

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

November 6, 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 November 6, 2006. The following officers and directors were present: Michelle McNally, Madelon O'Shea, James Lasser, Robin Schaffer, David Younger, Todd Garvelink, Lisa Wexler, John Blakley, David Stern, Pam Ray, Karen Gattegno.

Officers and Directors not in attendance: Chris Klerer, Larry Rusoff, John Sganga, Neal Lerner.

Civic Associations represented: Longview (Caroline Tzelios), Fort Hill (Andy Resnick), Cotswold (Ken Beiser), Greenridge (Bob Bernstein), Old Edgemont (Frank Kaiman), Northern Greenville (Robert Rosenberg), Southern Greenville (not represented), Central Park Avenue (Ed Krauss).

Michelle McNally presided over the meeting and Pamela Ray took minutes. The meeting was called to order at 8:09 PM. Motion Mr. Krauss, second Mr. Stern, the minutes of October were approved with two abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: We have over 200 members. Total current assets are \$7713.15.

Website: David Stern will E-Mail the update of the website to officers and directors so we can give it a last minute review before it goes "live". The Board acknowledged the work of Larry Rusoff, David Stern, David Younger and all committee members work on the website.

The Board talked about information that might appear on the website. Trees was one topic. This could include maintenance, Greenburgh's Tree Code, and a list of questions/answers that may be useful to our community

Town Affairs

The Town Board will meet on the first Monday in December because of the tight holiday schedule that month. This conflicts with our meeting. The Town Budget is the focus of the ECC agenda for December. Michelle will attend the Dec. 4 Town Board meeting and will keep the Board updated on the budget and any other Town issues via email. If ECC needs to meet, the Board agreed to do so on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Elmsford-Ardsley library deal -WLS is polling its members as to whether the Ardsley/Elmsford deal should go forward.

The Greenville Fire District election for Commissioner is the first Tuesday in December. There may be a contested election.

Member Associations

The Central Park Avenue Association
Greenridge Association

The Cotswold Association
Longview Civic Association

Edgemont Association
Northern Greenville Association

Fort Hill Association
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Town Budget –The proposed Town Outside (unincorporated) budget for 2007 is \$57.4mm, an increase of 4.73% over the 2006 budget of \$54.7mm. The increase would have been greater (9.84%), but the Town is using approximately \$4mm of its fund balance and \$1mm of other funds to soften the tax impact. The proposed Town Entire budget for 2007 is \$14.7mm, an increase of 1.8% over the prior year, and includes \$2.6mm in funds from the Town’s fund balance and other sources. The total proposed tax increase for the unincorporated area is 1.01%.

The Board agreed that available funds should be used to improve services; police and sanitation have personnel shortages, and the quality of town services is declining due to staffing shortages. Directors had questions about the allocation of funds between accounts, and between A and B funds.

Moratorium - At the September 27 Town Board meeting, Michelle supported the Planning Board resolution requesting that the Town Board include funds in its 2007 budget to update the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. In addition, she requested that the Town Board also include funds in the 2007 budget to update the comprehensive plan for the Central Avenue corridor, and that it institute a moratorium on all residential applications in the Central Avenue zone.. Michelle has not heard anything further on this subject. The goals that the ECC will stress at the next Town Board meeting are to pass the moratorium and to support funding for the Comprehensive Plan including Central Ave. ECC supports the \$300K allocation recommended by the Planning Board. The Board asked Michelle to inquire how much of the \$300K would be allocated for Central Avenue.

Zoning and Planning

Pizza Hut and ProFit Gym have both been granted conditional special permits. They are on the Nov. 15 Planning Board agenda for final special permit approval. They will likely ask the Board to not require an annual public hearing for renewal of the permits.

Panera Bread is on the Dec. 6 Planning Board agenda for site plan review.

Cingular has applied for a personal wireless service facility on the north side of the Midway shopping center. Directors asked if this is considered a capital improvement, and if it is, does the assessment increase. A comment was made about the unsightliness of the monopoles at the Hartsdale train station parking lot (Site D). The question was posed as to whether they could be changed when a renewal application came up.

The leaf law is on the Nov. 8 Town Board agenda but may have to be postponed because there is no new legislation to present.

Cluster zoning- This is on the Nov. 8 Town Board agenda. The legislation proposes a 10 acre minimum and would impact areas zoned R40-R15. Only single family housing could be built, and 1/3 of the gross area of the property would be required to remain open space.

SBNC- Robin and Michelle will prepare the letters to the community for nominating school board members and participating in the SBNC in December. Michelle will see if the letter can be put into the Goldsheet, the Backpack News and the District Newsletter. She will also see if a notice can be put into the Scarsdale Inquirer. The letters will be posted on the ECC website.

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Motion Jim, second Madelon, approved unanimously to accept Norma Siegel's resignation as 2nd ECC alternate to the SBNC.

Bernstein Litigation: The villages are seeking to stay a decision on the second Bernstein lawsuit pending the outcome of their appeal of the denial of their motion to intervene in that lawsuit. Their request will be argued in White Plains on Thursday.

New Business: The Edgemont Road/ Barclay Road intersection needs a stop sign for cars heading East. If you are in agreement, you can sign the Edgemont Association's petition.

Motion Ms. Gattegno, second Mrs. Ray, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

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