

Village of Glencoe Community Relations Forum

Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Glencoe Community Relations Forum, held in the Village Hall Conference Room, was called to order at 6:38 p.m. on May 13, 2015 by Chairperson Wood.

The following members were present:

Reverend David Wood, Chairperson
Paula Alexander
Steven Arenson
Reverend Norris Jackson
John O'Dwyer
Sharon Tanner, Ex-officio Member

Also in attendance:

Phil Kiraly, Village Manager

The following members were absent:

Margot Flannigan
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein
Sasha Von Varga

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 15, 2015 MEETING

The minutes from the April 15, 2015 were reviewed. Mr. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Arenson seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None – There were no members from the public in attendance.

4. FINAL PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY FORUMS ON WATER PLANT PROJECT

The Forum discussed final planning for the upcoming Community Forums on the water treatment plant project, to be held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Glencoe Union Church, and Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Glencoe Public Library. Chairperson Wood suggested branding the Forum as "Community Relations Forum: Listening for the Common Good." Chairperson Wood made a motion to add the motto as suggested, which was seconded by Mr. O'Dwyer and

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approved unanimously.

Chairperson Wood suggested using postcards with the meeting dates to market the meetings, and calling the Community Forums “Community Forum on the Water Project: An Open Exchange of Information and Ideas.”

Rev. Jackson asked if the Village has direction on the water treatment plant. Mr. Kiraly responded that there is not a direction yet. Mr. Kiraly summarized that Strand Associates presented a study on the water treatment plant at the March 19, 2015 Village Board meeting, and noted options that were included in the report, including prospective lakefront locations, prospective inland locations, and prospective options to obtain water from other municipalities. Mr. Kiraly said that the Strand Associates report was an engineering study and the Village still needs to gather a lot of information. Mr. Kiraly said that the Village knows that the existing water treatment plant is past its useful life and some investment will need to be made, and the Village would like to take a thoughtful approach. The Village will hold an open house on May 28, with presentations by Village staff, and the opportunity for participants to break into small groups to learn more about specific topics. The goal of the open house is to share information and gain feedback. Mr. Kiraly noted that the Village will discuss the water treatment plant for at least another year or two, and is early in the process of doing so.

Mr. O'Dwyer recommended having engineering drawings from the Strand Associates reports available at the Community Forums and asked if the Village has cost estimates for plant options. Mr. Kiraly responded that the Village has engineering estimates, which are not complete cost estimates at this time.

The Forum members discussed the format of the Community Forums. Mr. O'Dwyer suggested providing information about the cost of options and future debt; Mr. Kiraly responded that it is too early in the process to break down the potential impact to individual homeowners, as the Village needs to gather more information about the cost of individual options, including conducting rate analyses, etc. Chairperson Wood suggested that the Village needs to be clear about what will be presented at the Community Forums, and to work to make sure residents understand that it will be a year or two before the Village makes a decision. Rev. Jackson recommended calling the Community Forums an open dialogue, that the Forum will receive concerns and questions, hear and discuss. After concerns are received, the Village can list them in the water

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treatment plant frequently asked questions. Rev. Jackson suggested having copies of previously asked questions on a projector or available as a handout. Chairperson Wood suggested structuring the presentation as a discussion about “why, what, and how.” He suggested providing note cards for Community Forum attendees to write down questions. The Forum members discussed mailing a postcard to residents to advertise the Community Forums, along with using the Village’s sign kiosks throughout the Village, Glencoe Connect, and a press release. Rev. Jackson asked whether the Forum would ask Community Forum attendees to limit their comments to a certain amount of time or by topic, and Mr. Kiraly responded that it is up to the Forum to decide.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. - Motion made by Mr. Arenson, seconded by Mr. O’Dwyer, and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for June 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Tanner