

# *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**

March 2, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Council, Inc. was held at the Edgemont High School March 2, 2008. The following officers and directors were present: Bob Bernstein, Pamela Ray, Michelle McNally, Lisa Wexler, Chris Klerer, Karen Kelly, John S. Blakley Sr, Larry Rusoff, Robin Schaffer, John Sganga.

Officers and Directors not in attendance: Todd Garvelink, David Stern, Madelon O'Shea, Neal Lerner, David Younger.

Civic Associations represented: Longview (Jim Lasser), Fort Hill (), Cotswold (Charles McNally), Greenridge (), Old Edgemont (Frank Kaiman), Northern Greenville (Robert Rosenberg), Southern Greenville (Mrinal Jhangiani), Central Par Avenue ().

Guests included Ed Krauss, Margaret Goldberg and Jessica Edelman -Scarsdale Teen Center, 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 February were approved unanimously.

Total Assets at 3/2/08 were \$8084.41. The April Newsletter will cost approximately \$1200-1400 plus postage. A donation to the Greenville Church of about \$100 was approved. The church let the SBNC use its facilities for candidate interviews.

Motion Pam Ray, second Karen Kelly, approved unanimously to purchase an ad in the High School Musical Program to congratulate the participants.

Jessica Edelman and Margaret Goldberg spoke to us about the Scarsdale Teen Center and how they would like to see continued Edgemont involvement. There are open positions on the board and there is a fundraiser on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Scarsdale Teen Center pamphlet will be scanned and put on the ECC website. Motion Frank Kaiman, second Michelle McNally, approved unanimously to write County Legislator Bill Ryan in support of the Teen Center application for renewal of the grant from Westchester County to support the integration of Edgemont teens into the Scarsdale Teen Center.

### **Town Affairs**

In February, the appellate court adopted the Town's and Villages' position that the Finneran Law requires the cost of the Taxter Ridge Parkland to be charged only to taxpayers in the unincorporated area of the town. The Finneran Law also requires that town parks be restricted in use to unincorporated residents, and accordingly, the town attorney has advised the Town Board of this. The town does not want to restrict the parks, and thus is seeking to amend the use provision of the Finneran Law. There will be a special Town Board Meeting 3/3/08 to discuss possible amendments to the law. The ECC discussed the issue and adopted the following resolution:

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#### Member Associations

The Central Park Avenue Association  
Greenridge Association

The Cotswold Association  
Longview Civic Association

Edgemont Association  
Northern Greenville Association

Fort Hill Association  
Southern Greenville Association

Motion Frank Kaiman, second Bob Bernstein, approved unanimously :IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Edgemont Community Council requests that the Town Board table consideration of amending the Finneran Law so that (a) the public can educate itself on the issue, (b) the civic associations of the Town can inform and canvass their respective members so as to convey to the Board the sense of their community and (c) the public can have a fair opportunity to separately let their elected officials know where they stand on the issue.

A \$1,000,000 grant, to be paid over 10 years, has been made to the Fairview Fire District from Westhelp funds. \$100,000 is set to be approved at the next Town Board meeting. \$100,000 has already been paid. A question was raised about whether the grant serves a town-wide purpose? The state comptroller issued an opinion last year that the money the Town had given to the Valhalla School District did not serve a town-wide purpose and was therefore illegal.

Michelle will attend the Comprehensive Plan kick-of meeting on March 8. All are invited. The committee will visit Edgemont in early May. Sue Newman has been asked to present findings of the Government and Demographics Committee. It was recommended the ECC host the May meeting. It was mentioned that Feiner said financing for the Comprehensive Plan would come from Tennis Bubble revenue.

Resurfacing of Ardsley Road- According to Tom Abinanti, the project bidding should be completed by the end of the second quarter. The county expects work to start before the end of September.

Dromore Road Litigation: The Town has filed papers asking the court to dismiss the developer's challenge of the Zoning Board decision.

Candlelight-The chair of the Zoning Board expressed concern that the adjacent building's proposed takeout operation might qualify as a fast food restaurant which would require additional parking. The building inspector had taken the position that the adjacent building is accessory to the existing restaurant and that no additional parking is required. The building inspector has been asked to reconsider his original opinion on the matter.

154 Old Army Road is looking for area variances.  
240 Old Army Road is on the March 5 Planning Board agenda.  
190 Old Army Road has submitted a subdivision application.

### **SBNC**

Two candidates are running for the two open School Board positions this year -- Michaeline Curtis and Wassim Salimi.

### **Old Business**

An Edgemont Burglar was caught at the Mobil station in Hartsdale.  
Please contact Bob if you have a suggestion for a speaker for the Annual meeting.

The Edgemont Association has invited the Town Board to their March meeting and would like to invite the rest of the Edgemont Community to come and express their concerns to the Town.

The Longview Association reported a Coyote problem in the Greenville School and Castlewalk areas. It was suggested the Association write to the police explaining that that they understand the department is not equipped to handle this problem, and asking what agency they should contact for help.

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Nominating Committee- The committee will nominate the present board of Officers to serve next year, and they have a short list for the open director position. The names of the ECC SBNC nominees will be sent to the Newsletter.

**New Business**

Civic Associations need to submit the names of SBNC representatives for next year by 3/15/08 so they can be included in this year's newsletter.

The Silver Box award will go Sarah Stern and Mark Rosenblatt. They will be honored at the annual meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM.

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