

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

Village Hall
Lower Level Conference Room
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, November 28, 2005
(Immediately Following the Regular Village Board Meeting)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

An Executive Committee Workshop was held on Monday, November 28, 2005 and called to order at 10:15 p.m. in the Village Hall lower level conference room.

PRESENT: Trustees Cremieux, Horvath, Langan, Livingston, Pann, and Wolf with President Asperger presiding.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Robert Milne, Village Clerk
Robert Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Sharon Peterson, Assistant Village Manager
Patrick Benjamin, Community Development Director
Mike Holub, Police Chief
David Fleege, Fire Chief
Lou Cipparrone, Finance Director
Mike Bojovic, Assistant Public Works Director
Maureen Brown, Village Attorney
Ken Knutson Reporter The Doings
Sara Luneburg Reporter Suburban Life
Local Residents

2. Parking Structure / Operational Policies - Continued Discussion

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn gave a summary of operational policies involving the parking structure and previous recommendations from the Village Board. In addition, Mr. Pilipiszyn explained that by having employees of the Central Business District park in the structure it would free up more valuable on-street parking. Mr. Pilipiszyn further stated that the structure was intended for shoppers who are going to be long-term parkers. The structure's convenience is not in its location for a quick destination trip but rather as a readily-identifiable

destination for ample and available parking. This will be especially true for peak daytime and evening parking demand. An open, first come-first served parking policy for the permitted user groups as advocated by staff would help to accomplish these two operational objectives. Mr. Pilipiszyn also suggested that adjustments could be made after a six month review period.

Mr. Pilipiszyn also explained staff's thought process in recommending that residential decal holders continue to use Lot 2 at Harris Avenue and Sixth Avenue, rather than allocating spaces in the parking structure.

President Asperger asked for clarification of overnight parkers and was informed those decals are issued for designated areas in any of the lots between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Trustee Horvath feels residents should be allowed in the deck as well as Lot #2 and Village employees should park on the upper level of the structure, thereby creating a convenience for shoppers who would be parking for a short-term.

Trustee Pann feels it would be wise to monitor occupancy and reevaluate the matter after three months.

Several La Grange residents declared that they are also shoppers, diners, decal holders and tax payers and feel they should be allowed to park in the structure overnight.

President Asperger asked if consideration was given to market rates for parking in a covered structure and Manager Pilipiszyn indicated that the demand for this type of parking would dictate a possible increase in decal fees.

Residents requested the Board to reverse their decision and allow residents to pay to park in the structure. Trustee Langan noted this is an initial proposal and could be addressed in three months.

President Asperger asked the Board for their input on whether to permit overnight decal holders to use the parking structure or only Lot 2 located on the west side of Harris between 6th and 7th Avenue.

Trustee Horvath asked why not leave Lot 2 and the parking deck both as open parking and allow people to park in either area, however mandate decal holders to utilize the upper levels of the structure.

Trustee Pann feels the parking structure should be opened up to residents as previously offered in the former Village Hall parking lot, however prices should be adjusted accordingly with designated areas and reevaluate after three months.

Trustee Livingston knows this is a transitional period but feels that residents who had previously parked behind the Village Hall should now be allowed to park in the structure.

President Asperger noted that it appeared that the consensus of the Executive Committee was to concur with staff's recommendations but modified as follows: Allocate day / overnight spaces for residential decal parking in the structure, similar to what existed prior to construction; develop a separate cost structure for residential decals to distinguish between the use of Lot 2 and the parking structure; evaluate the issues over the next three months; and report findings and recommend adjustments if any to the Village Board thereafter.

3. Adjournment

The Executive Committee Workshop was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellie Elder, Administrative Secretary

Approved: 01/23/06