

MINUTES

LA GRANGE 2020 TASK FORCE

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

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