

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 7 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Schimmelpenninck van der Oye Hall Healy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The following Task Force members were present:

Elsabe Schimmelpenninck van der Oye, Chair
Peter Mulvaney, Vice Chair
Sandy Culver
Gray Drobny
Hall Healy
Dudley Onderdonk
Catherine Procopi
Jennifer Varela

The following Task Force members were not present:

Linda Lin
Larry Reilly
Ashley Kain Silver
Lisa Fremont

Also present were:

Patrick DiDiana, Staff Liaison
Helyn Latham
Tina Hostert

2. CONSIDER THE OCTOBER SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE MEETING (STF) MINUTES

Upon motion made, seconded and unanimously adopted by those present, the meeting minutes for the October 22, 2019 meeting were approved.

3. RECAP RECENT EVENTS - CHAIR

Chair Schimmelpenninck van der Oye opened the meeting with a discussion on change. She summarized the changes task force members would like to see in a word cloud document.

As starting point for change, Chair Schimmelpenninck van der Oye proposed the elevator pitch below and asked members to draft their own or suggest edits to her proposed pitch.

The Sustainability Task Force aims at creating environmental awareness and encourages environmentally sound and economically beneficial decisions in the Village of Glencoe.

In addition to the opening discussions, staff provided updates on the items listed below.

Newcomers Diner

School District 35 sponsored a Newcomer Diner for families that recently moved to Glencoe. Ms. Varela and Ms. Procopi elaborated on the details of the event, which led to discussions on ways to include the STF for future Newcomer Events.

STF Dinner at Glencoe Golf Club

Chair Schimmelpenninck van der Oye requested STF members submit contact information for guests that attended the September meeting at the Glencoe Golf Course.

Stones - Next Steps

Ms. Procopi shared her story regarding the Green Star Stones given out at the September 24, 2019 Meeting. Chair Schimmelpenninck van der Oye also requested members use the #Sustainability Star when posting their story on social media.

Donation and Recycling Drop-Off Day

The STF agreed the event was a success. Tentative dates for next year are April 18 and October 17. Staff Liaison Patrick DiDiana will work with Lisa to address logistics and identify potential vendors for the April 18, 2020 meeting.

4. DISCUSSION O CURRENT INITIATIVES AND ASSIGNED TASKS - 2020 GOALS

Businesses

Hall Healy provided a quick overview of the program. Some members voiced concern for revamping the size and design of the sticker. Talks also focused on the requirements to receive accreditation. Moving forward, Mr. Healy and Ms. Culver will work with Catherine and Gray to identify ways to shift the program's focus to a school-based program.

Water Conservation

Mr. Onderdonk discussed his hopes for the Village to implement building codes that encourage sustainability. Staff Liaison Patrick DiDiana notified the STF that staff is working to identify a new water meter. Trustee Mulvaney requested Patrick gather data on water usage. He also agreed to provide the STF with a presentation on water meters at the next meeting.

Recycling

The STF's Village-wide recycling sticker was sent out in late September/early October. Moving forward there was a consensus on expanding composting education.

Transportation

Mr. Reilly and Chair Elsabé Schimmelpenninck van der Oye have committed the upcoming winter months to plan and work with the STF on addressing transportation issues. Sidewalk improvements discussions prompted the STF to request Patrick provide an update on the Village's plans to implement ATP recommendations.

Ravines

The STF has tasked Staff Liaison Patrick DiDiana to work with Public Works Director David Mau and Lisa Freemont on scheduling a future meeting with local ravine owners.

Storm Water

Mr. Onderdonk stressed proactive storm water management. Trustee Mulvaney mentioned several storm water projects are underway and more are scheduled.

The Hoover Estate was also mentioned. STF members offered Trustee Mulvaney help as the project moved forward.

Solar

Staff Liaison Patrick DiDiana provided an update on the Village's recent acceptance to Rainy Solar's Community Solar facility in Elgin, IL.

Public Awareness

The STF discussed ways to implement STF awareness and education by utilizing Glencoe School District 35's newsletter. Helyn Latham provided an example. Mr. Onderdonk presented three rules when composing social media messages.

Tina Hostert informed the STF about her recent participation in a Green Drinks Event. Mr. Hall Healy volunteered to attend an upcoming meeting with Tina and report back to the STF.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Eco Districts

The STF members agreed to further evaluate the Eco District framework as a viable option for Glencoe.

Glencoe Anchor Article Submission Schedule

The STF elected to use Sandy Culver's article on the Grand as their October submission. All agreed to submit Mr. Onderdonk's article for November.

Event Calendar Discussion

The STF discussed the importance of an event calendars and agreed to draft calendars for any events they wish to program in 2020.

Budget

Staff Liaison Patrick DiDiana was tasked with providing the STF an update on the current and previous budgets.

November and December Meeting

Trustee Mulvaney will chair the November Meeting due to Chair Schimmelpenninck van der Oye scheduled absence. All present members agreed to cancel the December meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Sustainability Task Force, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously adopted by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.