

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

September 8, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Council, Inc. was held at the Edgemont High School September 8, 2008. The following officers and directors were present: Bob Bernstein, Pamela Ray, Michelle McNally, Lisa Wexler, Todd Garvelink, Karen Kelly, David Stern, Robin Schaffer, Madelon O'Shea John Sganga, Larry Rusoff, John S. Blakley Sr., Andrea Weiss.

Officers and Directors not in attendance: Chris Klerer, David Younger.

Guests included Robert Klerer, Ana Lasser, and Judy Seiff.

Civic Associations represented: Longview (Jim Lasser), Fort Hill (), Cotswold (Charles McNally), Greenridge (), Old Edgemont (Frank Kaiman), Northern Greenville (), Southern Greenville (), Central Park Avenue ().

Robert Bernstein presided over the meeting and Pamela Ray took minutes. The meeting was called to order at 8:06PM. Approval of the June minutes was tabled until the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Total Assets at 9/8/08 were \$8624.25. We have 170 paid members. Coffee nights at the schools generate membership. David Stern and Bob Bernstein volunteered to attend these events.

The 3rd annual ECC-neighborhood get together was held at the GNC on Sunday. We gained some new members, but the turnout was lower than expected. The GNC invited the ECC to hold a meeting at their site.

SBNC Association Presidents, please send Pam your compliance forms if you have not already done so.

Town Affairs

Fortress Bible is suing Greenburgh for willful deprivation of building rights. The Town's potential liability in this case could be as much as \$5 million liability and is most likely not covered by insurance.

The Fulton Park zoning dispute with the Town over Westhab involves a proposal for multifamily housing that calls for changing the zoning on a .7 acre site for a single developer from two stories permitted to six stories, although Westhab claims it will not build six stories. Residents adamantly oppose the down zoning. Motion Michelle McNally, second Karen Kelly, approved unanimously, that ECC support the Fulton Park residents in the zoning dispute to keep the present zoning intact.

Frank Kaiman suggested circulating future motions in advance if feasible so association presidents/ reps can get some input from their board before an ECC motion is approved.

ECC's request for a moratorium on cellular antenna applications is on the Town Board work session agenda for tomorrow. Notification of area residents so that they could attend ARB meetings when applications are being reviewed, and have the same appeal rights as applicants, would obviate the need for a moratorium. The ARB does not conduct public hearings on applications. While some antenna applications require special permits, certain areas have been designated "as of right" locations, and applications for cellular antennas in those areas (provided all "as of right" criteria are met) are granted approval by the Building Inspector after ARB review. Frank Kaiman added that notice is not meaningful without an opportunity to be heard by the ARB.

Member Associations

The Central Park Avenue Association
Greenridge Association

The Cotswold Association
Longview Civic Association

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There are many questions regarding the Town's proposal to rezone Central Ave. for "affordable housing". Among these are how and where services will be provided if Section 8 housing is built, and whether this will discourage other types of projects? It was agreed that a rezone should NOT be done in response to a specific project. The public hearing is October 22. We will study the issue and be prepared to take a position at our October meeting. The Board agreed that a targeted zoning change is not a good idea. The Town's Affordable Housing Committee will submit a report at year-end, and the corridor studies will start next year. Zoning changes should be made in the context of the Comprehensive Plan.

The anticipated Town tax hike for 2009 is said to be in excess of 17% as per the Town Controller. Pam will contact Mark Baron to see if anything new has occurred with his committee.

The rate of burglaries is lower than in prior months. Cotswold is setting up a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Taxter Ridge Litigation: Bob Bernstein filed a brief with the Court of Appeals. Copies of the brief are available.

Old Business

The Ardsley Road repaving project has been put off until the spring.
E. Hartsdale Ave. stores are suing the Town for flood damage that occurred 4/15/07. Claims should be covered by the Town's insurance.

Motion Michelle McNally, second Pam Ray, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

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