

The meeting of the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission was called to order at 7:20 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at the La Grange Park Public Library in La Grange Park, Illinois.

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair David Mrazek called the meeting to order. Members present included: Joe Paris and Ed Kram. Also present was Becky Srejma, Village Staff Liaison.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kram made a motion to approve the minutes dated October 17, 2012. Mr. Paris seconded and the motion passed.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Results from Rain Barrel-Composter-Electronics Recycling Event

There was a discussion about the results from the rain barrel-composter sale event. Mr. Mrazek commented that before another rain barrel-composter sale event was held by the Village, someone (either from the CVC or Village) should contact the owner of the La Grange Park Ace Hardware to make sure they are not able to host an event of this size. Overall it was agreed that the event was a success, given the time of year it was held.

Concerning the recycling event, there was a discussion about the results and the possibility of holding a Spring 2013 event. Mr. Mrazek discussed better coordination of media materials and making sure that something gets in the Doing's "Upcoming Events" area next time the event is held. Ms. Srejma advised that she had received several phone calls at Public Works asking whether the event was open to residents outside of La Grange Park. Mr. Mrazek commented that to address this question, wording could be included which states "all neighboring residents welcome".

5. Update on Student Involvement with Green Activities

Mr. Mrazek said that the update on student involvement would take place within the next item (Sustainability Plan).

6. Sustainability Plan – Immediate, Near & Long Term Priorities

Mr. Mrazek advised that the attached memo to the Village Board was a working-draft, and provided an update of past and current activities of the CVC. In response to the first question raised on the memo, "Do we suggest a definition of length of terms in a new charter? Commissioners who may want to opt out will have a natural "break" point in which to move on if they wish", it was agreed that adopting a three-year term limit for CVC members was a good idea. There was a general discussion about the importance of creating "staggering" term dates for the current and future members, so that the Commission was never comprised of all new members.

Mr. Mrazek then discussed the "youth aspect" of the Sustainability Plan Implementation, and his recent communications with Ogden Avenue School. He said he would provide an update at the next

CVC meeting, after his December 20th meeting, and added that he would also attempt to contact the principal at Park Jr. High School to see what, if any, youth recycling programs they had at the school. It was agreed that having youth involved was good and could provide an avenue of new recycling ideas within schools and the community.

The next area discussed on the memo was the Green Fest Participation. There was a general discussion about the survey results and attached graph. Mr. Paris commented that the Village is already addressing one of the areas with the highest response, Purchasing Renewable Energy, through the Village's Electric Aggregation Program.

Mr. Mrazek stated that the next area of the memo, E-Waste Recycling & Rain Barrel/Composter Sale, had been discussed earlier in the meeting. In response to the question asked on the memo, "Question for Brendan – Did the checks get cut for the volunteers?", Ms. Srejma indicated that she would forward this question on to Mr. McLaughlin, so that he could address it at the next meeting.

The final item of the memo concerned the Drug Collection event which was held in September 29th at the Village Hall. Ms. Srejma shared the results from this event, and there was a discussion that the number of medications dropped off had decreased extremely from the prior year. Ms. Srejma commented that this decrease could be possibly due to the greater availability of places to deposit unused medications compared to prior years.

7. Open Discussion

Mr. Kram stated that the last page of the meeting packet was a copy of an email he had sent to Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. Grim, regarding the SCARE program that he had read about. He advised that he was mistaken in thinking that this program was related to Ogden Avenue School.

Mr. Kram commented about recently hosting in his home an "Energy House Party". He explained that Energy Impact Illinois was a federally funded program to help improve the energy efficiency of homes in northern Illinois. The program allowed homeowners to learn how to save money and improve the comfort and energy efficiency of their homes.

8. Next Steps

There was a discussion that at the next meeting the Sustainability Plan would be reviewed, and the sustainable strategies area of the Plan would be addressed.

9. Next Meeting Date

The following dates were proposed as possible dates: January 16th, January 17th or January 23, 2013. Ms. Srejma said she would provide Mr. McLaughlin with those dates, so an email could be sent out to the other CVC members to see which date works best.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Kram made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Mr. Paris seconded and the motion passed.