

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

June 5, 2006

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 June 5, 2006. The following officers and directors were present: Michelle McNally, Robin Schaffer, James Lasser, John Blakley, Mrinal Jhangiani, John Sganga, David Stern, Chris Klerer, Pam Ray.

Officers and Directors not in attendance: Larry Rusoff, Peter Fisch, Neal Lerner, Madelon O'Shea.

Civic Associations represented: Longview (not represented), Fort Hill (not represented), Cotswold (Ken Beiser), Greenridge (not represented), Old Edgemont (not represented), Northern Greenville (Robert Rosenberg), Southern Greenville (Mrinal Jhangiani), Central Park Avenue (Ed Krauss).

Guests that evening included three incoming directors: Karen Gattegno, Todd Garvelink and Lisa Wexler, and residents Ana Simone, Margaret Goldberg, Jane Cohn, and Teri and Bob Ellisberg.

Michelle McNally presided over the meeting and Pamela Ray took minutes. The meeting was called to order at 8:13 PM. Motion Mr. Lasser, second Mr. Blakley, the minutes of May 1 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Assets as of June 5 totaled \$4817.04. To date, there are 69 paid members for the 2006-2007 year beginning July 1st. Officers and Directors, please remember to pay your dues. Jim and Michelle will work on a membership drive over the summer. Mrinal and Jim volunteered to sit at the A&P and provide information and membership forms to interested residents.

Town Affairs-The Conservation Advisory Council's ("CAC") proposed tree law has met with town-wide opposition. The proposed tree law can be found on the Town's website under the section "Documents and Forms". For the last two years, the Town Board has held a public hearing on the CAC proposed tree law at its August meeting. If another hearing is held this August, Michelle will reiterate ECC's position.

At the request of Councilman Steve Bass, this past spring, Michelle McNally, Ella Preiser of the CGCA and Bob Bernstein worked with the Planning Dept. to come up with objective standards and proposals for regulating the protection and removal of trees on all properties. The plan was to then discuss this with the CAC in an effort to reach a compromise and to develop a new tree law. A memo was drafted that discussed categories of tree removal and tied the scope of the permitting process to the intensity of the tree disturbance activity. The memo was sent to the Town Board and to the CAC in April, and the CAC was asked to meet with the group at the end April to discuss the memo. The CAC chair and some CAC members took umbrage that anything had been drafted and then sent to the Town Board without CAC input or approval. They dismissed the memo as the work of three people who do not represent the views of the community but only their own individual points of view. They then demanded that the Planning

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Department draft a memo on their (CAC) behalf to send to the Town Board. To date, there has been no meeting with the CAC, and it is not clear that there will be one to discuss this memo in the future.

Sidewalks- Feiner has a proposed sidewalk policy to be considered at the 6/7/06 board meeting. He E-mailed the proposal on 5/23/06 to the gblast among others. Michelle distributed the proposal. The proposal is vague and does not meet ECC approval. Again, we point out that Suburban Town Law states that the Town must maintain sidewalks that they build. We are unclear on Mr. Feiner's definitions as regards rights of way and sidewalks with no shoulders.

Dual Tax-Mr. Feiner distributed an email concerning a Dual Tax Classification System that he claimed could be done without a revaluation. This is incorrect. One cannot set-up such a system under the State's Homestead provision without a revaluation.

Z&P- The co-op Board of Scarsdale Country Estates (SCE) passed a resolution on 5/7/06. allowing the police to come on to their property and ticket as a condition of approving the turnaround on Underhill Road. The Board also agreed to give the Town an easement that could be used to build a sidewalk in the future should one be needed.

One Artillery Lane is on the June 21 Planning Board agenda for approval of a steep slopes application. The Edgemont Association was contacted by a neighbor who objects to the application.

North Fork Bank is moving to Midway Shopping Center and will be in the old Pizza Hut location.

On May 31, the Planning Board held a joint meeting with the Town Board. The Planning Board asked for additional funds for consultants to help rewrite the Town Code and for project reviews. The Board asked for a consultant to review the Shell Hydrogen proposal and decided that a Request for Qualifications should be issued by the Town to find a consultant. Other topics discussed included affordable housing in multi and single family districts and subdivisions that were done by deed rather than approved by the Town and filed with the county..

Shell Oil- Clifton Road residents are opposed to a Shell Oil Company proposal to place a hydrogen fuel pump at the station on Clifton Road and Central Avenue. They are concerned there will be a decision made on the hydrogen station by the Town over the summer. The application is under preliminary review and has not yet been scheduled for review by the Planning Board. The Town will prepare a Request for Qualifications to hire a consultant of their own to study the project, and Clifton Road residents will have a say in the hiring. The application is not likely to be on the Planning Board agenda before September because it will take time to hire a consultant and because the Board has a practice, based on repeated requests from civic associations, of not scheduling controversial applications over the summer when people are often away. If the Planning Board does schedule the application over the summer, Michelle will write to the Planning Board and the Town Board reminding them that controversial issues are not dealt with over the summer, and that the application should be postponed to the fall. If the Planning Board and the Town ignore the request, Michelle said she would convene an ECC meeting to deal with the application.

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Old Business- Tom McCormack submitted his letter of resignation. Certificate of compliance forms and annual meeting room forms were distributed. Please return the compliance forms to Pam.

Mrinal and Roberta are working on a neighborhood get together scheduled for September 10th at the Greenburgh Nature Center. Civic associations, including ECC, have been invited to participate. Motion Ed Kraus, second Jim Lasser, approved unanimously to donate \$250 for use at the GNC event.

We need to make more and better use of our website. The ECC will approve what goes on the site, with minor changes being handled by a website committee which includes David Younger, David Stern, and Larry Rusoff.

New Business-ECC does not meet during the summer. If a meeting is necessary, summer meeting dates will be Monday July 26 or Monday August 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14pm.

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