

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

MEMORANDUM

TO: La Grange 2020 Task Force Members
FROM: Diane Gormely-Barnes, Chairperson *DGB/eb*
DATE: November 15, 2013
RE: **LA GRANGE 2020 TASK FORCE**

As a reminder, the next meeting of the La Grange 2020 Task Force is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The discussion topic is "Public Safety". Both Fire Chief Bill Bryzgalski and Police Chief Mike Holub will be our presenters.

Please ask of your neighbors and fellow residents through your informal networks if they have any public safety topics of interest. I also ask that you give some thought to this matter before our next meeting. We will continue with the format of small group discussion followed by a report back to the Task Force as a whole.

One housekeeping item — please make sure that you perform the required Open Meetings Act training on-line if you have not already done so. You may forward your certificate of completion to Executive Secretary Cathy Benjamin at cbenjamin@villageoflgrange.com.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall auditorium.

c: Thomas E. Livingston, Village President
Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

Village of La Grange

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La Grange 2020 Task Force
Special Meeting

Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Wednesday – November 20, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.



A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. September 18, 2013
 - B. October 16, 2013
3. OPENING REMARKS

Diane Gormely-Barnes, Chairperson
4. PUBLIC SAFETY – PRESENTATION
 - A. Fire and EMS Services — *Bill Bryzgalski, Fire Chief*
 - B. Police Services — *Mike Holub, Police Chief*
5. DISCUSSION
6. ADJOURNMENT

(The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2013 – Village Finances)

Individuals with disabilities and who require certain accommodations to participate at this meeting are requested to contact the ADA Coordinator at 708/579-2315 to allow the Village to make reasonable accommodations.

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Administrative Offices

EXECUTIVE MEMO

TO: La Grange 2002 Task Force

FROM: Thomas E. Livingston, Village President

DATE: November 15, 2013

RE: **VILLAGE BOARD ACTION UPDATE**

Thank you for your ongoing leadership through your service on the LaGrange 2020 Task Force. Since the last meeting of the Task Force the Village Board has conducted its regular business and convened for its bi-annual strategic planning session.

The bi-annual planning session was conducted by the Village Board and Department Heads on November 1 and November 2 at the LaGrange Adventist Hospital conference facilities. The Board affirmed its pursuit of thoughtful development of the YMCA property at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue, looking at regional opportunities to share and enhance regional fire and police operations, manage/strengthen pension and reserves, look for other development opportunities particularly in the western commercial district, invest in the professional development of our management team and Village workforce, pursue safety infrastructure particularly for pedestrians/students, and engage with you the Task Force in future investments to help foster our business environment. The two-day session was productive in that a lot of information was offered and analyzed. I appreciate the extra time the Village Board and management team has taken over the years on strategic planning.

At our recent meetings, we passed Ordinance 0-13-26 which allows for the thoughtful redevelopment of the AT&T Center on LaGrange Road (formerly Borders) as it relates to signage. The final ordinance was also the product of timely work of the Design Review Commission, and Plan Commission. We authorized the purchase of several vehicles in Public Works that had in fact exceeded their budgeted life span by several years and needed to be replaced. This was principally standard heavy pick-up trucks some of which were over a decade old with heavy use. We also reviewed the preliminary tax levy. We will take up formal consideration of the Village's property tax levy as a Village Board at our regularly scheduled meeting on December 9th at the Village Hall. We are looking at a 1.70% tax levy increase which does not exceed the CPI growth and is also based on the Village's estimated assessment value. The Board will be discussing this matter at upcoming meetings and carefully weigh our cost containment operations and paying for the basics to operate a successful village.

On October 16th, La Grange Police responded to reports of gun fire at Lyons Township High School's North Campus after school had adjourned for the day (in the 4:00 p.m.) hour. The police arrived on the scene within 90 seconds and conducted/led a thorough investigation of what had been reported. It appears that no gun shots were fired based on police work related to universal police practices in situations like this. Our Police Chief led a professional operation and we will continue to review safety measures we can take as a village government at our schools.

