

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 COUCIL

APRIL 9, 2007

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 April 9, 2007. The following officers and directors were present: Michelle McNally, Madelon O'Shea, Robin Schaffer, Lisa Wexler, John Blakely, Larry Rusoff, David Younger, Todd Garvelink, John Sganga, Karen Gattegno. Ed Krauss also attended.

Directors not in attendance: Jim Lasser, Chris Klerer, Pam Ray, David Stern, Neal Lerner

Civic Associations represented were: Cotswold (), Old Edgemont (Frank Kaiman), Longview (), Northern Greenville (Robert Rosenberg), Greenridge (Bob Bernstein), Southern Greenville (Mrinal Jhangiani), Fort Hill (), Central Park Ave. (not represented)

The minutes from the meeting of March 9, 2007 were approved.

There was no Treasurer's Report as James Lasser was not present.

Nominating Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee has been emailed.

Membership Committee

Chris Klerer will be working on membership, including a possible Edgemont get together this year.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be April 25th at Greenville School. The speaker will be Bill Ryan, the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

Other

Thomas Madden, the Town's Deputy Planning Commissioner, and representatives from the county have organized a walk in Hartsdale starting at the Hartsdale Parking Authority, as part of the Walkable Communities program. Michelle and Lisa will participate. Michelle will ask other residents to join them.

Member Associations

The Central Park Avenue Association
Greenridge Association

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Town Matters

Zoning and Planning

The ECC will oppose the subdivision at 240 Old Army Road. A public hearing at the Planning Board is scheduled for April 18.

The owner of 14 Castle Walk is requesting a variance from the requirement that a house have frontage on a public road. The neighbors are opposed to the variance, but may reconsider their opposition if a restrictive covenant is put on the land prohibiting further subdivision of the property. There is concern that the Town might not enforce the covenant. The Zoning Board has requested additional information on the property and the right of way.

The section of the Town Code dealing with regulations governing Stop Work Orders is being expanded to include a definition for new construction/teardowns. The town has taken steps to ensure that stop work orders can be issued in all types of work that is in violation of the Town Code.

The Town is adopting AASHTO standards (American Association of State Highways and Streets) and amending its definitions of collector and minor streets and major and arterial streets to conform to those standards.

Town Ethics Code --

A draft of the proposed ethics code was circulated. The new code would provide for zero tolerance for campaign contributions from those with applications before the Town, their attorneys and consultants. Private citizens would have the authority to refer matters to the ethics board. The board would not have the ability to issue sanctions; it would have meetings, produce minutes and refer matters to the Town Board. The chair is Mike Sigal, the secretary Jack McLaughlin and the third member James Robinson. Additional members will be sought.

Revision of Zoning Code/Comprehensive Plan Committee

The Town has established a Committee to work on the comprehensive plan. ECC does not have a seat on that committee, but we will monitor its progress. The committee will be sending out an RFQ for a consulting firm to work on the plan. Michelle will be on the Zoning Committee. The Board voted Lisa Wexler as an alternate representative to the committee.

CGCA relations

The Council of Greenburgh Civic Associations (CGCA) was not helpful in pressing for the ECC to have a seat on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Research will be done into whether the CGCA charter includes the civic associations located in Edgemont. The ECC is not a member of the CGCA, but does pay dues to cover the cost of mailing the minutes. Going forward, Edgemont civic associations will need to consider the conflict created in joining CGCA.

Sidewalks

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The Town is moving forward on a sidewalk policy, and while it appears to be well thought out and organized, it is not going to happen overnight. There will be a three-step process that includes:

1. Reclaiming the right-of-way (5 feet) where homeowners have planted or otherwise encroached into it;
2. Filling in gaps in existing sidewalks on major streets, such as along Central Avenue or Tarrytown Road;
3. Sidewalks at critical areas, such as bus stops and schools. Also, defining areas where people walk and addressing pedestrian safety as needed.

Also the Town will be including sidewalks as part of normal building permit/planning/zoning process.

Funding and maintenance issues have not been resolved yet.

Also, related to the sidewalk issue is the petition for snow removal on Ardsley Road, which was reported to have 125 to 150 signatures, is on the ECC website, and will be given to the Town Board at the appropriate time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10pm.

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