

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

First Floor Conference Room
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Thursday, February 8, 2018— 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Environmental Quality Control Commission of the Village of La Grange was held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the Village Hall and was called to order by Commission Chair David McCarty at 7:15p.m.

PRESENT (and constituting a quorum): Commissioners, Battistoni, Christianson, Naseef, and Robison with Commission Chair McCarty presiding.

ABSENT: Davies

ALSO PRESENT: Edith Makra with the Chicago Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Naseef, with a second by Commissioner Robison to approve the minutes from January 11, 2018.

The minutes were unanimously approved, as revised, by voice vote.

3. BUSINESS AT HAND

A. Workshop session regarding Chicago Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact

- a. Edith Makra presented an overview of the Greenest Region Compact 2 which presents consensus goals for environmental sustainability to be addressed by local municipalities, yet will have coordinated, positive impacts on a much larger scale.

- i. The framework for the Compact is built on 30 sustainability plans and guiding documents already in use by Illinois municipalities. It incorporates more than 10 documents from regional, national or

- global organizations that are widely used to guide sustainable municipal actions.
- ii. The Compact is made up of approximately 50 municipalities, generally in the 6 county Chicago metro region. Membership is voluntary and requires only a commitment from the community leadership to work towards the shared environmental goals.
 - iii. Member benefits include access to the Compact Framework and supporting documents, assistance and resources for developing their own plans and goals, and assistance with grant applications.
- b. General discussion of the Compact and if it is appropriate for La Grange.
- i. Many of the goals, initiatives and strategies of the Compact are already in place in La Grange.
 - ii. An important component of the Compact is developing measurable metrics that clearly demonstrate the impact of the effort.
 - iii. Membership in the Compact would be useful in supporting the La Grange Brand. Many potential residents or business look for evidence of a town's commitment to the environment. Posting our membership would provide that evidence.
 - iv. The goals of the Compact are consistent with the kind of village that La Grange wants to be.
 - v. The E.Q.C.C. could use the Framework to organize, guide and measure our programs, events, and informational campaigns.
- c. There was a consensus that the E.Q.C.C. should make a formal recommendation to the Board regarding membership in the Compact.
- d. Consideration of making a recommendation for membership in the Compact will be added to the E.Q.C.C. agenda for the March meeting. Commissioner Hoffer will work with staff to add information to the village web site to encourage residents to attend the meeting.

There being no action taken, a vote was not required.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Battistoni announced that this is his last meeting of the E.Q.C.C. The Commission recognized his dedication for over 25 years and thanked him for his service.

6. NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Christianson moved for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Battistoni. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David McCarty
Chair, Environmental Quality Control Commission