

Village of La Grange Park
Cool Village Commission – Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, November 18th 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 7:02 p.m. Members in attendance were:

Commission Members:	Patty Rocco John Aikens Krista Grimm David Mrazek Ed Kram
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Absent:	Jamie Zaura Donna Twickler
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Others Present:	Julia Cedillo
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 27, 2010

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

3. DATA GATHERING UPDATE

Chairperson Patty Rocco explained that she and Ms. Cedillo will be meeting with Brita Pagels of ICLEI on November 19th to go over the data and for the ICLEI tutorial. Ms. Rocco explained that ideally she would approach the government analysis first and understand that and then translate the learned process to the community-wide data. The group recommended to Ms. Rocco and Ms. Cedillo to ask Ms. Pagels whether electricity utilization was normalized with the ILCLEI program. There was also some discussion on the definition of co-efficient, and whether it was based on where you live geographically. There was further discussion on the importance of normalization of the data. The group suggested it might be good to conference in or add Mr. Kram or one other member to the meeting, so long as the total number of attendees did not exceed the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. It was agreed that Mr. Kram would attend the meeting in person, if his schedule allowed.

4. ENERGY STAR PORTFOLIO

Ms. Rocco stated that Ms. Twickler agreed to be the CVC's tester for the Blue Star program – and will seek to purchase renewable energy through a provider other than Com Ed for her home residential electricity account (group thinks the name is Blue Star). There was no discussion on the Energy Star program and the group agreed to discuss next month.

5. WASTE CONTRACT UP FOR RENEWAL

Ms. Rocco asked the group if there was any feedback to provide to Ms. Cedillo on the Allied Waste Contract and its upcoming renewal. The group suggested that the Village should try and get more types of products / materials added to the recycle list – like plastic grocery bags. There was some discussion about the promotional budget allotment and whether the Village fully utilized this provision and budget amount. Ms. Cedillo said that she does not recall any data on that but is certain that at least half of the budget had been used. The group suggested that the remaining portion of the promotional budget should be rolled over to the next contract. There was some general discussion that the document allowed for a good deal of discretion on the part of the Village. The Village should continue to maintain discretion with the program, wherever possible. Finally, there was some discussion as to what kinds of recyclables are tracked by Allied through the program. The group suggested that the Village add some language requiring recycling data – types and volume of recycle data – which would then enhance the CVC’s efforts with sustainability in the community.

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING – SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Ms. Rocco distributed the updated copy of the Commission’s sustainability plan for feedback. It was decided that Ms. Grimm would continue to develop the Essential background section while John and Dave would continue to develop the Strategic Decision making Process. Mr. Kram would further develop the Introduction. Ms. Rocco would further develop the section on CVC duties. Ms. Cedillo would provide further updates to the History of Sustainable Actions by the Village – and add the recycling awards.

Some suggested changes include:

- Section IV – change first solar light to pilot solar light.
- Section IV – add E Waste Day to the document.
- The title of II. Mission Statement would be changed to Sustainability Plan Purpose.
- Page two – the Village maintains 38 miles of road.
- Section V – the group should consider the section title – Goals
- Change the order of the strategies to: Water Strategies, Water Conservation Strategies, Air Strategies, Land Strategies, Waste Recycling and E-Waste Mitigation Strategies, Energy Strategies, CFL Distributions Strategies.
- With the next updated draft, put the word “Draft” on it – with a draft date.
- Add page numbers.
- Reformatting (font, bullets, etc.) will happen in the future.

There was also some discussion among the group as to whether the sustainability plan, in its current draft form, was too dependent or focused on the CVC’s existence. The group agreed that the surest way to ensure that the Sustainability Plan succeeds in the community is if there is an advisory board to oversee its implementation.

7. CVC TIMELINE UPDATE

Commissioner Aikens reported that in his estimation, the Commission is on schedule in completing each of its duties to date.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commission discussed future meeting dates and once again established a regular meeting date. Upcoming meetings are as follows (3rd Thursday of the month):

- ~~December 16~~ – this meeting moved to December 20th, due to a conflict with other Village meeting.
- 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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager