

Village of La Grange Park
Cool Village Commission – Minutes
Wednesday, October 27, 2010

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27th 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 Donna Twickler Krista Grimm David Mrazek Ed Kram
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Absent:	None
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Others Present:	Julia Cedillo
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 16, 2010

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

3. COMMISSIONER VACANCY UPDATE

Chairperson Patty Rocco explained that Ed Kram's appointment to the Cool Village Commission was approved at the most recent Village Board Meeting. She stated that he will be attending the evening's meeting, albeit a little late, due to a previous engagement.

4. RECAP OF E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Ms. Rocco first stated that she was very pleased with the event and thought it was a success for the community. Ms. Cedillo provided some preliminary statistics about the event. There were nearly 400 vehicles that dropped off unwanted electronic goods to be recycled – enough to fill two full semi trucks. Of those that participated in the event, 65% were La Grange Park residents, 25% were from LaGrange and the remaining came from the surrounding communities. Commissioner Aikens noted some suggestions for the event for next year, if Vintage Tech and West Cook Solid Waste Agency are willing to partner again. Mr. Aikens stated that the Village should invest in directional signage for entry and exit into the event. Signage would also be advantageous along 31st Street and La Grange Road, to promote the event. There was also some discussion about ways to improve public relations to get the word out better to surrounding communities. It was noted that emails went out to the surrounding communities and Ms. Rocco did issue a press release to TribLocal. As a result of the wrap up discussion, Ms. Cedillo agreed to contact Vintage Tech and West Cook to see if they would be willing to provide the event again next year.

5. DATA GATHERING UPDATE

Ms. Rocco explained that overall, the Commission has for the most part completed the data entry into three forms: community, stationary and mobile. It was noted that there are some discrepancies to the data that is still being vetted out with Com Ed. Ms. Rocco stated that she worked with Brita Pagels of ICLEI to determine co-efficients. Ms. Rocco also stated that she and Ms. Cedillo will be meeting in the next month with Brita Pagels to move on to the next stage in the data inventory process.

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING – SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Ms. Rocco distributed a rough draft of the Commission's sustainability plan for feedback. The group commented that with the draft in hand, they feel as though they are off to a strong start. Chairperson Rocco opened the floor for discussion on the draft.

Commissioner Grimm stated that she would like to work more on the background portion of the document. She specifically was interested in the land use portion and indicated that she would further develop number III, implications on transportation.

Commissioner Zaura and Ms. Cedillo would work on number IV together, which deals with the Village's past history in environmental efforts.

As a whole, the group talked about terminology to bring further clarification to the goal of the plan. Some of the discussion hinged on whether the goals of the plan were for the local government or for the community as a whole.

Chairperson Rocco and Commissioner Kram agreed to further develop the Introduction. Chairperson Rocco agreed to work further on item number V. Commissioners Mrazek and Aikens agreed to work together on item IX. Ms. Cedillo agreed to check with the Building Department regarding the Village's stance on rain barrels. Ms. Cedillo will also confirm the charter date of the Commission.

The group also discussed the Village's waste contract with its current hauler. Ms. Cedillo noted that she would send out the contract to the group and they could either email her comments or bring them to the next CVC meeting.

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

Ms. Rocco introduced the CVC's newest member, Ed Kram. Commissioner Kram stated that he is a trained electrical engineer and spent 20+ years working for Com Ed. He now owns his own energy consulting business. The other members of the CVC introduced themselves.

Ms. Rocco then inquired to Ed Kram whether he believed the Energy Star Portfolio to be a worthwhile tool for cross referencing data. Mr. Kram indicated that he thought it might be a value to the group's work, especially since the data transfer can be quite easily facilitated. Ms. Twickler agreed that she would work with Ms. Cedillo to set up an account to get the data transferred.

A representative from the Library was also present at the meeting who expressed the Library's interest in completing an energy or carbon footprint inventory. It was further stated that an inventory was one of the Library's goals for the fiscal year.

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

- November 18
- December 16
- 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 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Cedillo, Interim Village Manager