

The Edgemont Community Council, Inc.

Founded in 1947 to determine community opinion on civic matters and coordinate community action thereon and to plan and promote the general welfare of the community embraced within Union Free School District #6.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EDGEMONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 11, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Council, Inc. was held in the Faculty Lounge at the Edgemont High School on September 11, 2006. The following officers and directors were present: Michelle McNally, Lisa Wexler, Robin Schaffer, James Lasser, Madelon O'Shea, John Blakley, David Stern, Pam Ray, Karen Gattegno, Todd Garvelink.

Officers and Directors not in attendance: John Sganga, Larry Rusoff, Neal Lerner, Chris Klerer, David Younger.

Civic Associations represented: Longview (not represented), Fort Hill (Andy Resnick), Cotswold (Ken Beiser), Greenridge (Bob Bernstein), Old Edgemont (not represented), Northern Greenville (Robert Rosenberg), Southern Greenville (not represented), Central Park Avenue (Ed Krauss).

Michelle McNally presided over the meeting and Pamela Ray took minutes. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM. Motion Mr. Lasser, second Mr. Blakley, the minutes of June 5 were approved unanimously with one correction: Madelon O'Shea was absent from the June meeting.

Chris Klerer and Mrinal Jhangiani informed Michelle that they would be unable to attend several meetings because of evening courses they are taking. They will stay in touch with Michelle to remain current on ECC business.

Treasurer's Report: Assets as of September 11 totaled \$6145.88. To date, there are 146 paid members for the 2006-2007 year. A summer membership mailing by Michelle received a positive response. We will do another mailing in October. The membership goal for 2006-2007 is 300 members (10% of the community). A membership table at the spring incoming kindergarten parent orientation was suggested for next year.

Motion Jim Lasser, second Pam Ray, approved unanimously, to write Nathan's Printing a note thanking them for the printing of flyers and letters used to publicize the Edgemont Get Together at the GNC on Sunday, September 10th.

Website: Short and medium term goals for the site, and website logistics such as ownership, design, updating and budget were discussed. David Stern distributed a detailed handout. All directors but Madelon approved the publication of their E-Mail addresses on the website. Motion Jim Lasser, second Pam Ray, approved unanimously, that the Website Committee may spend up to \$200 to pay for web hosting, domain registration, and other start-up costs. For a trial period, a template based web design was chosen over a

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professionally developed site. The website should handle PDF documents so we can update the site ourselves. In time the site can be reviewed, and improvements can be added.

Trees: The Conservation Advisory Council's ("CAC") proposed tree law has met with strong town-wide opposition. The CAC proposed tree law is posted on the Town website under the section "Documents and Forms." There was no public hearing on this legislation over the summer.

Michelle distributed a memo dated 4/3/06 regarding policy issues for the Town Board to consider when reviewing revisions to the tree ordinance. The memo was written by Michelle McNally, Bob Bernstein, Ella Preiser (CGCA) and Town Planning Dept. staff and was sent to Paul Feiner and the Town Board, with a copy to the CAC. The memo provides a groundwork for discussion with the CAC so that the Town can move forward on developing a revised tree law that will have public support. The CAC has not met with the group to discuss the memo.

Instead, the CAC has demanded that the Planning Dept. produce a memo at their direction. After it is complete, the chair of the CAC will send it to the Town Board and will schedule a work session with the Board to discuss it and to determine how they will proceed. Paul Feiner would like to schedule a vote on the legislation by the end of the year.

Zoning and Planning: Cluster subdivisions, euphemistically called conservation subdivisions, are on the Town Board agenda this month.

On Sept. 6 the Planning Board voted to ask the Town Board to allocate funds in the 2007 B budget to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Currently, we see requests for zoning changes on a case-by-case basis with no vision for the future, especially on the commercial front. On the residential front, density zoning should be studied (e.g. how many houses can we squeeze on a street?). Can the infrastructure support all the additional development we are seeing? ECC supports the Planning Board request.

The Board then had a lengthy discussion about the Central Avenue zone. It was suggested and accepted enthusiastically that the Central Avenue Comprehensive Plan also be updated. In addition, the Board agreed that the Town should be asked to place a moratorium on residential applications in the Central Avenue zone so that their impact on our schools and municipal services could be studied.

Old Business: Sidewalks: A public discussion was held at the 6/28/06 Town Board meeting on Feiner's proposed Sidewalk Policy, which was E-Mailed 5/23/06 to the gblist among others. Feiner did not attend the meeting, and there was no stenographer. ECC commented on the proposal. The Town now needs to respond with a revised draft.

Chief Kapica sent a memo to the Town Board regarding pedestrian safety on Seely Place. Kapica is waiting to hear back from the Town Board.

Chief Kapica recommended an elevated crosswalk across E. Hartsdale Avenue at the Train Station.

The Edgemont Get Together was a success. Thanks to Mrinal Jhangiani for all her work on this event. There was agreement that we should do this again next year.

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Michelle distributed the letter sent home to Seely Place School parents regarding traffic and pedestrian safety around the school area. Several Greenridge parents have contracted with a private bus company to transport their children to and from school. The bus is working out well.

Shell Hydrogen: The Town is waiting for reviews from the Greenville Fire Department and town departments before preparing a Request for Qualifications.

Town Affairs: Verizon Cable: A public hearing was held on the Verizon Cable contract on August 9. A revised contract is now on the Town website, and a second public hearing is scheduled for Sept. 13.

New Business- The Con Ed power outage affected residents all over Westchester. It was reported that on Old Army Road near Ardsley Road, ConEd repaired the power feed, but there have been unused loose wires hanging since July. The ECC discussed ways to put pressure on Con Ed. A suggestion was made that the Town establish a hotline people could call to report these problems.

Motion Mr. Lasser, second Mr. Bernstein, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20PM.

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