

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

May 3, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Council, Inc. was held at the Edgemont High School May 3, 2010, in the Faculty Lounge. The following officers and directors were present: Robert Bernstein, Michelle McNally, Karen Kelly, Jonathan Faust, Robert Klerer, Marc Ackerman, Andrea Weiss, Madelon O'Shea, John Sganga, John Coleman, and John Blakley, Sr

Officers and Directors not in attendance: Schuyler Kraus, Larry Rusoff, Geoff Loftus, Todd Garvelink

Civic Associations represented: Longview (), Fort Hill (Robin Schaffer), Cotswold (Charles McNally), Greenridge (Susan Best), Old Edgemont (), Northern Greenville (), Southern Greenville (), Central Park Avenue ().

Guests: Leigh Druckenmiller, Michael Kane and Ira Westler (all residents of the Central Park Avenue Civic Association area)

Bob Bernstein presided over the meeting and Karen Kelly took minutes. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM.

Minutes – The minutes of April 12, 2010 were approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was accepted. The ECC has \$ 6,195.92 in the bank, petty cash and the postage permit accounts.

Membership/Fundraising. We currently have 299 members. A motion was made and carried unanimously to have a membership drive/fundraising event with Frankie & Fanucci's in Hartsdale. ECC supporters would go there on a weeknight to be determined, and a portion of any amounts spent would go to the ECC. Jon Faust will investigate; this will likely take place in September.

Civic Association Update - S. Greenville and Longview have said they would like to have annual meetings. Longview is scheduled for May 23. Residents from the Central Ave apartments have expressed interest in re-forming their civic association. Bob offered whatever support ECC can provide.

Report on Annual Meeting – The annual meeting was well attended; all by-law changes and new officers were overwhelmingly approved. Rob Astorino spoke, making it clear that the county has no money for anything. He is also interested in trying to work with school districts.

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Greenridge Association*

*The Cotswold Association
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Fire District Consolidation Update – The Fire District Consolidation Committee (“FDCC”) is continuing its work. The FDCC is complaining that the GFD is not complying with a FOIL request because it is charging the FDCC copying costs for about 300 pages of material requested. The FDCC is of the opinion that it should not have to pay copying costs and now would like the GFD to summarize the records for them. Bob indicated that the GFD is complying with FOIL and that the FDCC’s request for a summary is not within the scope of FOIL.

To make consolidation more appealing, the FDCC is considering having pre-existing debt remain with the indebted district rather than becoming the debt of the consolidated district. HPD has debt. FFD does not have debt, but needs significant capital improvements. A prior referendum for an \$8 million capital project in FFD was defeated.

Town Attorney Lewis said that two consolidation petitions cannot be circulated at the same time. Instead one petition must first be circulated to combine all three districts, if so desired, and then if that fails, a second petition to combine two districts can be circulated.

Town Affairs:

Kolesar Lawsuit – Kolesar’s lawsuit against the town for wrongful termination (following his stating at an ECC meeting that the town lacked financial controls) continues. The town is now asking for a lengthy list of communications between Kolesar and Bob and other parties.

HPPD: Feiner lost his lawsuit against the HPPD. The Town Board will now ask the state legislature to eliminate the property ownership requirement for Town residents to serve on the HPPD Board.

The Board unanimously approved a motion against any such change.

\$50,000 Legal Retainer: The Town Board agenda for April 14 contains a resolution authorizing a \$50,000 retainer to the law firm Wilson, Elser. After numerous attempts by various civic leaders to find out what this was for, it now appears it is for potential lawsuits regarding the clean up of an environmental landfill used by the Town, and others, in Clarkstown in the 1980s. This is not the only landfill where the town may be liable for clean-up costs. There does not appear to be any specific reserve for this project.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

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