

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 EDMONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 4, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Council, Inc. was held at the Edgemont High School on February 5, 2008. The following officers and directors were present: Bob Bernstein, Pamela Ray, Michelle McNally, Lisa Wexler, David Stern, Chris Klerer, Karen Kelly, John S. Blakley Sr., Larry Rusoff, John Sganga, Todd Garvelink.

Officers and Directors not in attendance: Madelon O'Shea, Neal Lerner, Robin Schaffer, David Younger.

Civic Associations represented: Longview (), Fort Hill (), Cotswold (Elizabeth Graif), Greenridge (), Old Edgemont (Frank Kaiman), Northern Greenville (), Southern Greenville ().

Guests/Members included Heather Murray –Scarsdale Inquirer, Ed Krauss, Jay Tracy-Candlelight and Linda Whitehead, Attorney - Candlelight, Pam Bove-Scarsdale Country Estates.

Bob Bernstein presided over the meeting and Pamela Ray took minutes. The meeting was called to order at 8:08PM. The minutes of January were approved with one abstention by Michelle McNally who was not present in January. A correction was made to the minutes - Robert Rosenberg was present in January.

Total Assets at 2/4/08 were \$8024.41.

Zoning and Planning

Candlelight Inn: Linda Whitehead gave a presentation and asked for ECC support for the Candlelight's application before the Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA"). The next ZBA meeting is on 2/14/07. The presentation was followed by a lengthy question and answer period which included discussion on the variances needed and the future impacts of the proposed structure. We then excused the Candlelight representatives and discussed our views. We concluded by drafting a tentative resolution that Bob Bernstein will circulate among the ECC Board to see if there is a consensus. Bob noted that if one wanted to express an opinion individually, it could be sent directly to the Candlelight, to the ZBA, or to him for forwarding to the ZBA.

The following resolution was approved:

Motion Robert Bernstein, second Pam Ray, Whereas the Candlelight Inn, a long-time and well-regarded fixture in the Edgemont community, has asked the Edgemont Community Council at its regular monthly meeting this February to support its application before the Zoning Board of Appeals for certain variances needed to erect a separate building on the Candlelight's property to service their growing take-out business;

Whereas the Candlelight's owner and counsel have each represented to us at our meeting that the first floor interior of the proposed new building cannot be made smaller because it is dictated by federal, state

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and county regulations for a commercial kitchen and an ADA compliant bathroom, as well as by agreements reached between the Candlelight and the town's Historic Preservation and Landmarks Board; and

Whereas the Candlelight's owner and counsel have represented to us that the use of the new building will be accessory to the Candlelight's restaurant business and will not include any seating for patrons;

Now, therefore be it resolved that

Assuming the representations made to us are true and correct, and we have no reason to believe that they are not, the Edgemont Community Council supports the Candlelight's application for the variances that are necessary to construct the proposed new kitchen and ADA compliant bathroom and respectfully asks that they be granted on condition that the new building be used only for purposes accessory to the Candlelight Inn excluding seating for patrons, and that such approval be made subject to any other reasonable conditions that the Zoning Board of Appeals may feel necessary and appropriate.

Dromore Road Litigation: The Town will defend the ZBA decision concerning the zoning classification of the Dromore property. The lawyer representing the Town is planning to move to dismiss the developer's challenge of the Zoning decision. The town's position is the case has no merit. Frank Kaiman informed the Board that the Edgemont Association wrote to the Town requesting that it fight the lawsuit.

240 Old Army Road is on the Planning Board Agenda for 2/20/08.
135 Old Army Road – the house was demolished.
100 Old Army Road – a subsequent hearing on the tree permit has not been scheduled.

SBNC

The SBNC has extended the deadline for nominees by 2 weeks. We only have two nominees so far, and the committee is seeking more candidates to run for the two seats that are available.

Town Affairs

A budget committee is interviewing candidates for Town Controller.

NEW Business

ECC nominating committee reported that is on track with candidates for positions. According to the by-laws, an officer can serve more than 6 consecutive years if he/she is not serving as President or as a Vice-President.

Silver Box-The presidents of the Civic Associations will get an E-Mail regarding the meeting sometime in February.

Paul Solomon has expressed an interest to Bob in reorganizing the CPCA.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

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