

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

April 7, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Council, Inc. was held at the Edgemont High School April 7, 2008. The following officers and directors were present: Bob Bernstein, Pamela Ray, Michelle McNally, Lisa Wexler, Todd Garvelink, Karen Kelly, John Sganga, David Stern, Madelon O'Shea.

Officers and Directors not in attendance: Larry Rusoff, Robin Schaffer, John S.Blakley Sr., Neal Lerner, Chris Klerer, David Younger.

Civic Associations represented: Longview (), Fort Hill (), Cotswold (Charles McNally), Greenridge (Paul Weinstein), Old Edgemont (), Northern Greenville (Robert Rosenberg), Southern Greenville (), Central Park Avenue ().

Guests included Mark Baron and Gerald Turetsky.

Bob Bernstein presided over the meeting and Pamela Ray took minutes. The meeting was called to order at 8:08PM. The minutes of March were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Total Assets at 4/2/08 were \$8084.41.

Town Affairs

The Town is seeking to amend the use provision of the Finneran law and has appointed a committee to draft an amendment that could be sent to the state legislature. Frank Kaiman is on the committee.

A discussion followed which centered on how to keep tabs on Town spending . It was noted that the Sportime contract is an instance where earlier disclosure would have been prudent. The contract contains a provision which appears to penalize unincorporated Greenburgh financially if a court rules that the Finneran Law mandates that access to the tennis facility must be restricted to residents of unincorporated Greenburgh.

The definition of a recreational facility within the meaning of Finneran Law was discussed in relation to the Community Center.

Bob Bernstein is seeking to appeal as of right the recent Appellate Court ruling on Taxter Ridge.

The 21% Town tax increase was examined. The majority of the increase can be attributed to the Town's inability to continue to use the Fund balance to offset increased expenditures as it has done for the last few years.

The shift of expenses for Taxter Ridge and Glenville Woods from the A to the B budget accounts for only a minor portion (.4%) of the additional 2% increase in the unincorporated area tax rate that the town announced in March.

Budget Committee

Mark Baron is serving on a Budget Committee appointed by the Supervisor. The committee will be looking at Overtime, Financial reporting, Pension/Health benefits, Financial web reporting, Management and productivity review, Internal financial audits, Outsourcing town services, and A/B budget analysis.

To begin, in reference to the A/B budgets, the committee will research whether expenses and revenues are allocated correctly within the law. The Town's software product is inefficient and will be studied. Also, there are no

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professionals in the Controller's Department other than the Controller and his assistant. A budget/business analyst is needed.

The question of overtime opportunity being allocated to employees close to retirement will be analyzed. Mark presented budget summaries and assessment valuations. These were discussed. The ECC asked Mark to request a detailed explanation as to why the original budget estimate was off about ¾ of a million dollars.

Because this is a committee appointed by the supervisor and not by the Town Board, Mark said its meetings are not open to the public under the state Open Meetings Law and none of its communications are covered by the state Freedom of Information Law.

Comprehensive Plan

There is a meeting at Greenville School on 4/10 to hear what Edgemont wants to see in a Comprehensive Plan. It is important that we stress that each area of Greenburgh has its own unique needs and character.

The reports of the Demographics Committee will be downloaded so the Comprehensive Plan Committee has easy access to them. We will also hand them printed copies on the 10th.

Michelle and Lisa distributed a "Comprehensive Plan Neighborhood Visioning Meeting in Edgemont April 10, 2008" document outlining factors to consider in developing a comprehensive plan for Edgemont. The ECC attendees did not have time to read the document. The Officers and Directors were asked to read the document and E mail their comments/concerns to Bob Bernstein. The goal is to make any necessary changes to the document, gain a consensus, and present the amended/approved document to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The document focuses on land use, sidewalks/Town right of way, Central Avenue and the Moratorium, and Zoning code revision.

Zoning and Planning

100 Old Army Road – a hearing date for a tree permit will be set at the next work session.
240 Old Army Road – will receive subdivision approval.
190 Old Army Road – a subdivision is proposed. It is on the Planning Board agenda for 4/16

Old Business

The SBNC endorsed the two candidates who are running for the two open positions. On 4/16 there is a candidate's forum.

New Business

Richard Brodsky, Assemblyman, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting April 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 PM.

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