On October 28, the Village Board conducted a pension workshop and met with the Police and Fire Pension Board's new actuary. We are crafting a budget which results in 20% more village financial contribution to the pension plans based on updated actuary tables.

On November 4th at approximately 12:34 p.m., a 3.2 scale earthquake was experienced in the Village. This was recorded approximately 7 seconds after a quarry blast at Hanson Materials in McCook. As this memo is transmitted to you, we are still gathering facts and information which changes by the day. Suffice to say, the Village Board does not want to experience blast-induced or other earthquakes every few years in La Grange. There was a similar experience in August 2010. What we know is that Hanson used .35 PPV digital blast techniques on level 9 of the quarry (there are nine levels total) in the south west corner of the quarry. The 2010 blast was on level 4 in the south area of the quarry. There have been 426 blasts between August 2010 and November 4, 2013. The maximum allowable PPV is 1.0 and is regulated by the State of Illinois. We have communicated with state and federal elected leadership as well as mayors of nearby communities to collect the facts. I participated with all of the above this past Tuesday ahead of meetings with the U.S. Geological Survey. We have also met with leadership at Hanson to express our position. They are apologetic but at this writing do not know what exactly happened. We will continue to share information with our residents as we get it.

The shooting report and earthquake/blast are examples of issues that come up outside of the intensive regular operations we must conduct each day while still being a service-driven organization for individual issues.

Finally, the Village Board passed operations, street closures, and financial support for the La Grange Business Association's Hometown Holiday, which kicks off at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th. If you are able, please enjoy this great La Grange tradition.

Thank you again for your service to us here in village government and to the community.

c: Village Board
Village Clerk

MINUTES

LA GRANGE 2020 TASK FORCE

Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Wednesday, September 15, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the La Grange 2020 Task Force was held on September 15, 2013 in the Auditorium of the Village Hall at 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present and Constituting a Quorum: Chairperson Diane Gormely-Barnes, Jim Arnold, Andrea Barnish, Laura Blentlinger, John Boehms, Ellen Brewin, David Bucaro, Julie Bunnell, Michael Cameron, Margaret Carlson, Karen Deane, Ken Eastman, Clayton Edwards, Elyse Hoffenberg, Jimmy Janevski, Bill Johnson, Katie Justak, Wayne Kardatzke, Michael Kotynek, Meg La Faivre, Bridget Lacey, Karrie Lange, Anthony Lewandowski, John Lorenzen, Ellen MacEntee, Caitlin Malloy-Marcon, Scott McPherson, Suzie Mosher, John Pappas, Russ Riberto, Lisa Sagami, David Schwartz, Elizabeth Stiles, Jeremy Strayer, Ray Swiatek, Laura Tussing, Glenn Wentink, David Wilkinson, Lester Williams, Rebecca Wimbush.

Absent: Michelle Halm, Richard Holly, Mark A. Lies II, Mark Nelson, Steve Palmer, Mark Reich, Sherry L. Robinson.

Also Present: President Tom Livingston, Trustee James Palermo, Village Attorney Betsy Gates, Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin, Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros, Finance Director Lou Cipparrone, and Fire Chief Bill Bryzgalski.

II. INTRODUCTION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS AND OPENING REMARKS

Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn began the meeting by welcoming members of the Task Force and introducing President Tom Livingston. President Livingston expressed his appreciation to participants for their willingness to serve and briefly discussed the ground rules and purpose of the LG 2020 Task Force.

The Task Force is scheduled to meet monthly for a nine month period. Five presentations on various topical areas will be provided to the Task Force by Village staff, leaving four meetings open for group discussion. The work of the group will

culminate in a report outlining recommendations to the Village Board as La Grange enters its 135th year of incorporation.

Trustee Livingston introduced Chairperson Diane Gormely-Barnes who will be guiding the discussions of the Task Force and who, along with the group, will be determining a structure for the meetings. Chairperson Gormely-Barnes expressed her appreciation to Trustee Livingston, introduced herself, and asked each Task Force member to introduce themselves to the group.

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

At the conclusion of the member introductions, Chairperson Gormely-Barnes introduced Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin who provided an overview of economic development in La Grange from its early foundations to current status. The Village Board has considered post-Tax Increment Financing District mechanisms for economic development including alternative financial tools. In 2012, the Village Board affirmed current policies related to economic development opportunities.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Benjamin introduced Nancy Cummings, Executive Director of the La Grange Business Association. Ms. Cummings provided a presentation regarding the La Grange Business Association, its purpose, and the services that it provides to businesses and the community. Ms. Cummings identified several challenges for the organization and its membership including parking limitations, sustained growth, organizational leadership and administrative support.

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes advised the group that it has a strong base to begin its work. The Village has an excellent reputation and has benefitted from stable political leadership and a long term staff. The Village spent a significant amount of time in the 1980s updating its downtown plan in order to develop a foundation for future success.

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes asked the Task Force to consider emerging issues and challenges (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) for La Grange as she invited comments regarding the community's vision for 2020.

Discussion ensued. Members of the Task Force provided comments on various topics such as: 1) downsized housing opportunities to retain long-term residents; 2) significant parking demand also occurs on weeknights, not just weekends; 3) desire to strengthen and grow the West End Business District; 4) potential impacts of development in adjacent communities; 5) strategic partnerships with entertainment compliments; 6) attracting more non-restaurant businesses; 7) cost / benefit of additional parking opportunities; 8) renewing demographic and census data; 9) impact of the development at Ogden and La Grange Road; 10) improvements to the Farmer's Market; 11) survey resident / visitor preferences; and 12) identifying areas in the community where development can occur. Staff responded to questions as requested.

The Task Force also discussed a potential structure for ongoing group discussions. Chairperson Gormely-Barnes indicated that the structure is a work in progress but the idea is to provide some defined topics in the initial meetings in order to encourage creative thinking. Ideas communicated in person or via e-mail will be recorded so that the group can sift out the main topics into more manageable discussion categories. It was suggested that perhaps the group would break into smaller groups at some point to facilitate the discussion process and define an overall vision. It was also noted that the group may wish to identify current assets and more specific measures / comparisons in order to better assess and recommend to the Village Board how identified goals can be reached.

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes indicated that she would take the feedback provided by the group and develop a framework and structure for the remainder of the meetings with the assistance of President Livingston and staff. In order to help Task Force members prepare for future meetings, a process for providing advanced information to the group will also be identified. The group generally agreed that 7:00 p.m. was a convenient time for the Task Force to meet in the future.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the La Grange 2020 Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

MINUTES

LA GRANGE 2020 TASK FORCE

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Wednesday, October 16, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the La Grange 2020 Task Force was held on October 16, 2013 in the Auditorium of the Village Hall at 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL, beginning at 7:12 p.m.

Present and Constituting a Quorum: Chairperson Diane Gormely-Barnes, Jim Arnold, Andrea Barnish, Laura Blentlinger, David Bucaro, Michael Cameron, Margaret Carlson, Karen Deane, Clayton Edwards, Michelle Halm, Elyse Hoffenberg, Jimmy Janevski, Katie Justak, Wayne Kardatzke, Michael Kotynek, Bridget Lacey, John Lorenzen, Ellen MacEntee, Caitlin Malloy-Marcon, Scott McPherson, Suzie Mosher, Mark Nelson, John Pappas, Russ Riberto, Sherry L. Robinson, Lisa Sagami, David Schwartz, Jeremy Strayer, Ray Swiatek, Laura Tussing, Glenn Wentink, David Wilkinson, Rebecca Wimbush.

