

Village of La Grange Park
Cool Village Commission – Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2010 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 7:06 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commission Members:	Patty Rocco Jamie Zaura John Aikens David Mrazek Krista Grimm
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Absent:	David Grayson Donna Twickler
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Others Present:	Julia Cedillo
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2010

The minutes were approved and David Mrazek was assigned the duty of Time Keeper.

(ITEM NOT ON THE PRE-PRINTED AGENDA)

PRESENTATION BY JULIUS HANSEN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Julius Hansen provided a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer Program and the Village's Tree Replacement Program. Mr. Hansen stated that it costs the Village \$542 on average for the removal and replanting of a tree. Mr. Hansen also states that he keeps a listed inventory of all ash trees in the Village – including the size and location of each tree. Mr. Hansen explained that he has been working with the Department of Agriculture in the placement of 8 purple traps throughout the Village which will assist in understanding the presence and damage of such insects in the region.

Mr. Hansen answered questions regarding the Village's ability to start its own tree farm somewhere in the Village. Mr. Hansen stated that he purchases his trees from a nursery where they provide the appropriate care of trees in the early stages of growth where it is most critical. He stated that any tree farm effort would require high maintenance and may not yield the most ideal results.

3. DATA GATHERING UPDATE

Ms. Rocco explained that overall, the Commission needs to enter data in three forms: community, stationary and mobile. It was noted that some information from Nicor was missing. Ms. Cedillo agreed to look at data and solicit Nicor for any missing data. Ms. Cedillo reported to the group that Com Ed will not allow Ed Kram to release energy data to the Village of La Grange Park. Com Ed notified Ms. Cedillo that all requests for data had to come from the Village to the assigned Com Ed representative and would only include Village account data.

Ms. Rocco stated that she and Ms. Cedillo will be meeting next week to continue the data gathering and data inventory process.

4. SEDAC UPDATE

Ms. Chair Rocco is working on completing the application for SEDAC, the free program for facility energy utilization audits through the State of Illinois. Ms. Rocco will be working with Julia in the completion of the application for this program.

5. GRANTS / FINANCE ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Ms. Cedillo reported to the group that the Village of La Grange Park recently completed an application for an EECBG (Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program) through the Metropolitan Mayor's caucus. The grant application includes a request in the amount of \$214,000 for exterior insulated paneling and energy star window replacement.

6. GREENEST REGION COMPACT

There was some discussion as to how the group would be able to report out the efforts of the Village as it related to its accomplishments of the Greenest Region Compact. The group will email their short reports/recommendations to Ms. Cedillo who will then compile them as attachments to a memo update to the Board. The group agreed to get their reports to Ms. Cedillo no later than one week later.

7. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Members of the commission discussed how it would continue progress with the development of the sustainability plan while going through the data collection process. It was suggested that the next meeting be dedicated solely to the development of the sustainability plan.

8. CVC TIMELINE UPDATE - JOHN

The group discussed how it should update the timeline to reflect the dual focus in the data collection and the development of the sustainability plan.

9. QUARTERLY REPORT

The group concluded that it would review the draft report at the next meeting and submit the report to the Village Board in August.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rocco stated that the next two meetings would take place on July 22nd and August 26th.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Assistant Village Manager