

Village of La Grange Park  
**Cool Village Commission – Minutes**  
Thursday, January 20, 2011

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Member David Mrazek called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 – December 20, 2010**

There was one small change to the minutes. Change Section 3, 7<sup>th</sup> line to include the correct spelling of ILCLEI. Commissioner Kram made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Zaura seconded and the motion passed.

**3. PRESENTATION - ALEXIS CAIN**

Alexia Cain of the Environmental Protection Agency provided a presentation on green power. He explained that green power definitions and standards are published by the EPA and green power partnership does include the vintage of the facility. There is a freshness requirement where the power must be generated the year it is used. For procurement options, there is on-site generation, green power electricity products, and renewable energy certificates (RECs). Mr. Cain then went on to explain the benefits of green power.

Mr. Cain then explained the EPA's green power partnership, which is a voluntary program where partners agree to purchase green power and provide an annual update. There are universities, cities, the State of Illinois and some small businesses and some Fortune 500 companies are participating. Certificates are sold to the provider. The RECs are market traded but not standardized. In general the presentation illustrated that:

- Voluntary green power purchases are an important part of the market.
- Currently, more than 1,300 partners are in the program purchasing 18 billion kWh of green power annually, enough to power 1.6 million average American homes.

- Partners can use green power equivalency calculator to translate green power purchase from kWh into more understandable terms, such as equivalent number of passenger vehicles, home, etc.
- Cities can join: examples: Chicago, Northbrook, Aurora.

Mr. Cain explained that first the municipality has to purchase or participate, then the community can get involved. He also stated that more green energy is purchased on the voluntary market than on the mandatory market. For more information, he encourages folks to go to: [www.epa.gov/greenpower/communities](http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/communities).

#### **4. COM ED'S RESPONSE - PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

Ms. Cedillo and Ms. Twickler explained Com Ed's response to downloading the data into Portfolio Manager. Basically, the Village's Com Ed representative told Ms. Cedillo that our meters were not aligned to work with the program and that we would need new meters installed and to contact Business Operations to get new meters. Ms. Cedillo then contacted Business Operations who told Ms. Cedillo that she had to work with her community representative as they did not have the authority to make such a switch. Ms. Cedillo went back to her representative who then told her she did not have the authority for the switch and to go back to Business Operations. It was basically the run-around with no solution in sight. Ms. Cedillo said to the Commission that she could see if there was someone higher up at the company that she could deal with to get a clear direction. The group said to put the issue on the back burner for the time being.

#### **5. PHASE ONE ICLEI REPORT**

Chairperson Patty Rocco provided an update on Phase I ICLEI report. She distributed a document that included forecasting data based upon the emissions data entered into the software program. She explained to the group that she had to work with Brita Pagels and the Tech Support team at ICLEI in order for this data to be possible. Ms. Rocco explained that there are still some outstanding issues ("a glitch in the software") related to the data entered and the program that organizes the data but that she will continue to work with ICLEI in order to sort these issues out so that the final report is as accurate as possible. Ms. Rocco and Brita Pagels are concerned because the data is not being backed up in the software.

#### **6. STRATEGIC REVISIONS – SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

Ms. Cedillo distributed the updated copy of the Commission's sustainability plan and Ms. Rocco asked for feedback. Some changes further changes were identified for which Ms. Cedillo would make into an updated draft. It was then decided that the group would update the Framework for Sustainable Strategies for the next meeting. 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 February 17, 2011.

#### **7. CVC TIMELINE UPDATE**

There was no discussion on the timeline. It would be discussed at the next meeting in February.

#### **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting date was announced as February 17.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager