. The Contract does come with specific terms and conditions. The question was raised as to what percent of the power being purchased is wind power to which Ms. Twickler replied 100% wind power is being supported. There was some discussion as to whether the purchase is actual wind power or whether the purchase supports the research and development and/or subsidization of wind power. There was further discussion as to whether this Blue Star product is something that the Commission should promote to the greater community. The group decided that it would be of a great benefit to understand renewable energy better before making any recommendations. One way of obtaining more information would be to reach out and ask an expert on renewable energy to attend a meeting so that they could provide a presentation or discussion on the matter. Both Ms. Cedillo and Ms. Twickler agreed to look for potential speakers for an upcoming meeting.

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING – SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Ms. Cedillo distributed the updated copy of the Commission's sustainability plan and Ms. Rocco asked for feedback. It was decided that some language needed to be included regarding the review and update of the document. It was decided to add something along the lines of, "the Village shall review this document from time to time..." There was also some discussion on defining sustainability plan. There was discussion as to whether or not the definition of sustainability should include some language as to whether or not there was money savings. Ms. Grimm and Ms. Twickler crafted some language on sustainability at the meeting and provided to Ms. Cedillo to include in the draft document.

The group discussed the Project Timeline and other changes that could be made. It was decided that Ms. Cedillo would make changes to the draft document and sent out to the group as soon as possible. All changes need to be made in advance of the next meeting and sent to Ms. Cedillo one week prior to the next meeting on January 20, 2011.

7. CVC TIMELINE UPDATE

Commissioner Aikens reported that in his estimation, the Commission is behind in the drafting of the Sustainability Plan. Ms Cedillo noted that overall in her estimation the group is still in the ball park and soon it may be time for a quarterly report to the Board. The report would be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rocco noted to the group that she and Ms. Cedillo would attempt another meeting with Brita Pagels in an effort to further the data collection process. She would then report back to the group at the next meeting. The next meeting dates are as follows:

- January 20
- February 17
- March 17 (This may be moved due to St. Patrick's Day)

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager