

Village of La Grange Park
Sustainability Sub-Committee Minutes
January 16, 2018

A Sustainability Sub-Committee meeting of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois was held in the Conference Room of the La Grange Park Municipal Building on January 16, 2018.

Trustee Rocco called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Village Clerk Seidel called roll.

Committee Members in attendance were: Trustees:
Patricia Rocco
Mike Sheehan
Robert Lautner

Also in Attendance were:

Village Manager: Julia Cedillo
Village Clerk: Amanda Seidel
Public Works Director: Brendan McLaughlin
Sustainability Commissioners: Krista Grimm & David Mrazek

Clerk Seidel informed Chairman Rocco a quorum was present.

1. Welcome

Chairman Rocco welcomed the Committee Members, Members of the Sustainability Commission and Village staff. Village Manager Cedillo distributed a packet of the History of Environmental Sustainability Efforts in LaGrange Park including; accountability & responsibility and the establishment of the Cool Village Commission.

2. Public Comment

There was none.

3. Discussion-Paris Accord

Village Manager Cedillo discussed the background and goal of the evenings meeting. A packet was distributed regarding Localizing the Paris Agreement from ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability. It was also clarified that the Paris Accord is a non-binding Global agreement. A packet of information was distributed on the background of the 10-10-17 Work Session when the Village Board discussed the Paris Accord. A packet was distributed with Background on when the Village joined the Greenest Region Compact of Metropolitan Chicago in July of 2007. Concerns were mentioned from previous discussions regarding political ties to the Paris Accord. Trustee Lautner asked the purpose of the Meeting and what the Sustainability Commission is trying to accomplish. A statement from the Village was discussed. Chairman Rocco discussed the importance of the Paris Accord and the recommendation she would like to see go to the Village Board.

Village Manager Cedillo discussed the background of the "We Are Still In" Declaration

Sustainability Commission Chair Krista Grimm discussed an alternative and mentioned a Meeting at the Field Museum; she discussed and explained the Chicago Climate Charter. She discussed the municipalities involved in the Chicago Charter. Village Manager distributed a packet of Information on the Chicago Charter. The sample Resolution was discussed with concerns in the 4th and 7th paragraph being political. Trustee Sheehan mentioned the BBC Article with interesting information. Krista Grimm and David Mrazek discussed the Sustainability Plan that was approved by the Village Board and its goals and the objectives of the Sustainability Commission. Discussion moved to content and language in a possible Resolution including; how LaGrange Park matters about the Planet not Politics. Trustee Lautner expressed his concerns if the Village needs to support anything on a national level. Trustee Lautner also expressed his concern for endorsing or supporting any resolution that makes reference to the political nature.

4. Other Items for Discussion

Village Manager Cedillo distributed a packet of information on the Greenest Region Compact 2 and a sample Resolution created by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. Discussion moved to; benefits, framework, objectives, member communities, and sample resolution of the GRC2. The goal of the GRC2 is to reaffirm ones commitment. Discussion moved to the Resolution.

5. Next Steps

David Mrazek discussed the Commissions passion about the environment and the importance for LaGrange Park to make a statement as a community and continue to be a leader in the Sustainability arena. Krista Grimm explained the importance of the Village and the Commission taking a symbolic and positive action. Public Works Director McLaughlin mentioned the Village and the Sustainability Commission creating their own Resolution so LaGrange Park can take their own stance on their support of environmental and sustainable issues. Chairman Rocco discussed the next steps of; creating a statement, Resolution for Earth Day, annual Proclamation, and looking further and the Chicago Climate Charter and GRC2. Discussion moved with communication efforts and getting LaGrange Park's stance on the Environment out to residents.

Chairman Rocco mentioned that the next Sustainability Commission Meeting is scheduled for the end of February where they can prepare and discuss for the next Sub-Committee Meeting. The next Sustainability Sub-Committee Meeting was scheduled for March 26th at 7pm.

6. Adjournment

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Sustainability Sub-Committee, *Trustee Lautner made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sheehan seconded the motion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously by voice vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk