

# 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 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE EDGEMONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 25, 2007

The Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Council, Inc. was held at Greenville School April 25, 2007. The following officers and directors were present: Michelle McNally, Pamela Ray, Madelon O'Shea, John S. Blakley Sr., John Sganga; David Stern, Christine Klerer, Lisa Wexler, Karen Kelly, Todd Garvelink, Robert Bernstein, Mrinal Jhangiani, Frank Kaiman, Ken Beiser, Robert Rosenberg.

Officers and Directors who attended but did not sign the attendance roster, John Sganga, Larry Rusoff, Neal Lerner, Robin Schaffer, David Younger.

The following Civic Associations were represented:

Cotswold (Charles McNally, Ken Beiser); Edgemont (Frank Kaiman); Longview (); Southern Greenville (Mrinal Jhangiani); Fort Hill (); Northern Greenville (Robert Rosenberg); Greenridge (Robert Bernstein). The total number who signed the roster was 27, but a physical count showed 34 present. We have 215 paid members.

Suzanne Berger, who is running for Town Supervisor, stopped in to introduce herself to the ECC constituency.

Ms. Michelle McNally, President, acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mrs. Pamela Ray, Recording Secretary, acted as Secretary at the meeting. President McNally called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Motion Mrs. O'Shea, second Mrs. Toff, approved unanimously to accept the minutes of 4/26/06 as submitted and to waive a formal reading. Copies of the minutes are available.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark Baron presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Jim Lasser. The ECC ended the year in a positive cash position. Total assets as of 4/25/07 were \$ 6068.07. The Treasurer's report is available by request. The printing and mailing of the Newsletter, BOE and SBNC letters and the Halloween letter make up the bulk of the annual expenses.

**President's Report:** Michelle thanked everyone for coming tonight and for their support of the ECC. She thanked the ECC Officers and Directors for giving their time to help make Edgemont a great place to live. She asked those members who have not yet paid their annual dues to please do so. Our 2007 goal is to bring in newer and younger residents as directors. The ECC launched a website which we intend to make more use of this coming year.

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### Member Associations

The Central Park Avenue Association  
Greenridge Association

The Cotswold Association  
Longview Civic Association

Edgemont Association  
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**Zoning and Planning:** This year’s zoning and planning work is reported in detail in the April 2007 Newsletter. Midway will be getting a Panera Bread, a Northfork Bank, and a Cingular cellular antenna, which will be encased in a monopole that will look like a flagpole. There is an application for a Starbucks in the former Gaseteria site. The Carvel site will be redeveloped for a general retail tenant. The Dromore property is zoned R-20 for single family residences and is not in the Central Avenue zone which permits multi-family development.

Michelle asked that anyone who knows of any historic properties in Edgemont let ECC know so that the information can be provided to the Town historians.

The Town has formed a committee to update its comprehensive plan. ECC has asked the Town to institute a moratorium on residential development in the Central Ave zone. There is a large concentration of multi-family housing in the Edgemont portion of Central Avenue, far greater than there is in other school districts of comparable size, and far more than there is in other areas of Central Avenue. Multi-family housing in the Edgemont section of Central Avenue comprises 32% of the total number of housing units in the school district. In comparable districts in Westchester, the range, including Edgemont, is 8-33%. Edgemont is at the top of the range, with only one other district being comparable.

**Town Affairs:** This is an election year for Supervisor , 2 Town Council seats and Town Clerk . There will probably be a contested election, so please exercise your right to vote.

**Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Directors:** Motion Mrs. O’Shea, second Mrs. Ray, approved unanimously with the exception of one opposed. Resolved to accept the slate of ECC Officers, Directors and SBNC representatives as it appeared in the April 2007 Newsletter.

**Guest Speaker:** Hon. William J. Ryan, Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators (WCBL) ,was the guest speaker. He spoke about how the Board strives to improve the quality of life in Westchester. Hon. Ryan explained the functions of the WCBL and its makeup. At the end of his presentation he entertained questions from the audience. Questions included could the WCBL help with public safety along county roads –specifically Ardsley Road? The answer -- not likely because the County is responsible for the road only from curbface to curbface – anything beyond that is the Town’s responsibility. Mr. Ryan was also asked if the County was doing anything to curb traffic flow though Edgemont from the Ridge Hill Development. Finally, he was asked how Edgemont can continue to be affordable when our commercial tax base is declining. Hon. Ryan responded along the lines of it is a difficult issue due to high gross income and spending per pupil vis a vis other areas.

**County Proclamation for ECC:** County Legislator Tom Abinanti presented a proclamation from the Westchester County Board of Legislators to ECC for its leadership and service on behalf of the Edgemont community and the Town.. It acknowledged the supportive contributions the ECC makes to the entire community. To quote Legislator Abinanti, “April 25 is ECC day in Westchester County”.

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Mr. Abinanti would like to attend an ECC Board Meeting to discuss the sidewalk issue. The Ardsley Road repaving is being held off until this matter is settled.

**Old Business:** A question was raised on whether Louise Clark's book entitled The History of Edgemont/Greenville will be reissued?

Shell Hydrogen withdrew its application for a site on Central Avenue and will instead be putting a hydrogen fuel pump in the City of White Plains.

**New Business:** There is a School Budget vote 5/15/07. It includes a proposal to allow the State to release \$617,000 of funds to Edgemont. We can't receive the funds unless you vote to approve the disbursement.

On a motion by Mrs. O'Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ray, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

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