Absent: John Boehms, Ellen Brewin, Julie Bunnell, Ken Eastman, Richard Holly, Bill Johnson, Meg La Faivre, Karrie Lange, Anthony Lewandowski, Mark A. Lies II, Steve Palmer, Mark Reich, Elizabeth Stiles, Lester Williams.

Also Present: Village Clerk John Burns, Village Attorney Mark Burkland, Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros, and Finance Director Lou Cipparrone.

II. OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Diane Gormely-Barnes welcomed the Task Force and began the meeting by asking new members to introduce themselves. She explained the format of the meeting which will include an overview of Village operations as well as the Village's Comprehensive Plan. In addition, Task Force members have been arranged into six small groups in order to facilitate discussion.

III. VILLAGE PRIMER

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes introduced Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn. Mr. Pilipiszyn provided an overview of Village operations including how the Village governs itself and functions. He described the Village Board's strategic planning process; identified the Village's established objectives and core values; and provided a general overview of the Village's budget priorities and financial condition. Referencing the strategic planning process, Mr. Pilipiszyn noted that it is the Village Board's desire to continue to function in this forward-minded capacity.

IV. REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - PRESENTATION

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes introduced Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros. Ms. Mesaros presented an overview of the process that led to the Village's current Comprehensive Plan and how it is used to help shape economic development decision making.

The Comprehensive Plan document is a policy guide or "road map" to help direct the Village's future.

V. DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued. Members of the Task Force provided comments or asked questions on various topics such as: 1) staffing for public safety; 2) demographics / projections for growth; 3) census data; 4) zoning code amendments; 5) sustainability as a matter of policy; and 6) economic projections at the macro and micro level. Village staff provided responses as appropriate

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes referred to the handout which included questions for small group discussion. Each small group was asked to identify what they believe to be the three most pressing issues / challenges currently facing the Village and the three most significant opportunities / assets that the Village can build upon in the future.

Next, the groups were asked to review and discuss the Village's "vision statement" for 2005-2025 which is provided in the Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, Task Force members were asked to provide any suggested edits or additions to the statement in order to reflect current priorities.

Finally, the groups were asked what could / should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to protect and strengthen the Village's brand, as well as what could / should be done to support commercial and/ or employment opportunities in the downtown and in other areas of the Village.

The results of these discussions are attached. (Staff additions from flip charts assigned to each table have been annotated in red).

Chairperson Gormely-Barnes indicated that the subject of the next meeting will be Public Safety.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the La Grange 2020 Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

#1

Jim Arnold
Michael Kotynek
Wayne Kardatzke
John Lorenzen
John Pappas
Andrea Barnish

1. What are the three most pressing ISSUES / CHALLENGES currently facing the Village of La Grange? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

- ① Revitalize the west end connecting the railroad corridor
 - ② attract and establish a greater diversity of retail stores in the Central Business District
- Music Venue
 - ③ Continuation of fiscal responsibility long-term in the absence of TIF
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2. What are the three most significant OPPORTUNITIES / ASSETS that the Village of La Grange can build upon in the future? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

- ① Location
- ② Reputation and Brand
- ③ Strong Demographics

- Did not discuss*
3. Review and discuss as a group the Village's "vision statement" for 2005 to 2025 below. Are there any edits or additions to this statement that should be considered to reflect current priorities? (Note any suggested directly in the statement.)

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Downtown La Grange remains strong, and revitalization of the West End will unify the entire BNSF Railroad Corridor.

We will have experienced redevelopment, revitalization and change community-wide. Much of our housing stock will have been upgraded, but the Village will sustain a mix of housing to meet a range of lifestyle needs.

We have invested in and safeguarded our quality education, recreation, open space, and municipal service systems – all of which are important to our family-oriented community.

4. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to protect and strengthen the Village's "brand"? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

fight knit + community

*Celebrate events and accomplishments
through Banners and sell them*

- Princess guides*
- Pet Parade*
- Scouts*
- Little League*
- education*

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5. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to support commercial and/or employment opportunities in the Downtown and other commercial areas (the West End, South LaGrange Rd, 47th & Gilbert)? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

TROLLEY - CBA to west end

Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

#2

Bridget Lacey
Rebecca Wimbush
Ray Swiatek
Suzie Mosher
David Bucaro

1. What are the three most pressing ISSUES / CHALLENGES currently facing the Village of La Grange? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

- ① → how do we keep LaGrange "charming" / historic
 - ↳ signage is changing the feel of the downtown
 - parking
 - ③ - leisure / green space / walking space
 - ② - cost control / govt. funding in future
- Non-street connections between parks*

2. What are the three most significant OPPORTUNITIES / ASSETS that the Village of La Grange can build upon in the future? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

- West End Development / parking ^{with a need for} ~~for~~ ^{for retail}
- location / train station
- how do we become a destination? ^{family-friendly}
(ex/ children's museum, farmer's market)

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schools
community
location

4. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to protect and strengthen the Village's "brand"? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

- enacting signage guidelines
- develop walking paths connecting parks, West End to CBD
- develop strong codes and enforce them.

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5. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to support commercial and/or employment opportunities in the Downtown and other commercial areas (the West End, South LaGrange Rd, 47th & Gilbert)? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

- recruit more community-focused/family-friendly commercial spaces.
- parking
- grocery/entertainment options
- survey residents to find out what we want in our village
- spend tax dollars in LaGrange,³ not in other towns.

Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

Glenn Wentik
David Wilkinson
Clay Edwards

Jeremy Strayer
Laura Tussing

1. What are the three most pressing ISSUES / CHALLENGES currently facing the Village of La Grange? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

- ① Infrastructure: Housing; Population density; modernization/safety; aging housing stock; multi-family housing effects on schools; tax base
 - ② Communication: Technology upgrades; Community wide communication = involvement; -keeping residents informed
 - ③ Services to meet community needs vs. focusing on non resident grocery demand - retail meeting needs
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2. What are the three most significant OPPORTUNITIES / ASSETS that the Village of La Grange can build upon in the future? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

- ① Commuters → LT supply of consumers for West End (opportunity)
- ② Reputation of Community (asset) Brand efforts = Brand Equity
- ③ Commuting (transportation) = suburb to suburb / leap growth

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4. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to protect and strengthen the Village's "brand"? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

Education = keep them strong

Protect Housing

Going green: permits reduced cost (incentive)

• entertainment oppty.

"The grass is greener in La Grange"

Protect small town feel because it is a small town!
(Americana)

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5. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to support commercial and/or employment opportunities in the Downtown and other commercial areas (the West End, South LaGrange Rd, 47th & Gilbert)? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

• Diversify the retail/service/office mix

• Interdepartmental cooperation of services with neighboring communities

• Incubator support for "new business" through L&A or other to draw them here.

• "easier" mobility ~~area~~ within town to all commercial areas.

Small Group Discussion

Table 4

Table Participants (please list):

*Michael Cameron
Russ Riberto
Caitlin Malloy-Marcos
Michelle Halv
Jimmy Janewski*

1. What are the three most pressing ISSUES / CHALLENGES currently facing the Village of La Grange? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

- *High property taxes*
- *Aging infrastructure (sidewalks, roads, drainage + Codes remedy w/ new development/replacement)*
- *Equitable distribution of school populations in Dist. 102 + 105*

2. What are the three most significant OPPORTUNITIES / ASSETS that the Village of La Grange can build upon in the future? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

- *Integration of West End w/ CBD*
- *La Grange's brand*
- *Public transportation - Metra, PACE*

3. Review and discuss as a group the Village's "vision statement" for 2005 to 2025 below. Are there any edits or additions to this statement that should be considered to reflect current priorities? (Note any suggested directly in the statement.)

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① passive not visionary

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①

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①
Some?
reworked
Strive for

We have invested in and safeguarded our quality education, recreation, open space, and municipal service systems – all of which are important to our family-oriented community.

- mention well-rounded

4. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to protect and strengthen the Village's "brand"? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

Protect small town feel

*Expand & further progress a marketing campaign
(more past Ahhh).*

*CBD is doing well, possibly self-sustaining; Promote +
incorporate other business areas.*

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5. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to support commercial and/or employment opportunities in the Downtown and other commercial areas (the West End, South LaGrange Rd, 47th & Gilbert)? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

- *Add mult-family dwellings (apartments) to attract young people / couples*
- *not just retired people & affluent condo owners*
- *Entertainment, dining options open later at night.*
- *West End businesses that attract customers on a daily/weekly basis.*

Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

Lisa Sagami
Mark Nelson
Scott McPherson
Elyse Koffenberger
Ellen McEntee
Dace Schwartz

1. What are the three most pressing ISSUES / CHALLENGES currently facing the Village of La Grange? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

See attached

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2. What are the three most significant OPPORTUNITIES / ASSETS that the Village of La Grange can build upon in the future? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

See attached

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and safe

4. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to protect and strengthen the Village's "brand"? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

- Eco-friendly
 - Safety
 - Infrastructure
 - fill empty stores - incentives - pop-up stores
 - liveable walkable
 - small town feel with all amenities of a big city
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5. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to support commercial and/or employment opportunities in the Downtown and other commercial areas (the West End, South LaGrange Rd, 47th & Gilbert)? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

- Incentives for businesses to locate here

3 Issues:

①

① Infrastructure priorities - Municipal Services, modernization, improve efficiency of village services and speed up process of pulling permits

② Keep village livable by maintaining integrity and small village feel, keep it safe

③ Maintain property values while keeping property ~~low~~ taxes reasonable

②

- Provide Incentives to go green

• *enhanced pedestrian opportunities*

- Aggressively develop:

- West End - encourage restaurant ^(diner) _(coffee shop)

- Parking garage at Calendar Ct.

- AT+T and Chase Bank building

- Southend of La Grange Rd.

- ~~YMCA~~ possible ~~infrastructure~~

- YMCA - bridge over ~~the~~ Ogden, street and ~~&~~ traffic solutions



Small Group Discussion

Table Participants (please list):

Laura Blentlinger
Peggy Carlson
Karen Deane
Sherry L. Robinson
Katie Justak

1. What are the three most pressing ISSUES / CHALLENGES currently facing the Village of La Grange? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

continued econ. stability
infrastructure - sewer
housing diversity - subsidized,
more affluent
↳ -look at Oak Park, Evanston
how to attract more diverse population
more variety in entertainment venues

1.) infrastructure
• sewer
• parking
2.) Integration (more unification)
East of Bluff. Ave
West of East.
3.) Safeguards for possible
econ. downturn ~~turns~~
+ loss of funding

2. What are the three most significant OPPORTUNITIES / ASSETS that the Village of La Grange can build upon in the future? (Develop a group list, prioritized if possible, based on the table discussion.)

1.) location - urban/suburban
2.) strong downtown
3.) community involvement

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what does this mean?

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*infrastructure
- upgrading roads
↳ put higher up*

*what
not action oriented
where do you want to*

4. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to protect and strengthen the Village's "brand"? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

- 1.) Diversity of venues that support town's ~~own~~ vision
- 2.) ~~Support of employees~~ Added beautification to "connect" town ~~to~~.

5. What could/should the Village consider over the next 10-15 years to support commercial and/or employment opportunities in the Downtown and other commercial areas (the West End, South LaGrange Rd, 47th & Gilbert)? (Develop a group list of potential ideas/initiatives, based on the table discussion.)

- 1.) Designated employee parking (e.g. decal parking)
- safe
- 2.) ~~Partner~~ Partner w/ LG-BA to give incentives to ~~shop~~ employees (e.g. discounts at local LG businesses)
- 3.) Bed/breakfast | Boutique hotel